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Simon Wiesenthal

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Simon Wiesenthal : The Sunflower before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Sunflower:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Like most of those who respondedBy ShmerelInteresting book but I think the focus was slightly misplaced. Like most of those who responded, I agree, that obviously Simon can not forgive Carl for an act of murder done to a third party. But there is another element here and that is repentance for it's own sake. Simon remains silent despite his assumption of the sincerity of Carl's regrets because he can not forgive him. I feel the correct answer would have been "I can not forgive you for what you did to someone else but use your remaining time alive to repent your actions and hopefully you will be forgiven in the next world"No matter how evil someone was,if they express sincere regret even if that regret will not undo anything, nor will it fully atone for them,nonetheless their repentance is to be encouraged1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Interesting Quandary - what would you do?By Heidi G.This is more like 2 books in one. The first is the story and the second is responses from scholars, religious leaders, and country leaders on what they would do or what they believe. Its a difficult question with no right answer.Since I've never been in that situation its hard to know what I would do, I probably would do just what he did, although it would haunt me. Its hard to forgive, even harder when the person has committed such heinous acts of cruelty. But if we don't forgive, if we reduce "them" to a subhuman category because of their behavior are we any better than they are? I'm not saying I could do it, but it does give me pause.It reminds me of the Amish parents who forgave the man who shot up an Amish school house. How do you forgive someone who just murdered your child? I don't know. Having compassion for people no matter what is something that is difficult to

achieve. I do agree with most of the scholars though when they say you may be able to forgive but never ever forget. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Thought provoking By schoolmarm [The Sunflower : On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness] by [Simon Wiesenthal] was a simply tender and thought provoking book. Simon Wiesenthal (famous Nazi-hunter) spent time in Auschwitz and Mauthausen before being liberated. While at Auschwitz he was sent to the hospital bed of a young, dying SS officer. This officer asked Wiesenthal to forgive him, although they personally had no contact with each other. The SS officer needed to be forgiven before he died. Wiesenthal did not forgive him, by keeping his silence. This young, 22 year old SS officer also gave Wiesenthal his mother's address and wanted him to tell his mother that he loved her. This always haunted Wiesenthal and years later he writes about it. Was it his place to forgive this Nazi for all Jewry? Did he have the authority or the right to do so? He visited the mother 4 years after the war and again, kept silent when the mother said, "He (SS officer) was such a good son." Again, Wiesenthal has pangs of conscience. The answer is never resolved. The second half of the book are the opinions of theologians and other philosophers on what they would have done in Wiesenthal's situation. Very interesting reading.

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