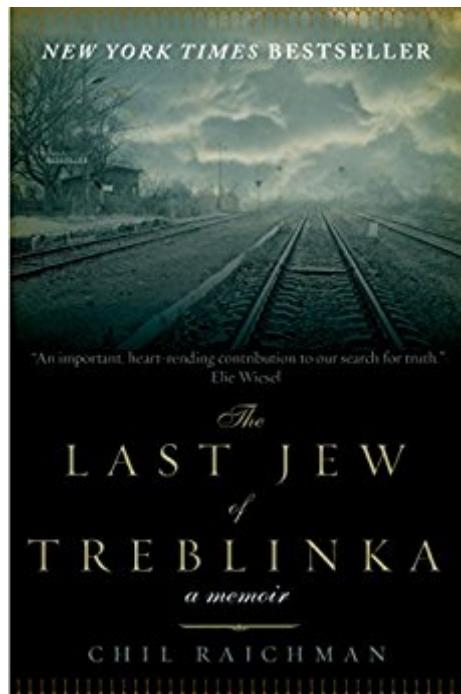


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The Last Jew Of Treblinka: A Memoir



Synopsis

From one of the lone survivors of the Treblinka concentration camp comes a devastating memoir of the Holocaust in the tradition of Primo Levi's *Survival in Auschwitz*. Why did some live while so many others perished? Tiny children, old men, beautiful girls—in the gas chambers of Treblinka, all were equal. A central cog in the wheel of Adolf Hitler's Final Solution, the fires of Treblinka were kept burning night and day. Chil Rajchman was twenty-eight when he arrived at Treblinka in 1942. At the extermination camp, he was forced to work as a barber, shaving the heads of victims, and a dentist, pulling gold teeth from corpses. But he escaped eleven months later and survived to tell the shocking and heartbreak tale of his experience—and of those who didn't make it out alive. Elie Wiesel calls *The Last Jew of Treblinka* "an important, heart-rending contribution to our search for truth. Poignant and powerful, this memoir provides the only survivors' record of the horrifying Polish extermination camp. Originally written in Yiddish in 1945, without hope or agenda other than to bear witness, Rajchman's story shows that remembering is sometimes the bravest and most painful act of all.

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Customer Reviews

A very horrible story of what took place in the concentration camps. I could tell this was written by the person who experienced this terrifying event. But, he is not a writer, could have done better with some professional advice. I can understand why some of his brothers hung themselves, rather than live with the memory of what they did. So sad of a story, but one that had to be told. Maybe the author feels better, but he was not the last Jew of Treblinka.

This book is a chronicle of one man's time in Treblinka. It is plainly written and a fairly short but interesting read. The cruelty and depravity of the Nazis through the eyes of a victim is haunting.

A tribute to the perseverance of the human spirit, as well as a record of just how far people can sink in their treatment of other people. I'm amazed anyone could live through Treblinka.

This is a man who survived Treblinka. His story is told in a very stoic manor. I feel his experiences at the camp has blunted his emotions. While I read about what was happening, I felt no emotion behind the words. Only a few names are provided, he calls the guarded murderers. Beasts. With that being said, it is an important story to read, as it offers insight to a death camp often overlooked. And that he is one of the few survivors of the uprising, it is worth the read.

We must keep these horrors known or we are doomed to repeat them. In this time of Muslim Terrorism we must teach our children what a Nazi is.

I have spent a lot of time researching the plight of the Jews at the hand of the Nazis and this filled in the gaps around Treblinka.

This memoir reads like a raw oral history, transcribed at the end of a life lest the story be forgotten. I've read many books about The Holocaust, and am familiar with what it means as an historical event. Until reading this short book, however, I had never explored what the word holocaust actually means. - holocaust noun: a sacrifice completely consumed by fire; burnt offering. Holocaust and Treblinka could be listed as synonyms in the Thesaurus.

Great, most disturbing story. Hard to believe man's cruelty to man could ever reach these heights in the modern age.

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