Defiance Bielski Partisans

Dry Tears

"Paula's story is a testament to the spirit of survival in inhumane times and the triumph of life over those seeking to destroy it. If we carefully read and learn from her experience, we will dedicate ourselves, each generation, to ensuring the present and future dignity of all people"--Back cover.

Double Threat

This book explores the lives and legacy of the Bielski Brothers during World War Two, and their efforts to save nearly 1,200 Jews from Nazi persecution in Eastern Europe.

Liberty Lady

Shalom Yoran, born Selim Sznycer, was fourteen years old when the Germans occupied Poland in 1939, and he and his family spent the next three years on the run, trying to escape the Nazi mobile killing units. The Defiant is Shalom Yoran's story, a detailed first-person account of his experiences from 1939 to 1945. In the dense forests and vast swamplands, he and his brother banded together with other Jews in Eastern Poland to fight back against the Nazis. They used guns and explosives, and cunning and ingenuity. They joined non-Jewish partisans, and waged behind-the-lines guerrilla warfare against the Germans. They ambushed convoys, attacked garrisons, derailed trains, all the while hardscrabbling for each day's survival.

The Polish Underground and the Jews, 1939-1945

Halina Rudowski is on the run. When the Polish ghetto where she lives is evacuated, she narrowly escapes, but her mother is not as lucky. A long with her friend Batya, Halina makes her way to a secret encampment in the woods where Jews survive by living underground. As the group struggles for food, handles infighting, and attempts to protect themselves from the advancing Germans, Halina must face the reality of life without her mother. Based on historical events, this gripping tale sheds light on a little-known aspect of the Holocaust: the underground forest encampments that saved several thousand Jews from the Nazis. In telling the story of one girl's survival, Escaping into the Night marks the arrival of a remarkable new voice in fiction.

Women in the Holocaust

The author describes how her family escaped the Nazi destruction of the Polish Jewish community by pretending to be Christians and hiding out with Catholic families.

Justyna's Narrative

Defiance

Leading international Holocaust scholars reflect upon their personal experiences and professional trajectories over many decades of immersion in the field. Changes are examined within the context of individual odysseys, including shifting cultural milieus and robust academic conflicts.

The Bielski Brothers

It sounds like something from ancient mytholgy- three brothers living near the edge of a forest witness the coming of an invading army. They arm themselves, take to their horses and seek refuge in the woods that they know as well as they know anything. The enemy arrives and systematically starts killing the long-oppressed minority to which the brothers belong. Horrified and angered, they lead guerrilla attacks against the enemy's installations and exact vicious revenge on local collaborators. Prompted by the eldest, who is selected as commander, the brothers and a growing numbers of warriors begin a campaign to save all their people, including the weak, the young, the old, the sick. Slowly the group evolves into a makeshift forest city with a hospital, workshops, a school and even a bathhouse. When the invading army retreats, the brothers emerge from the woods- the saviours of 1,250 people.

Fugitives of the Forest

A New York Times Bestseller A multigenerational saga of two families, who rose from immigrant roots to the pinnacle of wealth and power, that tracks the unraveling of American democracy. In American Oligarchs, award-winning investigative journalist Andrea Bernstein tells the story of the Trump and Kushner families like never before. Their journey to the White House is a story of survival and loss, crime and betrayal, that stretches from the Klondike Gold Rush, through Nazi-occupied Poland and across the American Century, to our new gilded age. In building and maintaining their dynastic power, the families came to embody the rising nationalism and inequality that has pushed the United States to the brink of oligarchy. Building on her landmark reporting for the acclaimed podcast Trump, Inc. and The New Yorker, Bernstein's painstaking detective work brings to light new information about the families' arrival as immigrants to America, their paths to success, and the business and personal lives of the president and his closest family members. Bernstein traces how the two families ruthlessly harnessed New York and New Jersey political power to gain valuable tax breaks and grew rich on federal programs that bolstered the middle class. She shows how the Trump Organization, denied credit by American banks, turned to shady international capital. She reveals astonishing new details about Charles Kushner's attempts to ensure his brother-in-law with a prostitute and explores how Jared Kushner and his father used a
venerable New York newspaper to bolster their business empire. Drawing on more than two hundred interviews and more than one hundred thousand pages of documents, many previously unseen or long forgotten. Bernstein shows how the Trumps and the Kushners repeatedly broke rules and then leveraged secrecy, intimidation, and prosecutorial and judicial power to avoid legal consequences. The result is a compelling narrative that details how the Trump and Kushner dynasties encouraged and profited from a system of corruption, dark money, and influence trading, and that reveals the historical turning points and decisions—on taxation, regulation, white-collar crime, and campaign finance laws—that have brought us to where we are today.

