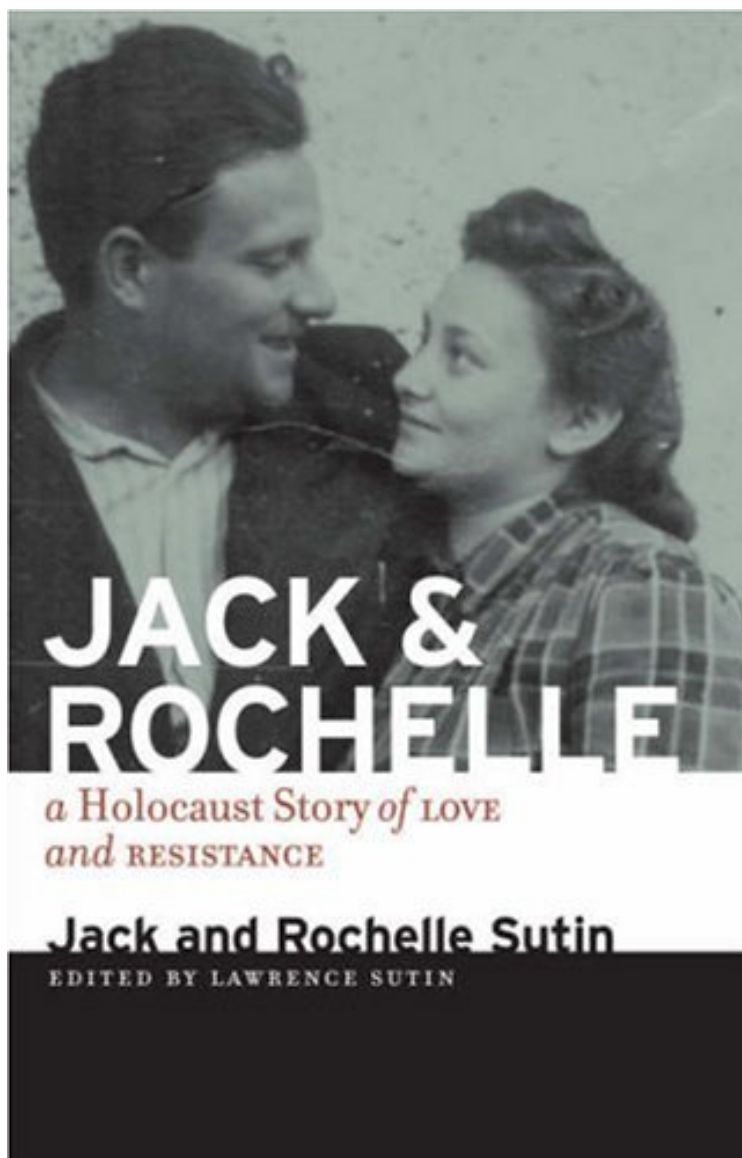


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Jack Sutin, Rochelle Sutin : Jack and Rochelle: A Holocaust Story of Love and Resistance before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Jack and Rochelle: A Holocaust Story of Love and Resistance:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Extremely interestingBy SharonGave me a better understanding of the war and the politics. I knew of the horror, but never new about the Jewish partisans hiding in the forest. It is

amazing what they suffered through and how they managed to avoid capture and stay alive. I liked that it was told in both Jack's voice and Rochelle's separately. I found the final chapter by their son hard to follow though. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Jack and Rochelle: A Holocaust Story of Love and Resistance By Libby Found every word written an experience I seem to crave as a learning of real experience during this time in history. As a young adult I was in Europe for a few years and traveled to Poland to Warsaw to a couple of the congregation camps being maintained as a reminder of Hitler's regime. I found during the reading of this wanting to help to do anything to help. I can only help by hoping to do what I can to see that this again never happens. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Amazing Story of Love and Survival By aslan50macA must-read for all students of history. My dad was in the Navy during WWII. My mother said there were rumors of what was happening to the Jews but no one could believe it at the time. It is difficult to comprehend the harshness of the years this couple spent fleeing from those who would kill them simply for being Jewish. It did seem that God's hand was on them especially with the dream given to Jack that Rochelle would come to him in the woods, and in protecting them from certain death time and time again. This is a well-written book, sparing little detail of the atrocities and unimaginable living conditions of their life on the run. It's a happy ending to the story, how they are allowed to come to the states, start a business and have a happy life for the most part. The lost relatives are deeply missed especially when they see friends having older generations still with them, but they make the best of it creating their own close-knit family unit. It makes me wonder if in years to come we will hear similar stories from those escaping ISIS persecution around the world. While it is hard to read the details I highly recommend this book.

"A story of heroism and of touching romance in a time of fear and danger." USA Today There are two voices intertwined in the narrative: those of Jack and Rochelle. Now and then they interrupt each other. This is the way they have told these stories for the past fifty years: side by side, listening intently each to the other, at the ready to speak up lest a single detail be lost. These stories are their lives the testament of their survival and their love for each other. from the Preface by Lawrence Sutin In this gripping memoir, Jack and Rochelle Sutin recount their struggle to survive the Holocaust as part of a band of partisans in the forests of Poland. Told through their son Lawrence, the book brings alive the reality of months spent hidden in a dank underground bunker unaware of the outside world. Jack and Rochelle is more than just an account of stark survival, however. It is also the tale of an almost impossible love affair that has lasted more than fifty years, and an eloquent reminder that history is made up of the often deeply moving details of individual lives.

From Publishers Weekly Sutin (Divine Invasions: A Life of Philip K. Dick) crafted this Holocaust account from a series of interviews he conducted with his parents. Narrating alternately, Jack and Rochelle vividly describe how they, as Polish Jews, fled separately in 1942 from their respective ghettos, where they had been relocated by the Germans. Each hid in the woods; and, after harrowing encounters with anti-Semitic escaping Russian soldiers, Rochelle joined Jack's group of Jewish partisans. Although mere acquaintances before the outbreak of war, Jack and Rochelle became lovers and together fought in the resistance movement, enduring near-starvation, disease and the constant threat of capture by Germans and Poles. After the war, the Sutins married and emigrated to the U.S. An unsentimental and informative story. Photos not seen by PW. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Jack and Rochelle Sutin take turns narrating their harrowing story of the Holocaust, edited by their son, Larry, the author of Divine Invasions: The Life of Philip K. Dick. The couple first met briefly at a school dance in Stolpce, Poland, and then again in the winter of 1942-43 in a woods after making separate escapes from Nazi ghetto labor camps. In the woods they joined a Jewish partisan group, lived in inhuman conditions, and fell in love. German troops, Polish police, and Russian partisans--who hated the Jews--all made their survival arduous. In the summer of 1943, they joined a much larger partisan group (about 300 fellow Jews), and that August the Germans sent 20,000 troops into the forest to put down the resistance. Jack and Rochelle escaped into the swamps and were eventually liberated by Russian forces. The story has a happy ending; the Sutins were married and in 1949 emigrated to the U.S. George Cohen Faithful inclusiveness, combined with a depth of feeling never minimized and never paraded, makes this strong, honest, affecting book a valuable addition to Holocaust literature. The New York Times Book