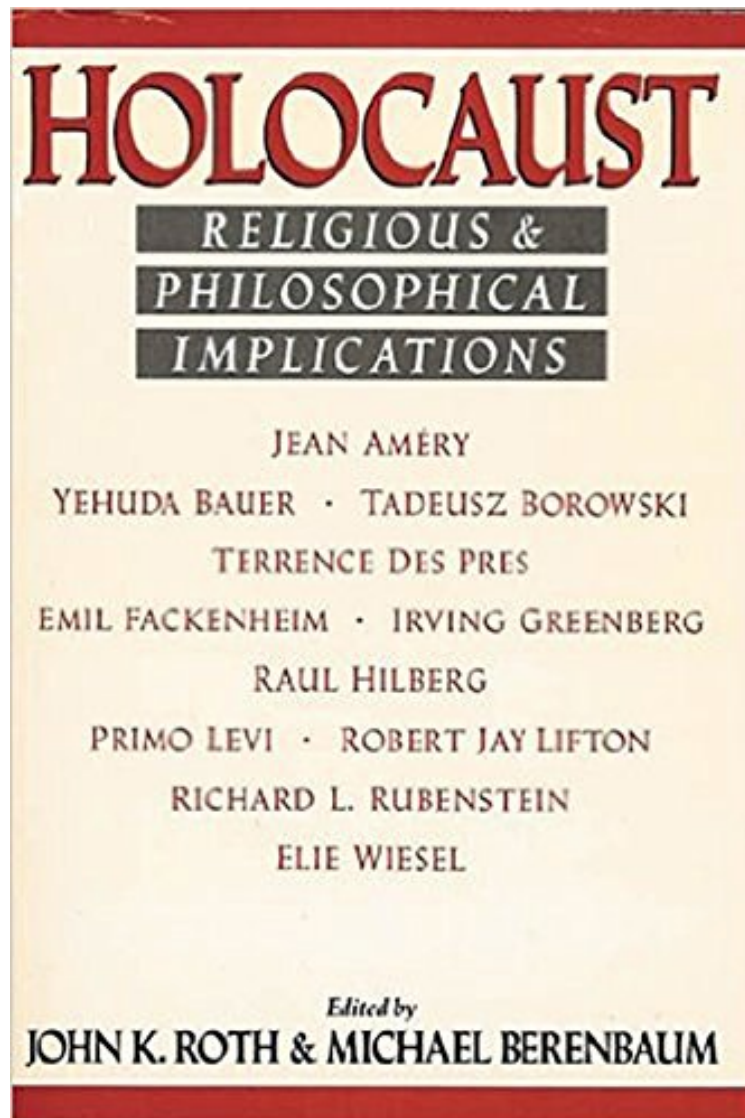


## Holocaust: Religious and Philosophical Implications

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published recently (I find those by Morgan and by Cohn-Sherbok to be quite excellent), this volume still deserves a prominent place on the bookshelf of anyone even \*remotely\* concerned with the implications of the Holocaust. Every selection in this book is excellent, and worth reading more than once--\*every\* selection. There is not a single dud among them. Most are exceedingly insightful; and many deserve to be considered among the seminal pieces of Holocaust studies. Nearly every one of the most influential Holocaust scholars is present: we are treated to selections from Wiesel, Dawidowicz, Hilberg, Bauer, DesPres, Fackenheim, Rubenstein, Levi, Amery, Lifton, and Langer. This really is, without hyperbole, the "best of the best" collection on Holocaust studies: the best and most influential pieces by the best and most influential scholars. Because of the high quality of this collection, people with a very diverse range of interests (history, philosophy, religion, politics) will find much of interest and many insightful ideas in this collection. This collection is so outstanding that, to be honest, I am surprised that no reviewer has sung its praises here yet. If you are at all interested in the Holocaust and how to make sense of things afterward, this collection will not be the only one you will want to buy, but you shouldn't hesitate for even a single moment about getting this one. By the exploding development of Holocaust studies, this collection may be an oldie, but it's still a goodie, and promises to be for a long, long time. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. profoundly sad. A very meaningful By Alex Smith Deeply moving, profoundly sad. A very meaningful collection 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Wrangler excellent readings

Holocaust: Religious and Philosophical Implications is an anthology specifically designed for use as a textbook for courses on the Holocaust in universities and adult study groups. It is a compilation of what are now "classic" pieces in the voluminous literature on the Holocaust - pieces by Raul Hilberg, Hannah Arendt, Primo Levi, George Steiner, Richard Rubenstein and Irving Greenberg - all organized around what the editors have found to be the most often asked questions by their students: (1) Is the Holocaust unique? (2) What really happened in the ghettos and death camps? (3) Who knew what was going on? (4) How could people do the things they did? (5) What about God? Governed by the thesis that the Holocaust left fundamental questions, Holocaust: Religious and Philosophical Implications, in addition to being organized around the five themes identified above, addresses the multiple implications of complexities such as resistance during the Holocaust, and Jewish and Christian identity after Auschwitz.

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