The Nazi Holocaust

This volume puts to rest the myth that the Jews went passively to the slaughter like sheep. Indeed Jews resisted in every Nazi-occupied country - in the forests, the ghettos, and the concentration camps. The essays presented here consider Jewish resistance to be resistance by Jewish persons in specifically Jewish groups, or by Jewish persons working within non-Jewish organizations. Resistance could be armed revolt; flight; the rescue of targeted individuals by concealment in non-Jewish homes, farms, and institutions; or by the smuggling of Jews into countries where Jews were not objects of Nazi persecution. Other forms of resistance include every act that Jewish people carried out to fight against the dehumanizing agenda of the Nazis - acts such as smuggling food, clothing, and medicine into the ghettos, putting on plays, reading poetry, organizing orchestras and art exhibits, forming schools, leaving diaries, and praying. These attempts to remain physically, intellectually, culturally, morally, and theologically alive constituted resistance to Nazi oppression, which was designed to demolish individuals, destroy their soul, and obliterate their desire to live.

The Years of Extermination

"The unexamined life is not worth living" - Socrates Many of the world

Beyond Courage

A memoir written in prison

Auschwitz

Defiance

A riveting examination in words and photos of Auschwitz, from its roots as a violent market town to the concentration camps built during World War II, provides a compelling conclusion on the evolution of a deadly killing site.

In the Lion's Den

Based on a true story, this tale tells of the experiences of a nine-year-old girl who, while living in the Jewish ghetto in Nazi-occupied Poland, was saved by a man who risked his life to bring Jewish prisoners to a hidden camp deep in the forest.

American Oligarchs: The Kushners, the Trumps, and the Marriage of Money and Power

The enactment of the German extermination policies that resulted in the murder of six million European Jews depended upon many factors, including the cooperation of local authorities and police departments, and the passivity of the populations, primarily of their political and spiritual elites. Necessary also was the victims' willingness to submit, often with the hope of surviving long enough to escape the German vise. The Years of Extermination, the completion of Saul Friedländer's major historical opus on Nazi Germany and the Jews, explores the convergence of the various aspects of this most systematic and sustained of modern genocides. In this unparalleled work—based on a vast array of documents and an overwhelming choir of voices from diaries, letters, and memoirs—the history of the Holocaust has found its definitive representation.

Claudia's Journal

"He died so Jewry should suffer no more." These words on a Canadian Jewish soldier's tombstone in Normandy inspired the author to explore the role of Canadian Jews in the war effort. As PM Mackenzie King wrote in 1947, Jewish servicemen faced a "double threat" - they were not only fighting against Fascism but for Jewish survival. At the same time, they encountered widespread anti-Semitism and the danger of being identified as Jews if captured. Bessner conducted hundreds of interviews and extensive archival research to paint a complex picture of the 17,000 Canadian Jews - about 10 per cent of the Jewish population in wartime Canada - who chose to enlist, including future Cabinet minister Barney Danson, future game-show host Monty Hall, and comedians Wayne and Shuster. Added to this fascinating account are Jews who were among the so-called "Zombies" - Canadians who were drafted, but chose to serve at home - the various perspectives of the Jewish community, and the participation of Canadian Jewish women.

American and the Holocaust

The Resistance Network is the history of an underground network of humanitarians, missionaries, and diplomats in Ottoman Syria who helped save the lives of thousands during the Armenian Genocide. Khatchig Mouradian challenges depictions of Armenians as passive victims of violence and subjects of humanitarianism, demonstrating the key role they played in organizing a humanitarian resistance against the destruction of their people. Piecing together hundreds of accounts, official documents, and missionary records, Mouradian presents a social history of genocide and resistance in wartime Aleppo and a network of transit and concentration camps stretching from Bab to Ras ul-Ain and Der Zor. He ultimately argues that, despite the violent and systematic mechanisms of control and destruction in the cities, concentration camps, and massacre sites in this region, the genocide of the Armenians did not progress unhindered - unarmed resistance proved an important factor in saving countless lives.

Into the Forest

The Polish Underground and the Jews, 1939-1945 examines one of the central problems in the history of Polish-Jewish relations: the attitude and the behavior of the Polish Underground - the resistance organization loyal to the Polish government-in-exile - toward the Jews during World War II. Using a variety of archival documents, testimonies, and
memories, Zimmerman offers a careful, passionate narrative, arguing that the reaction of the Polish Underground to the

catastrophe that befell European Jewry was immensely varied, ranging from aggressive aid to acts of murder. By analyzing
the military, civilian, and political wings of the Polish Underground and offering portraits of the organization's main

leaders, this book is the first full-length scholarly monograph in any language to provide a thorough examination of the

Polish Underground's attitude and behavior towards the Jews during the entire period of World War II.

