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At sixteen years old, Klara Wizen is full of life with a loving family. But her spirit quails when she and her family are swept up with fifteen thousand other Hungarian Jews and forcibly transported to one of the world's most infamous concentration camps: Auschwitz-Birkenau. There Klara comes face to face with one of history's most infamous Nazi doctors, nicknamed The Great Selector and the Murderer in White, Josef Mengele. Klara watches in horror as Mengele sends her parents, her younger brother, and her older sister to the gas chamber, leaving Klara and her two remaining sisters to be housed like animals in the women's barracks. They live in constant fear of Mengele choosing them for one of his cruel scientific experiments.

As the Russian allies close in, Mengele steps up his selection process and sentences Klara to the gas chamber. But in a miraculous turn of events, Klara escapes both the chamber and Auschwitz itself and makes her way across war-torn Europe back home to Sighet.

The only survivor of record to escape Mengele's notorious death selection process, Klara's is an extraordinary and inspirational story of survival and resilience in the face of deep loss and extreme cruelty.

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eddie jezierski says

A true survival story

This book will leave you with a tears in your eyes. The will to survive and never give in ,is amazing. I have visited Auschwitz and now I know first hand of the horrors that went on inside the wire fences . Never again!

Mrs Carole B Bell says

Very thought provoking and moving

A very poignant and moving story that was well written and gives a unique and disturbing insight into the horrors of Auschwitz. But despite the focus on Mengele being horrific, the strength and personality of Klara seems to outshine the horrors and remind us of the human spirit and strength.

This is a book which will certainly appeal to people who are looking for a better understanding of the human impact of Auschwitz.

So a four star rating is justified. I thought the book itself about what took place in the camp was quite brief but equally the human story and the focus on family values and the love within the family, despite all the tragedy, is important in order to retain a positive perspective.

If I have time, I will try to watch the documentary.

Carrie says

Compelling story of how a young girl managed to escape from Auschwitz just before she was sent to the gas chamber. I read this because our family is going to Germany, Poland and Prague and also visiting Auschwitz, so I wanted to better understand the area before going.

Susan says

This is the remarkable story of Klara Wizel, the youngest of ten children of Ignatiu and Freda Iutkovits who endures the terror and inhumanity of Auschwitz-Birkenau during the barbaric reign of Hitler. Both of Hannah's parents and two of her siblings were killed in the gas chambers. But, Klara and her two remaining sisters battle to survive their harsh and unrelenting days in the women's barracks. Then, one day, the monstrous Nazi doctor, Josef Mengele, selects Klara for death in the gas chamber. Miraculously, Klara manages to escape her certain demise. This is her amazing story.

I was struck with the similarity between the way the Nazi government implemented its rise to power over

eastern Europe and the way the pro-Soviet government behaved as they moved in at the end of WWII to liberate the victims of Nazi oppression. The Russians began to quickly seal borders and made it difficult for those wishing to leave, to do so. To Klara and her surviving sisters, this scenario was all too familiar.

D says

A detailed but horrific picture of life inside Auschwitz

This book is one of the greatest books I have read about the lives of those who suffered during WW11. The details in which the author retold her story made the reader feel that they were right beside her as she endured suffering unknown to mankind

Laura Beal says

This is an accounting of one family's experience and memories during the time period of the Holocaust. Both heartbreaking and vivid yet inspirational. This makes you think about several themes then look at your own life today and apply them there as well as being amazed at everything that was endured.

Jeffrey Falk says

Klara Wiesel may be the only person to survive after being personally marked for death by Josef Mengele. This story of a remarkable woman's resilience in front of a world-historical backdrop is both tragedy and triumph. It has some philosophical insight as well.

cindi reynolds says

Amazing!

It is truly heartbreaking that the Jewish people were persecuted, tortured and killed with such hatred. Klara's story of the rise of anti-Semitism, Hitler's rise to power, the lies and deceit of the Nazi party are horrendous. God help us all, if we ever forget.

Irene Moyer says

Moving

Moving. Inspiring. Informative. This is an amazing book. I would to hear more. No wonder she went to Israel when she could. I had no idea of the post-war restrictions after all the rest.

Judy L Zippi says

Unbelievable read.

I have read many holocaust books, I am so drawn to historical reads. Many times I put it down as difficult and then continue. It is not fiction, which makes it difficult. Klara survived . Faith and love won. Amazing reading

Julie Zimmett says

Uplifting and vital read

Auschwitz Escape-the Klara Wiesel Story, tells of an incredible and courageous young lady, Klara, who survived the horror of Auschwitz, of losing most of her family and of her bravery in escaping the gas chamber. I could not put this down. Klara overcame tremendous odds and obstacles to escape second before she would have perished, and after having looked the evil Mengele in the eye. Hers is a story to be read by all. And it seems especially important that today's young people read it, in light of the huge surge we are seeing in anti semitism. We cannot allow the horrors of the Holocaust to happen again.

Cheryl Swenson says

Somehow she found the strength not to hate

One of the things I like best about this story is that even though it's a story of genocide and inhumanity, Klara tells of the love and kindness that her parents taught them. It made me appreciate my family and my friends, and reminded me to take joy in each day. I'm so amazed that Klara was able to experience joy again after the nightmare of Auschwitz. An inspirational story!

Lisa Blair says

The true story of how Klara survived Auschwitz. Her determination to live during and after the concentration camps; her determination to be thankful for the opportunity to live free in Canada, then the United States is inspiring.

Bill says

Never forget!

Linda Marie Marsh says

4.5 STARS...not 5 only because i have read so many Auschwitz stories and tho each story is unique some of the info gets repetitive. No fault of the author. That's on me.

What makes the Klara Wiesel story most amazing is that fact that her story is truly the one in a million ... she literally escaped the gas chamber. There has to be a special place in heaven or whatever you believe is the afterlife, for all the millions who DID perish at the hands of the dimwits called Nazis. A reason why the ones who survived DID. And why all their stories of guilt, sadness, confusion and love need to go on for all future generations.

This book does hold the readers interest and touches your heart.
