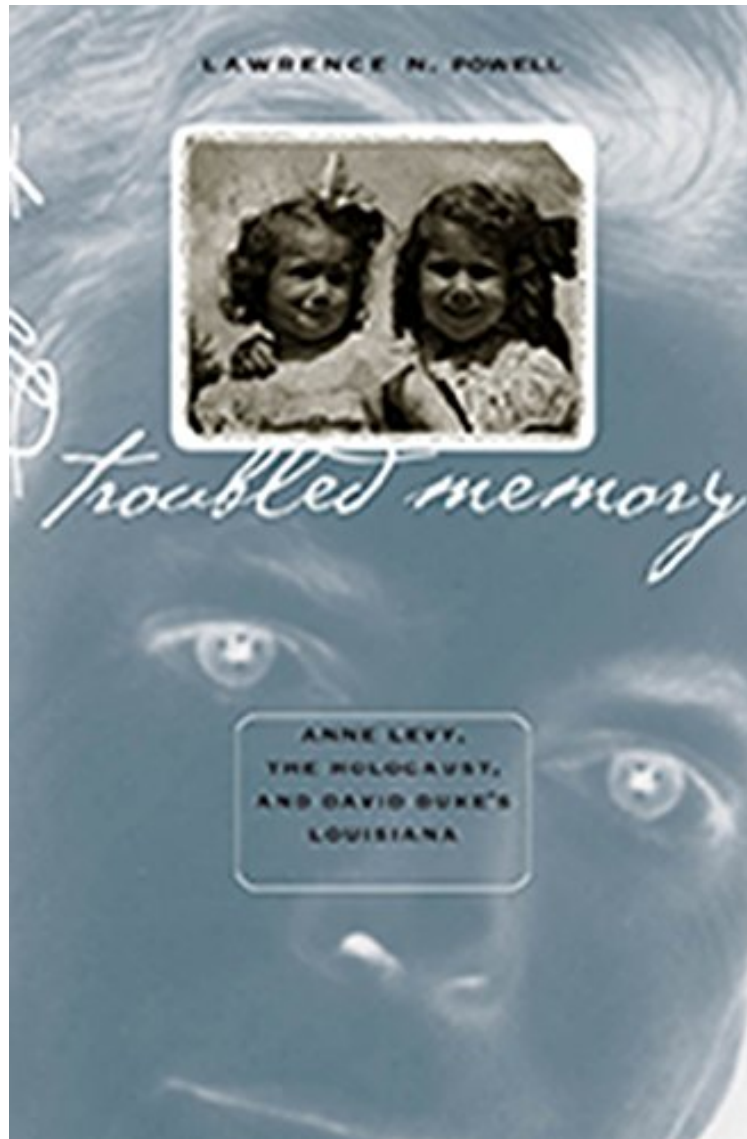


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This powerful work tells the story of Anne Skorecki Levy, the Holocaust survivor who transformed the horrors of her childhood into a passionate mission to defeat the political menace of reputed neo-Nazi and Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke. The first book to connect the prewar and wartime experiences of Jewish survivors to the lives they subsequently made for themselves in the United States, *Troubled Memory* is also a dramatic testament to how the experiences of survivors as new Americans spurred their willingness to bear witness. Perhaps the only family to survive the liquidation of the Warsaw Ghetto as a group, the Skoreckis evaded deportation to Treblinka, by posing as Aryans and ultimately made their way to New Orleans, where they became part of a vibrant Jewish community. Lawrence Powell traces the family's dramatic odyssey and explores the events that eventually triggered Anne Skorecki Levy's brave decision to honor the suffering of the past by confronting the recurring specter of racist hatred. Breaking decades of silence, she played a direct role in the unmasking and defeat of Duke during his 1991 campaign for the governorship of Louisiana.