The Bielski Brothers

The engaging memoir of a spirited and glamorous young fashion designer who survived World War II, with an afterword by her
daughter, Helen Epstein. In the summer of 1942, twenty-year-old Franci Rufeisen—designated a Jew by the Nazi racial laws—arrived at Terezin, a concentration camp and ghettoso forty miles north of her home in Prague. It would be the beginning of her journey from Terezin to the Czech family camp in Auschwitz-Birkenau, to the slave labor camps in Hamburg, and Bergen-Belsen. After liberation by the British in April 1945, she finally returned to Prague. Franci was known in her group as the Prague dress designer who lied to Dr. Mengele at an Auschwitz selection, saying she was an electrician, an occupation that both endangered and saved her life. In this memoir, she offers her intense, candid, and sometimes funny account of those dark years, with the women prisoners in her tight-knit circle of friends. Franci's War is the powerful testimony of one incredibly strong young woman who endured the horrors of the Holocaust and survived.

We Must Not Forget: Holocaust Stories of Survival and Resistance (Scholastic Focus)

The memoir of a man and woman who escaped into the forest, joined the Jewish partisans—and fell in love—as Hitler laid
waste to their Polish hometowns. Jack and Rochelle first met at a youth dance in Poland before the war. They shared one
dance, and Jack stepped on Rochelle's shoes. She was unimpressed. When the Nazis invaded eastern Poland in 1941, both
Jack (in the town of Mir) and Rochelle (in the town of Stolpce) witnessed the horrors of ghettoization, forced labor, and
mass killings that decimated their families. Jack and Rochelle managed, in their separate ways, to escape into the forest. They reunited, against all odds, in the winter of 1942–43 and became Jewish partisans who fought back against the Nazis. The couple's careful courtship soon blossomed into an enduring love that sustained them through the raging hatred of the Holocaust and the destruction of the lives they had known. Jack and Rochelle's story, told in their own voices through extensive interviews with their son, Lawrence, has been in print for twenty years and is celebrated as a classic of Holocaust memoir literature. This is the first electronic edition. "A story of heroism and of touching romance in a time of fear and danger." — USA Today

The Defiant

Recounts the efforts of Jews who organized others and sabotaged the Nazis during the Holocaust, including Georges
Loinger who smuggled children from occupied France into Switzerland and four brothers who led refugees into the forest
to build a village and an army.

The Resistance Network

Few lives shed more light on the complex relationship between Jews and Christians during and after the Holocaust—or provide a more moving portrait of courage—than Oswald Rufeisen's. A Jew passing as a Christian in occupied Poland, Rufeisen worked as translator for the German police—the very people who rounded up and murdered the Jews—and repeatedly risked his life to save hundreds from the Nazis. In this gripping biography, Néchama Tec, a widely acclaimed writer on the Holocaust, recounts Rufeisen's remarkable story. A youth of seventeen when World War II began, Rufeisen joined the exodus of Poles who fled the approaching German army. Tec vividly describes how Rufeisen used his ability to speak fluent German to pass as half German and half Polish in Mir, where he came to serve as translator and personal secretary to the German in charge of the gendarmerie. As he carried out his duties—reading death sentences to prisoners, swearing in new police officers before a portrait of Hitler—he earned the trust and affection of the German commander, yet lived in constant fear of discovery. He used his position to pass secret information to Jews and Christians about impending "aktion" and sabotage Nazi plans. Most notably, he thwarted the annihilation of the Mir ghetto by convincing hundreds of doomed Jews and organizing their escape, and saved an entire Belorussian village from destruction. Demanding that Rufeisen escape and found shelter in a convent, where he converted to Catholicism. Though a pacifist, he spent the rest of the war fighting in a Russian partisan unit. After the war, Father Daniel (as he is now known) became a priest and a Carmelite monk. Identifying himself as a Christian Jew and an ardent Zionist, he moved to Israel, where he challenged the Law of Return in a case that reached the High Court and attracted international attention. Today he continues to devote himself to bridging the gap between Christians and Jews. In the Lion's Den offers a stirring portrait of a Jewish rescuer during the Holocaust and its aftermath, illuminating the intricate connections between good and evil, cruelty and compassion, and Judaism and Christianity.

