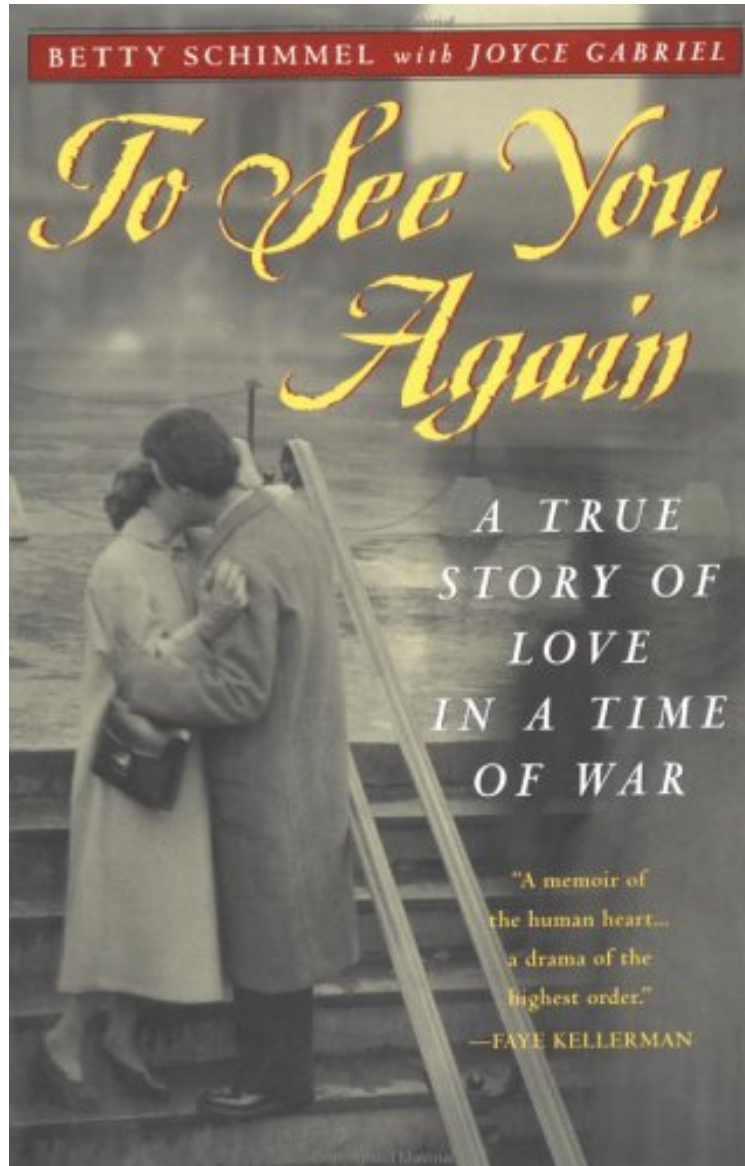


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recommend this book to everyone I know. Poor Betty--losing her father distant relatives in the Holocaust, surviving it herself, losing Richie, marrying Otto, starting a new life in America, then finding out that Otto had known since 1950 that Richie was alive had been searching for her. Hollywood should definitely make a movie of Betty's story, it's that intriguing. I was glad to see that she had some "closure" and found happiness with Otto. Betty her son, Robert both died in 2010 (he was in a car accident).0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I loved this bookBy candice forshawI loved this book...it took a little while to pick up but once it did, the pages in the book seemed to turn way to fast and soon enough the book was over. This book left me feeling like there was a void in my heart... a must read...it's a true story of love and war!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. To See You Again: Purchased at .comBy depI can't get over this book, I read it in one day. Never have I read a book like this, it just captivated me. The authors mother was just fanatastic keeping her family together while being forced to walk to a concentration camp, and then making sure they survived the time in camp. At first I felt bad when the author married a man she really didn't seem to love, but after seeing how she treated him during almost 30 years of marriage I felt rather angry at her. On the other hand, how hard it must be to lose your first love and never know if he survived the war. In the end I was very glad she stayed with her husband. I think so many of the problems with the author and her husband was the fact that they never really dealt with living through the Holocaust and were both keeping big secrets from each other. I'm so very glad I got to read this book.

