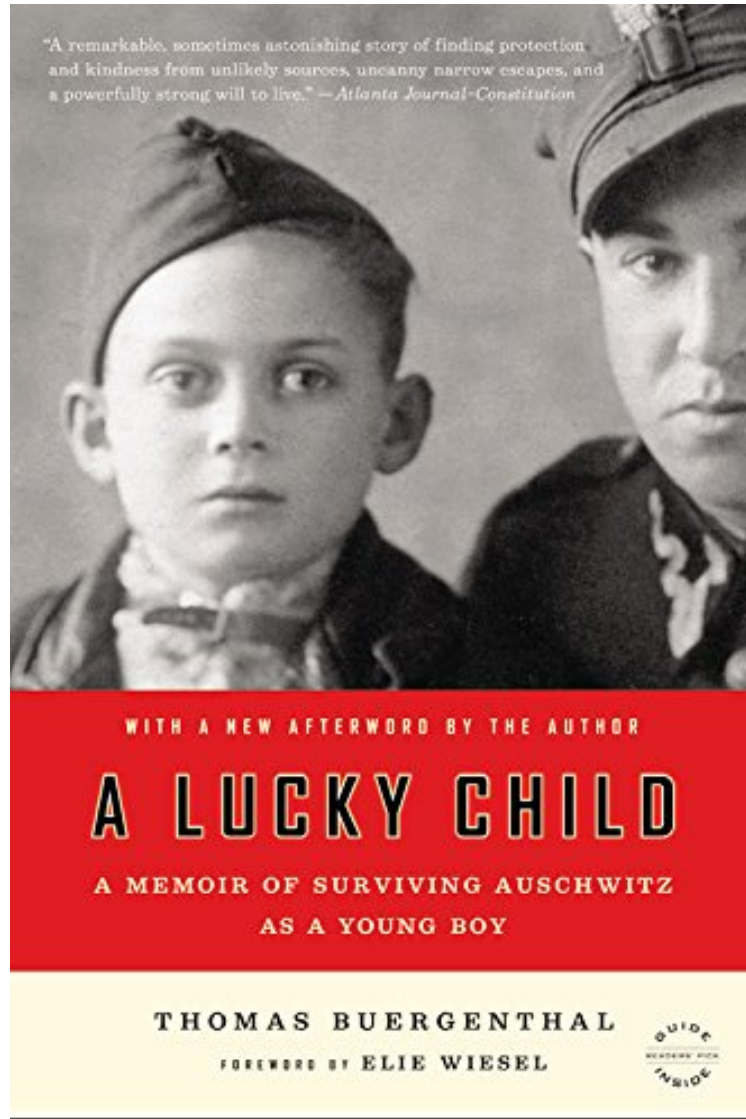


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The profoundly moving memoir of a young boy's odyssey through the Holocaust. In a new edition of his bestselling memoir, Thomas Buergethal tells of his astonishing experiences as a young boy. Buergethal arrived at Auschwitz at age 10 after surviving two ghettos and one work camp. Separated from his mother and then his father, he managed by his wits and some remarkable strokes of luck to survive on his own. Almost two years after his liberation, Buergethal was miraculously reunited with his mother and in 1951 arrived in the U.S. to start a new life. Since the initial publication of this book, new documents have been made available, allowing Buergethal to finally learn the details of his mother's search for him and the truth about his father. With a new afterword by the author sharing these revelations, *A LUCKY CHILD* is a classic that demands to be read by all.

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