Franci's War

In 1941, three brothers witnessed their parents and two other siblings being led away to their eventual murders. It was a
grim scene that would, of course, be repeated endlessly throughout the war. Instead of running or giving in to despair, these brothers—Tuvia, Zus, and Asael Bielski—fought back, waging a guerrilla war of wins against the Nazis. By using their intimate knowledge of the dense forests surrounding the Belarusan towns of Novogrudek and Lida, the Bielskis established a hidden base camp, then set about convincing other Jews to join their ranks. As more and more Jews arrived each day, a robust community began to emerge, a "Jerusalem in the woods." After two and a half years in the woods, in July 1944, the Bielskis learned that the Germans, overrun by the Red Army, were retreating back toward Berlin. More than one thousand Bielski Jews emerged—alive—on that final, triumphant exit from the woods.

Jewish Resistance Against the Nazis

Moving first-hand accounts of Jewish resistance during the Holocaust are supported by photographs, ritual objects, and art created clandestinely by Jews in ghettos and camps. Several entries are from well-known resistance figures such as A. Kafka, the first to raise a cry for armed Jewish resistance; Rabbi Leo Baeck, who spearheaded attempts to save German Jewry; and D. J. anisz Korczak, who protected 200 orphans in the Warsaw Ghetto. This anthology of written and visual materials illustrates the tremendous resourcefulness, diverse methods, and daring initiatives of Jewish men and women in occupied countries who risked their lives defying their Nazi oppressors, saving their fellow Jews, and preserving their Jewish traditions.

With Courage Shall We Fight
Essie’s life in the Bielski Partisan camp is full of danger, adventure, and intrigue. Just sixteen when the Nazis invaded her town, Essie escaped at night to become one of the first twenty-five Jews in the encampment featured in the movie Defiance that would eventually save 1,200 Jews. Essie became a teenage partisan, a guerrilla fighter in the resistance. Sixty years later, she finally shares her story.

**Paula’s Window**

LIBERTY LADY is the true story of a WWII bomber and its crew forced to land in neutral Sweden during the Eighth Air Force’s first large-scale daylight bombing raid on Berlin. 1st Lt. Herman Allen was interned and began working for his country’s espionage agency, the OSS, with instructions to befriend a businessman suspected of selling secrets to the Germans. Soon Herman fell in love with a beautiful Swedish-American secretary working for the OSS, their courtship unfolding amid the glamour and intrigue of wartime Stockholm. As Swedish newspapers trumpeted one of the biggest spy scandals of the war, two of the main protagonists walked down the aisle in a storybook wedding presided over by the nephew of the King of Sweden.

**Essie**

**Daring to Resist**

Introduction: the role of gender in the Holocaust / Lenore J. Weitzman and Dalia Oifer -- Gender and the Jewish family in modern Europe / Paula E. Hyman -- Keeping calm and weathering the storm: Jewish women’s responses to daily life in Nazi Germany, 1933-1939 / Mar Avnon Kaplan -- The missing 52 percent: research on Jewish women in interwar Poland and its implications for Holocaust studies / Gershon Bacon -- Ordinary women in Nazi Germany: perpetrators, victims, followers, and bystanders / Gisela Bock -- The Grodno Ghetto and its underground: a personal narrative / Liza Chapnik -- The key game / Ida Fink -- 5050

**Resistance**

The deep forests of Poland and Belorussia are the domain of the occupying Germans during World War II. The three Bielski brothers go into the forests to undertake the impossible task of foraging for food, weapons and survival, not just for themselves but for a large mass of Polish Jews fleeing from the German war machine. The brothers, living with the fear of discovery, must contend with neighboring Soviet partisans and deciding whom to trust. They take on the responsibility of guardians and motivate hundreds of women, men, children and elderly to join their fight against the Nazi regime while hiding in makeshift homes in the dark, cold, unforgiving forest. At the same time, the brothers turn a band of war defectors into powerful freedom fighters. Based on true events.

**Defiance**

**Brothers in Arms**

The prevailing image of European Jews during the Holocaust is one of helpless victims, but in fact many Jews struggled against the terrors of the Third Reich. In Defiance, Nechama Tec offers a riveting history of one such group, a forest community in western Belorussia that would number more than 1,200 Jews by 1944—the largest armed rescue operation of Jews by Jews in World War II. Tec reveals that this extraordinary community included both men and women, some with weapons, but mostly unarmed, ranging from infants to the elderly. She reconstructs for the first time the amazing details of how these partisans and their families—hungry, exposed to the harsh winter weather—managed not only to survive, but to offer protection to all Jewish fugitives who could find their way to them. Arguing that this success would have been unthinkable without the vision of one man, Tec offers penetrating insight into the group’s commander, Tuvia Bielski. Tec brings to light the untold story of Bielski’s struggle as a partisan who lost his parents, wife, and two brothers to the Nazis, yet never wavered in his conviction that it was more important to save one Jew than to kill twenty Germans. She shows how, under Bielski’s guidance, the partisans smuggled Jews out of heavily guarded ghettos, scouted the roads for fugitives, and led retaliatory raids against Belorussian peasants who collaborated with the Nazis. Herself a Holocaust survivor, Nechama Tec here draws on wide-ranging research and never before published interviews with surviving partisans—including Tuvia Bielski himself—to reconstruct here the poignant and unforgettable story of those who chose to fight.

