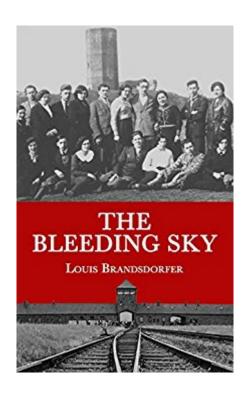


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The Bleeding Sky: My Mother's Journey Through The Fire





Synopsis

These are my mother's recollections of the Shoah (Holocaust). Growing up Jewish in a small Polish town near the German border, my mother and one sister were all that survived from among her parents, 4 sisters, 2 brothers, husband and young daughter. Persecuted and hunted by the Germans. Hiding with friendly Poles. Imprisoned in the Warsaw ghetto, labor camps and Auschwitz. This is the story of how many of them died and how my mother struggled to survive.

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Customer Reviews

This book is a must read! I've read numerous books on the holocaust and continue to be amazed at the personal experiences, not only of Mala and her family, but of others with whom she shared almost four indescribably horrific years, and yet, survived to tell the world of the Nazi monsters who tortued human beings in such insanely actions. The plight of these poor people, what they had to do to survive, how they survived, how they at times fought with each other just for a crust of bread, sometimes to the point of cannibalism - is almost unbelieveable; but, it did happen. It is incomprehensible to believe that the Nazis treated other human beings with such brutality. Most assuredly information on the holocaust must continue to be written, and continue to be presented to

the world to serve not only for historical preservation, but to insure it NEVER happens again - ever. It should be mandatory to at least introduce today's students to this historical era. I highly recommend this book without reservation. E. A. Slanga

The Jews have been persecuted since Rome destroyed he Temple in Jerusalem. Let us never forget those millions who were murdered and guard against anti/-semitism today. It is out there again and it is a curse on so called civilization.

"For words have wings; they mount up to the heavenly heights and they endure for eternity" --Rabbi Nahum Yanchiker. Louis Brandsdorfer told the story of his mother, her family, husband, daughter and friends who were stolen from her during the Holocaust. Her story is tolad as if you, the reader, are sitting in her living with her room reminiscing. Her people are not lost to time but will be remembered through this book. This is the best legacy the author could leave to their memory.

Felt like I was actually there. Step by step encounters, taking me through the years of this women's survival. How people had to plan for anything that could happen and be alert, adaptable, cunning, emotionally strong, aim for survival every minute of every day. This story was never boring. Many details of life in the camps were explained that I had not heard before. Recommend this book to anyone interested in the Jewish life during the war.

This straight forward account of a Polish Jew's survival of the Shoah made me feel as all the memoirs of Holocaust survivors do: it was just a matter of luck who would survive and who wouldn't. In Mala's case, however, she, to a great extent, made her own luck. The incident in which she takes out her prayer book and prays only to be ridiculed by those around her for still believing that prayers are answered says it all. Mala never stopped believing and realized what few do: prayers are a means of worshipping and loving God unconditionally not merely to seek having our worldly desires, no matter how just and desperate, fulfilled through divine intervention. How many could pass that test? I'm not sure could but this was the character of Mala and yet she was so worldly and wily in the daily challenges of getting what she needed to survive. A remarkable woman and a remarkable story.

The book had many names of people, cities, and camps. Lots of information, sometimes confusing to a non Jewish person, but very interesting. Seemed to tell a lot about how prisoners swapped

things for food and better working conditions in the direct of circumstances. Very informative.

Great book. Must read if you want another insight on WW2 and the atrocities committed during that time. Very descriptive and puts you in that atmosphere and struggle. I've read it twice so far.

Good book

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