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Simone Veil : A Life: A Memoir by Simone Veil before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Life: A Memoir by Simone Veil:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very interesting read By D. Dollahite I got this after I read her obituary in The Economist. Reading about her life was very interesting. It is thick with French politics --- as an American it is sometimes harder to follow those aspects. What strikes me most is how accidental her long career in politics was. The memoir seems rather brief on a lot of details. There are times where she was in a positions for years,

and it barely gets a few pages mention. But, overall, I enjoyed reading it and I think her life was inspirational. She definitely made a difference in this world for millions of people, not something everyone can say. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. A True Story you will not forget! By M Shilling Fascinating and touching story of a Jewish girl put in the concentration camp just as she was to graduate from High School. How she overcame incredible difficulties and, once liberated, became one of the most important women in the French government -- ever! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By James Connelly A superb account by an extraordinary French woman.

In spite of all the films, memoirs and novels about the Holocaust, it remains an absolutely specific and totally inaccessible Phenomenon. In this long-awaited memoir, Simone Veil describes in vivid detail how her idyllic childhood came to an abrupt end in 1944, when her family was deported to the concentration camps. Veil survived Auschwitz-Birkenau and Bergen-Belsen, but her mother, father, and brother all died in captivity. With undeterred resolve, Simone Veil went on to study law and political science. She later became the minister of health in France, where she fought to legalize abortion, prompting the head of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada to criticize Veil's presence at the sixtieth anniversary of Auschwitz's liberation, writing that she was to be held responsible for a mass murder of human life far exceeding that of the German National Socialists by legalizing and promoting abortion. Simone Veil was elected the first president of the European Parliament in 1979 and later returned to French politics as minister for social affairs. Admired across the world for her personal courage, she has written a sincere and candid account of an extraordinary life, reflecting her humanity and determination to improve political stability and social standards in France and across Europe.

'This is a riveting memoir by an extraordinary woman. With exemplary forthrightness, Simone Veil charts her trajectory from her pre-war childhood in a secular Jewish family in Nice, through the misery of her year in Auschwitz and into the cut and thrust of French and European politics. This document of a life is also a compact history of post-war France.' -- Lisa Appignanesi 'The life story is a debased genre, but occasionally someone writes one who actually has something to say. Simone Veil is one of those... the small publishing firm Haus is to be congratulated on making available in English this account of a great Frenchwoman's life.' -- Denis McShane The Observer Simone Veil is probably best-known in France for having guided into being the 1975 law legalising abortion... 30 years later, this monumental achievement remains controversial in some circles... shamefully, the head of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, in a letter to the Polish President in 2005 opposing her presence at the 60th anniversary commemorations of the liberation of Auschwitz, said that Veil 'was to be held responsible for a mass-murder of human life far exceeding' that of the Nazis. -- Natasha Lehrer The JC (Jewish Chronicle) 20101218 About the Author Simone Veil was born Simone Jacob in 1927. She is the former French Minister of Health (1974-79) and Minister for Social Affairs. In 1998 she was awarded an honorary damehood by Queen Elizabeth II and was elected to the French Academy in 2008. Tasmin Black is a well established translator from the French to the English, her translations include *Dark Heart of the Night* by Lonora Miano, Nebraska University Press (2009) and she was a PEN Translation Fund recipient in 2007.