**Escaping into the Night**

Thoroughly revised and updated for 2005! Includes a new chapter on the best special edition DVDs and a new chapter on finding hidden easter egg features.

**Jack and Rochelle**

The heroic story of Jewish resistance and survival during the Second World War.

**Reel Views 2**

One family’s inspiring true story of love, escape, and survival “A riveting tale, suffused with a karmic righteousness that is, at times, exhilarating.” — Wall Street Journal “A gripping narrative that reads like a page-turning thriller novel.” — NPR In the summer of 1942, the Rabinowitz family narrowly escaped the Nazi ghetto in their Polish town by fleeing to the forbidding Bialowieza Forest. They miraculously survived two years in the woods—through brutal winters, Typhus outbreaks, and merciless Nazi raids—until they were liberated by the Red Army in 1944. After the war they trekked across the Alps into Italy where they settled as refugees before eventually immigrating to the United States. During the first ghetto massacre, Miriam Rabinowitz rescued a young boy named Philip by pretending he was her son. Nearly a decade later, a chance encounter at a wedding in Brooklyn would lead Philip to find the woman who saved him. A nd to discover her daughter Ruth was the love of his life. From a little-known chapter of Holocaust history, one family’s inspiring true story.

**When Light Pierced the Darkness**

Essie’s life in the Bielski Partisan camp is full of danger, adventure and intrigue. Just sixteen when the Nazis invaded her
town, Essie escaped at night to become one of the first 25 Jews in the encampment featured in the movie Defiance that would eventually save 1,200 Jews. Essie became a teenage partisan, a guerilla fighter in the resistance. Sixty years later, she finally shares her story.

**Escape to the Forest**

Silbert Honor author Deborah Hopkinson unearths the heroic stories of Jewish survivors from different countries so that we may never forget the past. As World War II raged, millions of young Jewish people were caught up in the horrors of the Nazis' Final Solution. Many readers know of Adolph Hitler and the Nazi state's genocidal campaign against European Jews and others of so-called "inferior" races. Yet so many of the individual stories remain buried in time. Of those who endured the Holocaust, some were caught by the Nazis and sent to concentration camps, some hid right under Hitler's nose, some were separated from their parents, some chose to fight back. Against all odds, some survived. They all have stories that must be told. They all have stories we must keep safe in our collective memory. In this thoroughly researched and passionately written narrative nonfiction for upper middle-grade readers, critically acclaimed author Deborah Hopkinson allows the voices of Holocaust survivors to live on the page, recalling their persecution, survival, and resistance. Focusing on testimonies from across Germany, the Netherlands, France, and Poland, Hopkinson paints a moving and diverse portrait of the Jewish youth experience in Europe under the shadow of the Third Reich. With archival images and myriad interviews, this compelling and beautifully told addition to Holocaust history not only honors the courage of the victims, but calls young readers to action -- by reminding them that heroism begins with the ordinary, everyday feat of showing compassion toward our fellow citizens.

**Essie**

Recreates, through more than five hundred case studies, the experience of hiding among Christians and profiles the motivations and actions of those Polish Christians who helped rescue persecuted Jews.

**Resilience and Courage**

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**Holocaust Scholarship**

The "exhilarating" definitive account of the 1943 uprising in Poland's capital, named a Best Book of the Year by Publishers Weekly and the Jewish Observer (Los Angeles Times). No act of Jewish resistance during the Holocaust fired the imagination quite as much as the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of April 1943. It was an event of epic proportions in which a group of relatively unarmed, untrained Jews managed to lead a military revolt against the Nazi war machine. In this riveting, authoritative history, a Holocaust scholar and survivor of the battle draws on diaries, letters, underground press reports, and his own personal experience to bring a landmark moment in Jewish history to life—offering "a dramatic and memorable picture of the ghetto" and showing how a vibrant culture shaped the young fighters whose defiance would have far-reaching implications for the Jewish people (Library Journal). "Superb, moving, richly informative history." — Publishers Weekly Note: Some photos and maps contained in the print edition of this book have been excluded from the ebook edition.

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