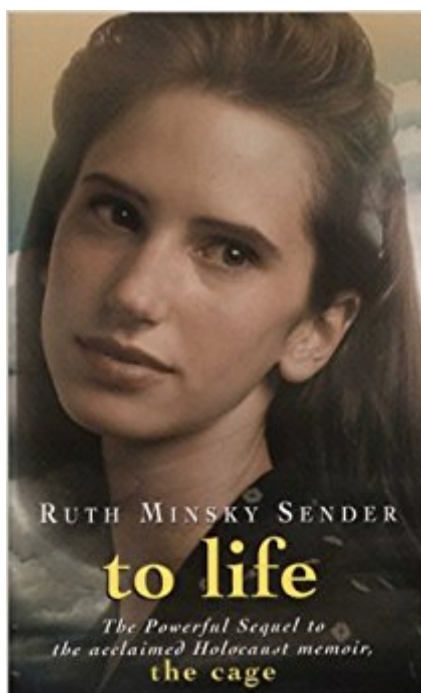


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# To Life



## Synopsis

"WE ARE FREE!" When Russian soldiers liberate Grafenort, the Nazi labor camp where she is a prisoner, nineteen-year-old Riva discovers that liberation doesn't mean the end of her hardship and suffering. Cold and starving, threatened with rape by the same Russian soldiers who were her saviors, Riva makes her way to her old home in Poland, searching like so many others for family who may have survived. Strengthened by her mother's credo, as long as there is life, there is hope, and by the promise of a new love and a new life, Riva endures the long years of waiting for real freedom and a real home. Picking up where her acclaimed memoir *The Cage* leaves off, Ruth Minsky Sender has written another inspirational document of the power of hope and love over unspeakable cruelty.

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This sequel to *The Cage* follows the author after her liberation from a Nazi concentration camp.

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Grade 6 Up This powerfully written sequel to *The Cage* (Macmillan, 1986) is aptly named. In recounting her experiences following World War II, Sender lays strong emphasis on life, the future, family, and especially children. The most poignant scenes in the book involve children. For all the

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I liked this better than the first book, *The Cage*. I felt this book gave more details and had more emotion.

I love this book and the other books written by Ruth Sender (Riva)

I was very pleased with my order. I really enjoyed the book. This book adds to my Holocaust and World War II Book Collection. To me the book on easy reading.

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