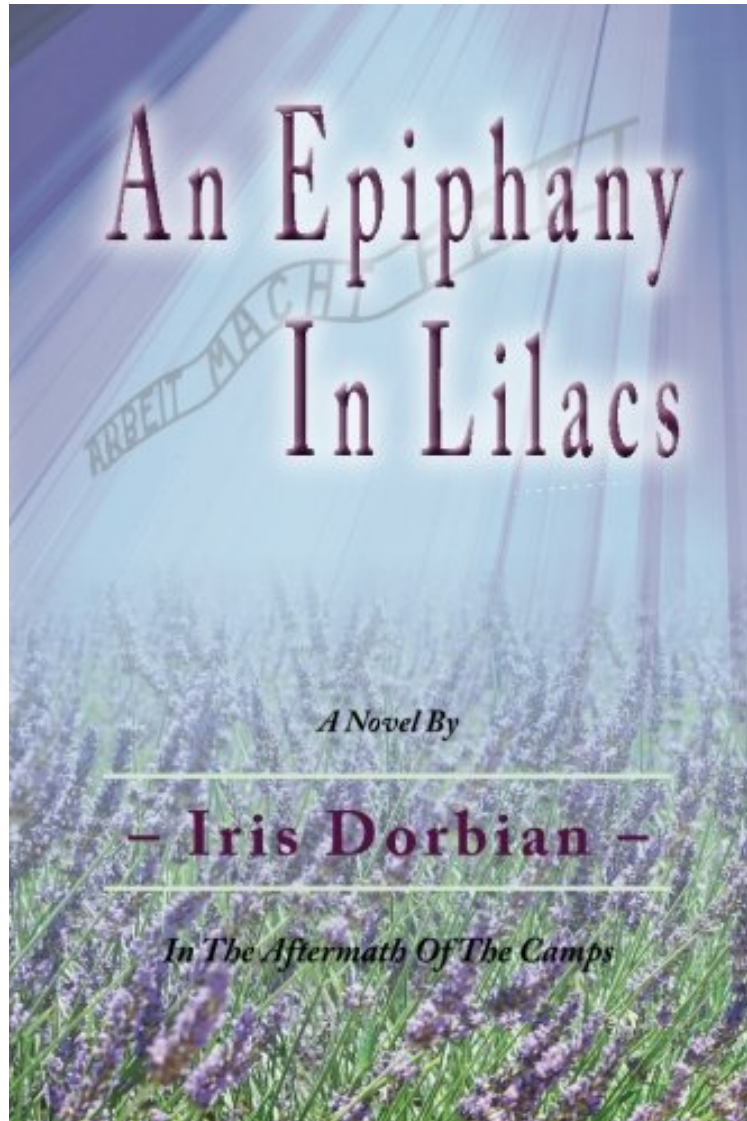


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Customer"An Epiphany of Lilacs" is a great read and a unique perspective about survival just after the war.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An Epiphany in LilacsBy Susan RI read a lot of books about WWII and many are about the concentration camps. This is one of the first books that was about what happened after people were liberated from the camps. Many of them were still very sick, they were searching for their families but because Europe was in so much chaos, it was difficult to find family

and friends and most people didn't know what to do or where to go next. This book - based on a true story - addresses that issue for one young man. Daniel was 14 when he was liberated from the camps. He was very sick and as he fights to get his health back, he is plagued with nightmares about his time in the camps and desperately trying to find his mother and his two sisters and to decide where he needed to go when he left the hospital. It was very difficult to go back to a normal day to day existence after all he had been through in his short life. This is a beautiful and well written book about the aftermath of a terrible time in our history. Even though it is Daniel's story, it was replicated thousands of times with the survivors of the concentration camps. Thanks to the author for sharing such a heartfelt story from her family's history. Thanks to goodreads for a copy of this book to read and review. All opinions are my own. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This is a beautiful, powerful story. By Domi\_Blue Daniel is a survivor of the death camps. A young boy only 14 years old, he is tortured by the experiences he lived through. He is slowly recovering physically and mentally from the hellish existence, with no knowledge of if his family has lived or died, he has a few friends he was with in the camps and some from the hospital. Yet, he still is very alone. Nearly dead when he was liberated, the young man recovers slowly and his memories tell the tale of life as a Jew during the holocaust. This is a beautiful, powerful story. As a Jew, I have read many stories of life during the holocaust, both fiction and non fiction. I very much appreciated the way this story was written. The author captured the beauty and pain in the life of this young survivor. With a respectful grace and a loving pen, the world depicted in this story brought tears to my eyes and a smile to my face. Daniel is an incredible character, surrounded by incredible characters. The world in this book is vivid and real. From the horrors of the death march to the beauty of the flowers in the garden, I was captured completely. Knowing this story was based on the life of the author's father may have added to the feelings the story evoked, yet the capable writing style and clarity made the story real to me. I highly recommend this story and will look for further works by this talented author. I received an ARC copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. 5 out of 5 stars.

*An Epiphany in Lilacs* is a young adult novel set in a DP camp outside Hamburg, Germany following the end of World War II. The author, Iris Dorbian, captures in this story a unique glimpse into the period after the Holocaust when survivors had to deal with their new realities for living, based on her father's personal experience. After liberation in May 1945, Daniel, a 14-year-old Latvian Jew, is treated in a field hospital in the British zone of partitioned Germany. A survivor of various concentration camps, Daniel fights to recover from starvation and disease. Racked by nightmares, a nearly nightly occurrence, Daniel finds sleep almost impossible. Through his love of nature, and pre-war memories, Daniel struggles to find comfort. He forms an intriguing bond with an older German gentile, another survivor. Later on, as he joins a theater troupe, Daniel tries to move on with his life, yet still searching for the whereabouts of his mother and two sisters. Poised on the cusp of a new life, young Daniel makes his way to the country that will become his new home.

Five-Star :\*\*\*\*\*"An Epiphany in Lilacs: In the Aftermath of the Camps by Iris Dorbian is a moving book, set within the years following World War II. It is 1945 when Daniel, a Latvian Jew, finally tastes freedom after his horrible experience of the Holocaust. Daniel is still haunted by memories of the concentration camp. This novel explores insomnia and the relentless disquietude that settles on the mind of this young boy as he struggles to come to terms with his new reality, developing new connections, and trying new things. All along, he still doesn't know where his parents are. Will he be able to locate them?"