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Outcry - Holocaust Memoirs, a profoundly moving autobiography

Manny Steinberg spent his teens in Nazi extermination camps in Germany and Poland, miraculously surviving while millions perished. This is his story. Born in 1925 in the Jewish ghetto in Radom (Poland), Manny soon realized that people of Jewish faith were increasingly being regarded as outsiders. When the Nazis invaded in September 1939 the nightmare started. The city's Jewish population had no chance of escaping and was faced with starvation, torture, sexual abuse and ultimately deportation. Outcry is the candid and moving account of a teenager who survived four Nazi camps: Dachau, Auschwitz, Vaihingen and Neckagerach. While being subjected to torture and degradation, he agonized over two haunting questions: "Why the Jews?" and "How can the world let this happen?" These questions remain hard to answer.

Manny's brother Stanley had jumped off the cattle wagon on the way to the extermination camp where his mother and younger brother were to perish. Desperately lonely and hungry, Stanley stood outside the compound hoping to catch a glimpse of Manny and their father. Once he discovered that they were among the prisoners, he turned himself in. The days were marked by hunger, cold, hard labor, and fear. Knowing that other members of the family were in the same camp kept them alive. Since acknowledging each other would have meant death, they pretended to be complete strangers. Manny relates how he was served human flesh and was forced to shave the heads of female corpses and pull out their teeth. Cherishing a picture of his beloved mother in his wooden shoe, he miraculously survived the terror of the Polish and German concentration camps together with his father and brother. When the Americans arrived in April 1945, Manny was little more than a living skeleton, with several broken ribs and suffering from a serious lung condition, wearing only a dirty, ragged blanket. This autobiography was written to fulfill a promise Manny made to himself during his first days of freedom. By publishing these Holocaust memoirs, the author wants to ensure that the world never forgets what happened during WWII. The narrative is personal, unencumbered and direct. Outcry touches the reader with its directness and simplicity. The story is told through the eyes of an old man forcing himself to relive years of intense suffering. It is an account of human cruelty, but also a testimony to the power of love and hope.

Memoirs worthy of being adapted for the big screen.

"I read this book with a very heavy heart and tears running down my face. For Manny's endurance and his brother Stanley to be so tested is truly a testament to life!"

"Very well written as it goes straight to the reader's heart!" "Manny Steinberg shares his extraordinary teenage story of surviving four concentration camps in an account noteworthy for its straightforward, unencumbered narrative. His is a story almost everyone can imagine happening to themselves - no less harrowing than more dramatic renditions of Holocaust survival, but somehow more compelling, and universal, for the unembellished simplicity of his style."

"Manny's story is told so well and his perseverance is so strong that you are uplifted and reminded of the strength of the human spirit."

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Becky says

Read this in one evening. Finishing it at bedtime was a mistake, I knew that but could not put it down. My sleep was sporadic, and my dreams bordered on nightmares. The strength of the human body, and the mind, never ceases to amaze me. Manny, his brother Stanley, and their father endured horrors at the hands of the Nazi's. Manny was only 13 when sent to concentration camp, he lied about his age in hopes of getting sent to a work camp. He lived through hell the next 6 years, as did his brother and father. Written in first person, it is a touching, horrific life story with a happy ending.

Yuliia says

I just read "Men's search for meaning" by Viktor Frankl and wanted to learn more about the holocaust, concentration camps and about what happened to people at that time in history.

I was tentative because I didn't want more horror stories, but at the same time, I felt like it was my duty to at least read and learn and not let those people and what has happened to them be forgotten.

So I started.

The story is told very directly, with details, but there is no suspense or moments when you are going to bite your nails off. It is a recollection of the dark past, a ray of light shown on unspeakable things that happened to innocent people. How strange life is sometimes? How some things can happen... seemingly out of nowhere. How on one hand, such atrocities could happen to educated, good people? How on the other hand, educated, good people can turn into monsters?

