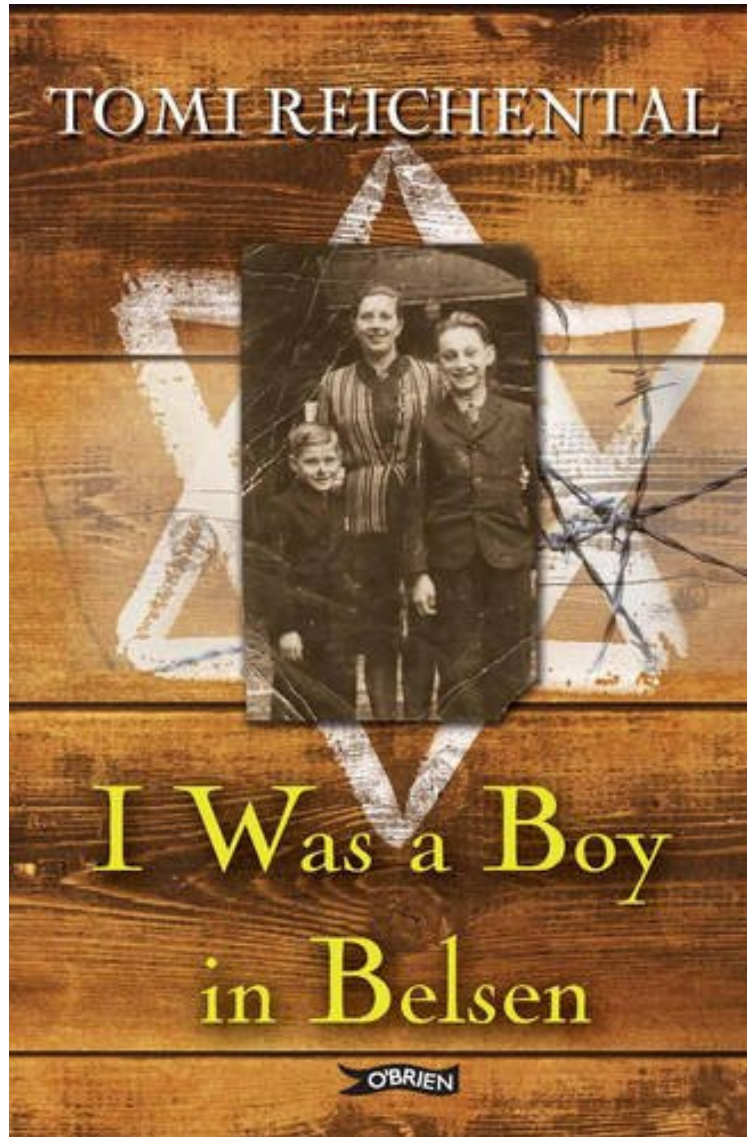


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Enthralling account of life during WWIIBy Andrea DoyleA real page-turner as you read with baited breath to see what becomes of this boy and his family. You read how his life changes from being happy and content; to being utterly turned upside down. The book gives an insight into the horror and pain inflicted on millions of innocent people by the Nazis. Very well written and highly recommended. Thank you

for sharing your story Tomi. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I was a boy. By Jill Rodi I found it it has been everything in a book. Not really known the extent of the concentration camps the descriptions were horrific and on many occasions brought tears to my eyes. It was very descriptive and you could actually feel that you were leading their lives. The cruelty, starvation and the extreme conditions that the people endured, those that survived must have been made of steel! I think that a story like this definitely needed to be told! I was absolutely drawn to the book and couldn't wait to get back to reading it! I would like to see the film! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Interesting as well as shocking. By Manisha Mukherjee I have almost saturated myself with different books on Holocaust memoirs. Still I find this book very interesting, written in an extremely honest and authentic way. One has to feel the content of this type of books, and one can never express that feeling in full. I am sad, I am depressed, at the same time I am relieved and happy that (hopefully) there will never ever be a Holocaust to this extent. I strongly feel for the people who suffered and murdered in a brutal way as narrated in this book. I recommended this book to everyone who are interested in Holocaust.

Tomi Reichenthal's idyllic childhood in rural Slovakia was cut short at the age of nine in October 1944 when he was rounded up by the Gestapo after his country's government was taken over by Fascists. Along with twelve other members of his family he was taken to a detention camp where the elusive Nazi War Criminal Alois Brunner had the power of life and death. Tomi lost thirty-five members of his family in the Holocaust, and gives his account of being imprisoned as a child at Belsen concentration camp, as well as the post-war scramble to find a new home and a career. His story is a story of the past. It is also an important story for our times. With black white plates.

Reichenthal's extraordinary story has been well told in [I Was A Boy in Belsen] -- Irish Times, Irishman's Diary interesting and inspiring -- Pat Kenny show RTE Radio 1 A disturbing tale of survival -- Sunday Business Post a very likeable book -- Books Ireland Books like this need to be read -- Evening Herald I Was a Boy in Belsen shakes the reader to the core with its candid account of genocide, but the testimony is also about learning to rebuild and face each day anew. Highly recommended. -- Midwest Book About the Author Tomi Reichenthal was born in 1935 in Slovakia. He was sent to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1944. Tomi has lived in Dublin since 1959 and regularly talks to Irish schools about his wartime experiences. A documentary about Tomi's attempts to meet one of his jailers, Close to Evil, has been shown on TV and in cinemas throughout the world, and helped again to raise the profile of the Holocaust. Tallaght-born Nicola Pierce is a writer, living in Drogheda.