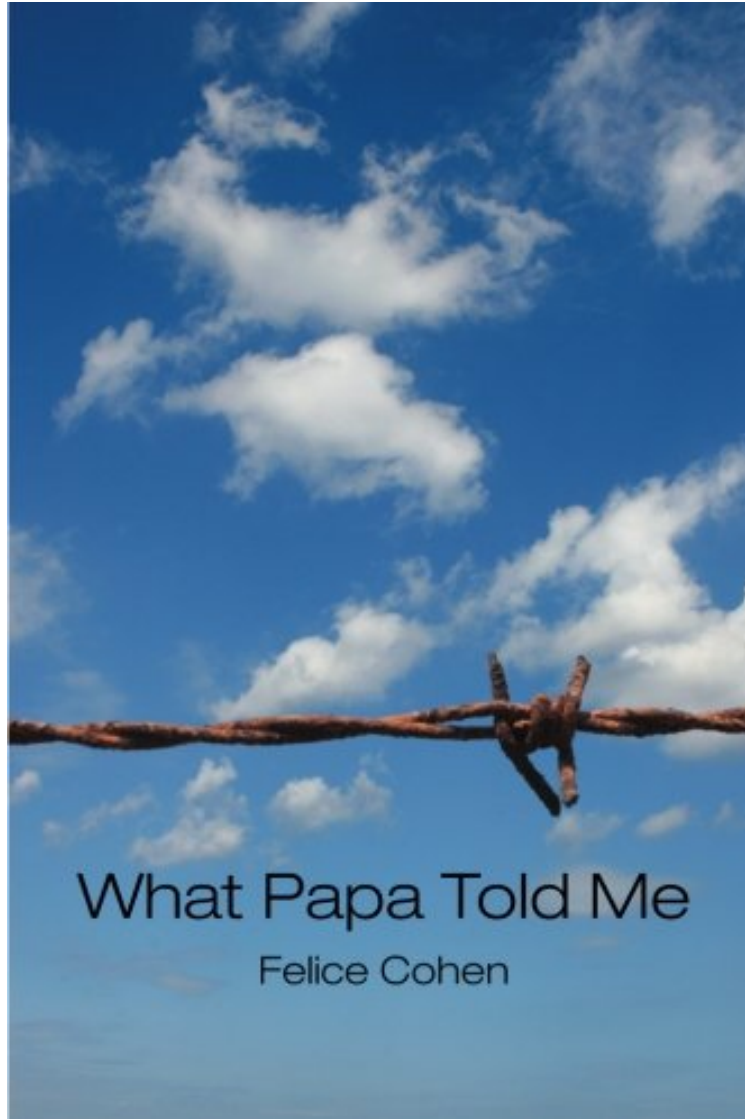


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47 of 47 people found the following review helpful. Great Read!!!!By MomThanks for the tears and the memories. This was an incredible book told from a true survivor and his family. I fell in love with Papa, and his courage and the continual sadness of working so hard and getting cheated by so many people. I can't believe you talked with a group of

survivors...that alone would be a memory of a lifetime. I am so proud of you and your family. This book will remain in your family for years. I am glad Papa had a chance to tell us all. Tell Papa thanks for sharing a history that we should all be aware of. Also, what a great person he truly is. Sounds like he REALLY cared about his family and still does.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A much needed reality check!By bruce kahnIt was wonderful and at times heart wrenching. I grew up with similar family and friends. It truly touched me bringing me to tears at times. Ms. Cohen was a conduit to a time of pain and suffering of my Jewish people. I'm 63 now and remember my grandparents speaking of the horrors and cruelties that had occurred in their not too distant past. You could hear it in their voices but more so when looking into their eyes, their souls. Thank you for a much needed insight.So what's next Felice?1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This book is an important treasure, excellent in every way.By Mandy G.I've read many, many books about the Holocaust and thought I had read all of the inhumane ways the prisoners were abused, but I was surprised to learn of several more ways that the Nazis in charge of the concentration camps exhibited their vile, evil, wretched, sociopathic disregard for life. Papa was a saint to have been able to maintain his determination to survive the camps and all the additional tragedies in his life. He chose to relive the horrors in order to share his experiences and his ultimate triumph over evil. His story is a precious gift to all people so that what he and millions of others experienced will be a poignant history lesson that must never be repeated. This book is a treasure.

What Papa Told Me is the story of Murray, a young Jewish boy from Poland whose courage and sheer will to live helped him survive eight different labor and concentration camps in the Holocaust, start a new life in America, and keep a family intact in the aftermath of his wife's suicide - one of the Nazis' last victims.

"Children and grandchildren of survivors also have their stories to tell. As is this one. All are poignant, just as they all are important to the understanding of the Event and its human implications and consequences." -Elie Wiesel, author of *Night*"This is the Holocaust testimony of Murray Schwartzbaum, from Szczekociny, Poland, as told to his granddaughter, Felice Cohen. While many such stories are told in the first-person with the help of a family member, Cohen also includes pieces of her conversation with her grandfather, opening the dialogue with the third-generation, a topic not always incorporated into Holocaust testimonies. This touching and heart wrenching story begins when Murray is a child, born in 1921, to a traditional Jewish family. Owners of a family-run lumber company, he has fond memories of his sisters and brother and the "normal" life that they all shared. When the Nazis invaded Poland, Murray's brother escaped to the Soviet Union, while the rest of the family tried to move to Bedzin but quickly learned of the killings of Jews and chose to return to their home. Murray lived most of the war in a series of slave labor camps, eventually being transported to Bergen-Belsen where he found his sister Cecia and learned of the tragic fates of the rest of their family. With his sister's help, Murray survived and together they were liberated by the American army in 1945. They each married a Holocaust survivor and began rebuilding their lives. But the story does not end there. Cohen asks her grandfather about her grandparents' move to the United States and the hardships they faced as Holocaust survivors. Both Murray and his wife Fela were deeply traumatized by what had occurred during the six years of the Nazi occupation. Murray recalled those difficult years and yet the story concludes in an inspiring and uplifting manner, and he explains to Felice the legacy that he has left for her, his other grandchildren, and future generations. This book can be graphic, exposing the horrors of the Nazi atrocities. Teachers should use their discretion when using this with middle-school students, though there is much to be learned from the story. It is written in an easy-to-understand style and tells the story of people their age who lived in an unfortunately devastating time. Perhaps one of the biggest reasons to use this with students is its emphasis on talking to grandparents, listening to their stories, and retelling them." - Yad Vashem, The World Holocaust Remembrance Center