At the end of the book, I was crying. Because there is so much good in this world, in this man who went through the nightmare, hell for 6 years and came out of it with so much love and gratitude in his heart, wanting to repay and help people who liberated and helped him. Of course, it wasn't easy for him, and to this day the memories of what he has been through stay with him, but he made such a beautiful life: helped and loved and made a difference in the world.

Thank you, Manny.

Liesbeth says

A painful read. At times I didn't want to carry on. Other times I couldn't put it down.

Selfishly I kept waiting for the liberation details, as I knew reading would then become easier

These horrific accounts need to be told, over and over again.

And should be compulsory reading for all teenage children.

The past cannot and must not, be forgotten. Lessons are still to be learned.

Manny's descriptions are graphic and gruesome.

Honesty prevails in all his writing.

I am in awe of him and his family.

Their strength, their love, their survival.

Deborah Sulkowski says

A true story of love and hope prevailing in the midst of hatred, and evil.

Even though this had some very difficult content I found Manny's account of the horrendous experiences he had to endure deeply moving. This was one of those rare reads that I found very hard to stop reading each of the four nights it took me to finish it. I think anyone sixteen years and older should read this. We all need to never forget the atrocities that befell so many innocent men women and precious little children who lost their lives during Hitler's evil reign. Manny puts you right there with him throughout the four years he spent in concentration camps. He also tells of his childhood before the terror began. He does such a good job of describing the people and events. I came away feeling like I really got to know him and his family. They were all so loving and caring toward one another. Thank you Manny for sharing your amazing story.

Emma Stockwell says

I cried & cried at the atrocities that this poor man and his family endured at the hands of the Nazi's. I didn't think things could get any worse and there were times when I thought I could not bear to read any more! I did however, go on to read this courageous, brutal and ultimately inspiring story to the end, and I am so glad I did.

I don't want to dwell on the utter barbarity, suffering and mind-boggling evil that Manny, his family, friends and fellow Jews experienced while in the camps. Instead I want to tell Manny how very grateful I am that he shared his story today and how much joy I had when he found his freedom with his brother and father.

There are still many lessons to be learned today. You can't help comparing what happened then to what is happening today in so many parts of the world. When will innocent and ordinary people be allowed to live in peace, free from inhumane injustices?

I applaud Manny and his faith and resilience. His belief in his faith and his love of his family carried him through the darkest hell that many of us will never (thankfully) have to go to.

Manny..live long and prosper!

Rob Hood says

I learned a lot about the Holocaust that was not included in many other such horrible memoirs. The book told all.

Brenda says

WOW! I'm not normally a fan of memoirs but something made me get this book and I'm glad I did. It has been a while since I read a book so quickly but I just could not put it down. It was heartbreaking, funny and heartwarming all at the same time. We learn about the Holocaust in school but until you read a first hand account from someone who was there you just really don't understand how horrible it was. The worst was the things that were done to innocent children and even babies. Using a baby for target practice - seriously??? What kind of monster does such things?? When I finished the book a part of me was ashamed of my German heritage and thankful that my German ancestors had left Germany before the war started. How Manny, Stanley and their father survived is just astonishing to me. The best part of the book were the pictures Manny shared with us. It was so wonderful to see how they rose above what happened to them.

Agnes (BeaderBubbe) says

One cannot read this book without feeling the atrocities that Manny went through. Having heard and read about the Holocaust, this story brought out things you don't read in papers...my only thought was that G-d had other plans for Manny and gave him the strength to go through it all. Bless him and his family, and may none of us know anything like it....although it does bring 9/11 to mind. May we all attain peace in this world.

Lisa Spadini says

I was so involved with this family.

this book was very well written. I feel as if I were there with Manny through his experiences. my heart goes out to him and his family l y.

Aurora says

This was heart-breaking, which was to be expected. It made me question humanity again, and at the same time gave me hope.

Gina Johnson says

This book has filled me with amazement at how God spared the author, both physically from death on many occasions, but also emotionally from hate and bitterness. He even speaks of the pity he felt for the Germans in the town they were brought to upon gaining their freedom. This is a boon that needs to be read so that we never forget.

