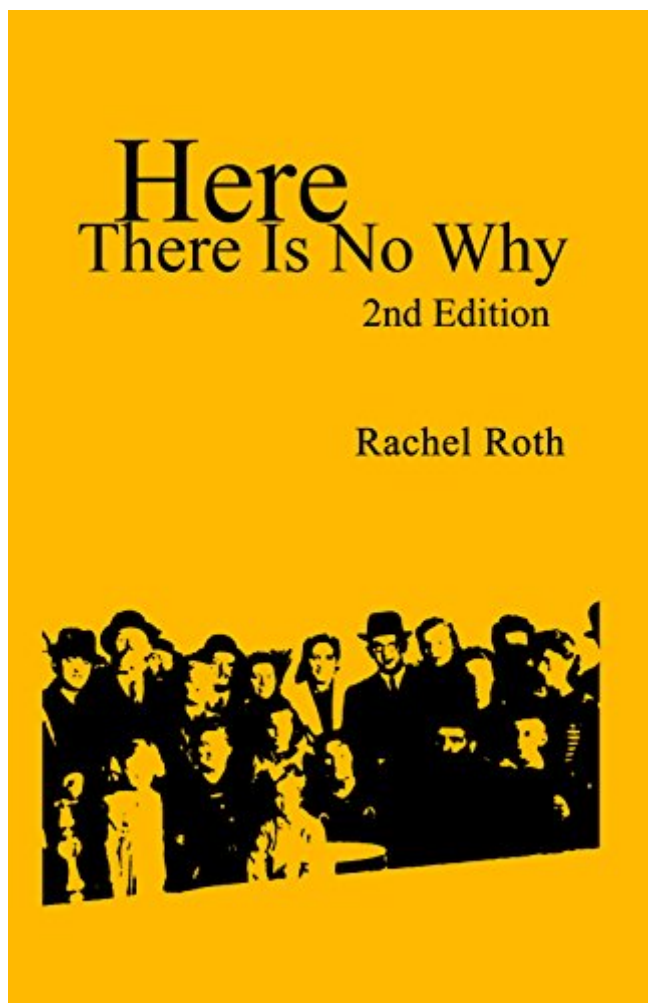


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Synopsis

“Here There Is No Why” was the infamous Dr. Joseph Mengele’s answer to Roma, the author, and to millions of Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Written to fulfill a promise made in the darkest moment of human history, this simple and eloquent story is unique in that it spans the geography of the Nazi’s Final Solution. Rachel (Roma in Polish), the teenage daughter of a journalist, relays to us the experiences of a schoolgirl and her classmates under the German occupied Warsaw Ghetto. She is a witness and participant in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. After the Nazis smoke her out of hiding, she bravely faces the reality of the gas chambers and concentration camps in Poland and Germany. Originally written in Polish, this is an eloquent and unforgettable account of survival.

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Customer Reviews

In my library I have over 900 Holocaust books, over 900 people telling the same story, but each one’s story has its unique, amazing survival twist. Rachel describes time spent in the cattle car in such great detail that you feel you are there with her, suffering. She tells about Dr. Korczak and his 200 orphans, the Dunies family all being killed, the little red dress hanging on the back of a chair

never to be worn again, her and her grandfather running from one hiding place to another only to be burned out each time. Rachel describes Auschwitz -- 'Every minute equals an hour, and each day lasts a whole year. You need sharp senses of a fox to survive, even though that is no guarantee.' I enjoyed reading this book.

Whenever I use the word "wonderful" in relation to this review, I wonder if people think I do not feel the pain of the writer. Not so. Rachel Roth's story is long, detailed and wonderfully told. Many new insights that I had not ever read before in another Survivor book. She even mentions the death of her great-grandmother, the first time anyone spoke of a great grandmother at that time, as people, generally, died far younger than today. At any rate, Rachel lived through far more than many, but this is not a judgment, suffering is suffering. She just lived longer than most through such horrific circumstances. Her experiences in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, are invaluable and her time in Majdanek Concentration Camp, is a rare document. It is a worthwhile read. It is a well told story.

I have read countless books about the Holocaust. Having grown up in Europe in WW11 it is of particular interest to me. This book is above and beyond all others. Could not put it down. Gives a great insight into that terrible world.

The author tells her harrowing story of life starting in her family home in Warsaw. From there she continues on with her relocation to the ghetto and then on to a series of death camps with her Aunt by her side. She tells of all the wartime crimes and atrocities committed during WWII on the Jewish population in all of Europe and how she was able to overcome and live to see liberation. At times the author seems to jump around in her story which makes following it at times difficult. There are also many people and places with similar names that she introduced at the beginning and loses track of but then they resurface near the end. Despite some difficulties following in parts I gave this book a 5, it tells an emotional story and in the end brought me to tears!

Not only was this an amazing story of the life and struggles of a young woman and her sister-law as they are taken from the Warsaw ghetto and placed in Bergen Belsen Concentration Camp but the story is written by an amazing writer that brings the story to life. Exceptional story, exceptional writing.

This book has been simply and directly written. It's factual simplicity makes it extremely powerful. It

is not attempting to be dramatic but gives devastating facts. The book highlights the cold, brutal killing efficiency of the nazis. How anyone survived that starvation is a miracle. The fact the Roma and Hela survived shows what utterly resourceful people they were. Their quick thinking and good decisions saved their lives over and over again. I have read many books on the holocaust but this book I found powerful and amazing. The Jews were slaughtered and literally rose out of the ashes and became the people who made Israel into the nation it is.

This is the story of Rachel Roth (Roma in Polish). She was a mere 12 years old when Germany invaded Poland and the life she knew as a young Jewish child in Poland rapidly vanished. She suffered through the Warsaw Ghetto, losing much of her family through deportations and shootings. She and her aunt Hela endured 2 years in Auschwitz-Birkenau, eventually ending up in Bergen-Belsen camp. One of the best books about the Holocaust I have ever read, very thorough and well written. This is also a 2nd edition book. There was a picture taken of Rachel's family at a wedding in the Ghetto. Out of 21 people pictured, only 1 or 2 survived. It literally gives you a real picture of the Holocaust.

A little repetitive in parts but understandably so. A very interesting read from the point of view of a Holocaust victim, as opposed to the viewpoint of an historian... I think however that Roma's viewpoint brings a little more truth to the surface about how not only Germans treated the Jews, but how badly other nationalities treated them, and how in the face of death, even some Jews collaborated with the Germans in the camps, to improve their own station...thereby increasing their chances of survival in spite of their fellow Jews. I am in no position to judge any Jew for their actions, but as a human being I have every right and obligation to say that no race has the right to denigrate another because they are in some way different, and the entire world owes it to every man, woman and child, to once and for all stop genocide. Black, White, Oriental, Jew, Christian, Arab, Islamic or otherwise, our only hope of obtaining true happiness is to understand and accept each other, and share what we have as a whole world, and not as separate, ignorant entities concerned with only our own well-being.

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