From Booklist When Anne Skorecki Levy, a Polish Holocaust survivor, walked into a Holocaust exhibition in the Louisiana state capitol building in June 1989 and saw David Duke--former Klansman, neo-Nazi, Holocaust revisionist, and recently-elected state legislator--she became enraged enough to confront him, thus launching a grassroots movement that crushed Duke's political career. Now historian Powell presents the Skorecki family's harrowing story in its entirety. Drawing on Anne's mother's memoir and other primary sources, he chronicles the horrors of the Lodz and Warsaw Ghettos, and ponders the Skoreckis' luck and resourcefulness. Anne's parents held on to their jobs, but she and her sister had to hide all day in a vegetable bin. Eventually, and at great risk, they reentered mainstream society by passing as Polish Catholics until they emigrated to New Orleans, where, to their shock and dismay, they were confronted yet again with rabid anti-Semitism. A brief but effective profile of Duke stands in stark contrast to Levy's deeply moving story, infusing Powell's dramatic and insightful account with its compelling energy. Donna Seaman Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved An inspiring story about standing up against evil. ("Journal of American History") A harrowing book. Combines the sweep of history with the intimacy of memoir. ("Chicago Tribune") Powell tells this tale with wonderful narrative grace and moral force. He deftly explores ethical compromises and nuances. (Walter Isaacson, "Time") Brilliant. Even readers who are knowledgeable about the Holocaust should be warned: "Troubled Memory" has the power to sting. ("American Jewish History") A vivid story. Powell has succeeded in capturing a fascinating slice of American history along with providing a vivid portrait of how racist demagogues can succeed if alert citizens and watchdog groups remain silent. ("Jewish Book World") [A] harrowing book. Combines the sweep of history with the intimacy of memoir. ("Chicago Tribune") [Powell] tells this tale with wonderful narrative grace and moral force. He deftly explores ethical compromises and nuances. (Walter Isaacson, "Time") [A] vivid story. [Powell] has succeeded in capturing a fascinating slice of American history along with providing a vivid portrait of how racist demagogues can succeed if alert citizens and watchdog groups remain silent. ("Jewish Book World") A powerful, harrowing account. . . . By the time one has finished this detailed account, the searing reality of the Holocaust as it affected one family is undeniable. At one level, *Troubled Memory* reads like a gripping novel of family survival against impossible odds, with heroes, villains, clever escapes and ruses. . . . Powell engages the reader in the intricate details of survival to help us understand how high the cost of survival was, and how precious and important it is to preserve its memory.--New Orleans Times-Picayune A fascinating convergence of history and the author's own years of activism and thought. . . . [Powell] describes the complex psychology of the survivor, the necessity of recovering lost memory and the accompanying difficulty of that process.--New Orleans Times-Picayune *Troubled Memory* is the riveting story of a not particularly famous woman, Anne Levy, and the ways history shaped her life. . . . [It] is a good example of a piece of writing that proves that 'history matters.' . . . A fine piece of historical scholarship on both Poland and the United States and on the larger context of Jewish history. . . . A story of an American hero Worthwhile reading for anyone interested in using personal history to analyze larger events, *Troubled Memory* is also an inspiring story about standing up against evil.--Journal of American History Compelling. . . . Superb. . . . Powell mediates on the behaviour of survivors burdened with traumatic memories, considering the ways in which they have confronted their pasts and the consequences of repressing them. . . . Successfully ties the story of one family to the need for vigilance against the likes of Duke.--Journal of American Studies I have read a goodly part of *Troubled Memory* with fear. Powell has done a great job of presenting the unusual if not unique case of Anne Levy with David Duke. His writing captures the essence. A really wonderful work.--Stephen E. Ambrose, author of *Americans at War* A formidable scholarly and narrative achievement. . . . Wondrous proof of the transferability of historical skills. . . . [Powell's] retelling is brilliant. . . . Even readers who are knowledgeable about the Holocaust should be warned: *Troubled Memory* has the power to sting.--American Jewish

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