Natalie Richards says

A deeply moving autobiography of a holocaust survivor.

Mikel Rhodes says

True courage in the face of real evil.

I am forever grateful to Manny for writing this book. Your courage, honor, integrity, and perseverance in the face of such horrors and evil are and will always be an inspiration to me. I spent a year in the jungles of Vietnam and my time there was a walk in the park compared to what you and so many other innocent people had to endure every day for more than twelve years. Thank you for sharing your life's story.

rikkilinlb says

Heart felt thanks for sharing his story

The personal honesty....humanity....hope and grief...all wrapped in this very raw sharing.....I felt honored....and humbled by this man's strength. Again...Thank you

Floyd says

A startling and agonizing experience of a Jewish teenager in a Nazi concentration camp in Poland.

Kellie says

This is one of the best books I have ever read. I got the kindle book free from Amazon but I wish I won the real book from goodreads. This book is one I would keep forever. My husbands family are all Jewish and one cousin donated books to the local school district because there were absolutely no books about the true history of what the Jewish people went through. I substitute teach at the school and am very proud when my name is recognized due to the kindness of my husbands cousin. Unfortunately my husbands cousin is deceased now but the school and the family have a scholarship in his name for high school students. I think this book would be a great asset to the school and should be required reading. It is written so well and the story is so heartbreaking but someone had to tell the honest truth about what went on. I have read plenty of fictional books regarding the German treatment of the Jewish people but have read very few that are autobiographical.

I love this book!

Kellie Leibovitz

Joseph Manfredonia says

Wow! What an incredible story.

Once I started reading it, there was no way I could put it down. The book is written so vividly & clear that I literally felt like I was there at times. The depth is deep & the scope is complete. Insight such as guards being released murderers and rapist hired solely because of their sadistic nature is just unconscionable. Shocking story, brilliant, painful & intense!

Chris Gregory says

All caring individuals must read this book!

This is truly a wonderful book of adversity in the extreme, overcoming adversity, and triumph over perseverance. This nonfiction also examines the depths of humankind. How low can man go? Nazi zealotry whether of the 1930s and 40s or the current-day Islamic Extremists, it is the lowest of human degradation. As a matter of fact, Hitler's term "Aryan" was of the same derivation as the term "Iranian" and they all, whether Nazi, Sunni Extremists, or the terrorist sanctioning Shia mullahs of Iran... They all use the Jewish race to rally extremists hatred.

Steinberg's story is just one of millions to prove the depths of the Holocaust. This book just makes it personal. Just as "The Hiding Place" or the more famous Anne Frank story, outcry makes it personal and real.

I'm so glad this man has survived, and preserved through the vagaries of life to write this memoir. All discerning, caring people, all those that believe in truth over force, all those that believe in the ultimate good of mankind should read this book and recommend it to all they know!

Jennifer Jarrell says

A Heartbreaking Memoir

This is a heartbreaking memoir of Manny Steinberg's years of survival through the the Holocaust. He lost his stepmother and youngest brother, and witnessed atrocities that I couldn't even imagine. He tells of a soldier taking an infant baby girl and tossing her in the air and shooting her as if she were nothing but target practice, and then shooting the mother of the infant for screaming at witnessing the death of her baby. I have never read such a graphic, horrific memoir of the cruelties that took place until I read this memoir. What made me cry the most was the pictures at the end of the book of Manny and his wife and their children, and the remaining family that survived the Holocaust. Manny actually enlisted with the U. S. Army and served three years in the Korean War, because he wanted to "pay back his debt to America for liberating him, his brother, and his father". This is a gut-wrenching memoir; I highly recommend it!

Bev Walkling says

3.5 stars

I received this as a free e-book from Amazon. Holocaust memoirs do not tend to make for happy reading or good bedtime reading but they are vitally important in helping society to remember just what happened. This book does that and rates 5 stars for the story. Clearly the author was not writing in his mother tongue and that no doubt made the job much more difficult. Unfortunately there were many errors and problems with sentence structure that just detracted from the book as a whole. A run past a good editor would go a long way into improving this book.