"A memoir of the human heart . . . a drama of the highest order as well as an important document of twentieth-century history."--Faye KellermanBetty Markowitz and Richie Kovacs fell in love as teenagers in Budapest amid the terror and uncertainty of a world at war. They planned their future together, secure in the belief that their love could survive anything, even Hitler. Then, in March 1944, the Germans invaded Hungary.Here is the moving and dramatic account of one woman's courage in the face of war, and of a love that spanned three decades. From the agony of separation to the horrors of a concentration camp, from her marriage to Otto Schimmel, an Auschwitz survivor who promised her a new life in America, through the joy and struggle of raising a family, Betty never forgot her first love. Then, in 1975, she returned to Budapest and saw someone across a crowded room . . . To See You Again is Betty Schimmel's wrenching memoir of survival and sacrifice, of love lost and love found. A true story that unfolds with all the suspense of a novel, it is one that will not soon be forgotten.

From Publishers WeeklyRecounting how she fled from the German invasion of Czechoslovakia with her immediate family to Hungary, where she met her first love, Richie Kovacs, in 1939, Schimmel offers a somewhat uneasy combination of teenage love story and Holocaust testament. As teenagers, the pair vowed to remain eternally true. But as Jews, they were forced to endure the pain of separation when Schimmel, her mother, brother and sister were marched to the Mauthausen death camp in 1944 (her father had disappeared earlier on a refugee-smuggling mission, never to be heard from again). Against all odds, the family survived the winter and were liberated by American troops in 1945. While living in a displaced person's camp, Schimmel found Kovac's name on a list of the dead. She subsequently met and married Otto Schimmel, an Auschwitz survivor, although she warned him she could not fully return his love. The Schimmels and Betty's mother moved to America, but in her prosperous new life Betty never forgot her first love. She returned to Budapest with her daughter in 1975 and, in a hotel dining room, miraculously recognized Richie. Their emotional reunion was like a dream come true, but in the end, Betty chose to return home to Otto. Schimmel's testament as a Holocaust survivor is simply told and affecting, but the breathless passages describing her teenage love affair may alienate readers who suspect that her 50-year obsession more likely stems from nostalgia for the charmed, lost world of pre-Hitler Europe than from any connection with a man she knew half a century ago. Photos not seen by PW. Agent, David Hendin; BOMC selection. (Oct.) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.From Library JournalAs recounted in this gripping memoir, Schimmel left an idyllic childhood in rural Czechoslovakia to move with her family to Hungary, where World War II overshadowed her first great romance. (Thirty years later, she returned to Budapest to find her old love.) After Betty's father disappeared while helping refugees in North Africa, her mother struggled to raise three children as they were forced from their home into the crowded ghetto in occupied Budapest. The family then endured a grim march across Hungary (in winter) to the Mauthausen, Austria, concentration campAfrom which they were finally liberated in 1945. The extraordinary coincidences that forced Betty to confront her past make this true story of her family's miraculous survival and subsequent adaptation to a new life in North America all the more riveting. Highly recommended for all collections.AKim Baxter, New Jersey Inst. of Technology, Newark Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.From Kirkus sProbably the only obsessively romantic Holocaust memoir ever written. Her nickname was Baby, and she had the time of her life, but this Jewish teenager had the love of her life with rich, handsome Richie Kovacs in prewar Budapest. Schimmel (active in Jewish womens groups and Holocaust survivor organizations), assisted by coauthor Gabriel (a former Newsday editor), effectively uses evocative description throughout, including scenes of the lovers courtship in fascist Hungary as sunset falls over the Danube: ``the sky itself was slashed with vivid arcs of fuchsia, purple and gold, a last flash of brilliance before night fell. The night of wartime dislocations, crowded and

starving ghettos, a long, freezing death march (during which Eichmann ``came by many times in his car"), and the deadly depravity of Mauthausen camp fell between the lovers. Before their separation, Baby repeatedly broke curfew and risked death so they could kiss in Richie's boat, boathouse, and on the Danube bridge, where a lovers' heart was carved in bronze. Baby was ready to go all the way, although several pregnant women were later shot. This recklessness enrages Baby's widowed mother, a diminutive giant of stoic responsibility and spiritual strength who makes her daughter seem comparatively vain and dreamy. Despite typhoid and unspeakable horrors, Baby survives to liberation, thanks to her mother's strength and her love-fueled hopes. Her search finds only a record of a dead Richard Kovacs. She is then pushed into a loveless marriage and new home in America. Thirty-one years and three children later, Baby visits the scene of her ever-mourned love, and, not far from their carved lovers heart, is . . . but, for the first time in this genre, there is plot to not give away. (8 pages bw photos) (Book-of-the-Month Club selection) --
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