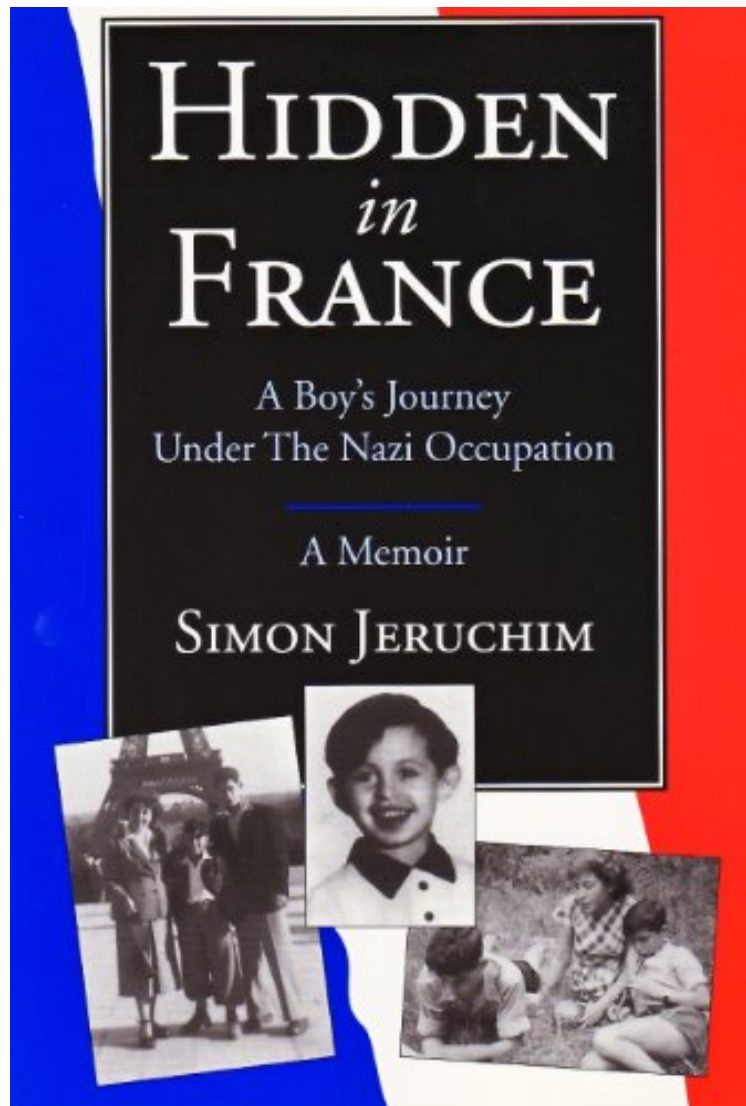


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families who put themselves in danger to keep Jewish children and adults safe from the Nazis. Read it!

In the summer of 1942, when Jews throughout France were being rounded up and sent to concentration camps, twelve-year-old Simon Jeruchim, his older sister, and his younger brother were sent into hiding in separate foster homes around the countryside of Normandy. Their parents, unbeknownst to the children, were arrested and deported to Auschwitz, where they perished. Thus the young refugees avoided arrest, but they were still not safe from the ravages of the war. Staying alive meant affecting a gentile identity, even going to Mass on Sundays. Living conditions were harsh, and the farm work was heavy and difficult; but even worse were the loneliness, isolation, uncertainty, and fear that dogged young Simon day and night. After the war Simon was reunited with his siblings. They were placed in a series of homes for Jewish children, and in 1949 they were sent to begin new lives in America. Here is a story of the courage of children and compassion of strangers, and a view of the barely comprehensible events of war from the vantage point of shattered innocence. "Hidden in France" is, above all, a story of survival and perseverance against all odds.

"Jeruchim's autobiography tells of his anguish at being separated from his family, living in fear and isolation, and not knowing what happened to his parents for fifty years. Recommended." Ellen Shore, Assoc. of Jewish Libraries Newsletter
"To think of the Holocaust is always to think of its horror. Yet Hidden in France illustrates that, in the midst of these horrors, there was goodness." Arthur Sherman, Together-American Gathering of Holocaust Survivors
About the Author Simon Jeruchim is a noted package designer specializing in the creation of new lines of fragrance and cosmetics. He also enjoys other artistic endeavors such as graphic design, book illustration and painting. He lives and writes with his wife in Pomona, New York.