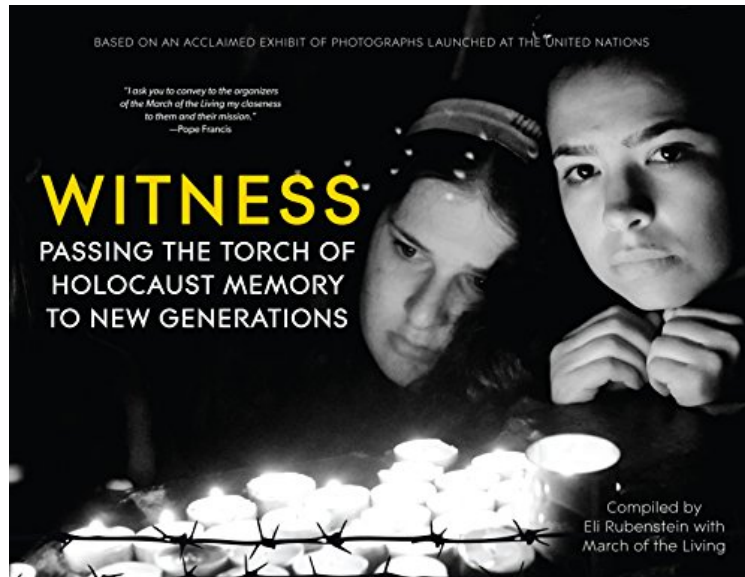


Witness: Passing the Torch of Holocaust Memory to New Generations

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From Second Story Press : Witness: Passing the Torch of Holocaust Memory to New Generations before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Witness: Passing the Torch of Holocaust Memory to New Generations:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. "We do know how to respond [to the memory of the Holocaust]. The answers resound in the pages of this book"By STEPHEN PLETKOXXXXDombrowa, July 22, 1943My Dear Sister and Brother-in-Law,I am writing this letter to you during the last days of my life. We are expecting [our demise] any timeI dont believe even a miracle can help us now. My little sonand I are the last sacrificial victimsThe only thing that makes it easier on my heart is knowing that [my eight year old daughter] will be savedIt is not our fault. We are innocent, our future is lost and it cannot be changedIt breaks my heart to have to write this letter to you, but you must know what happened to your family and how they disappeared. I am sorry to say that from the whole family, nobody is alive, we are the last. We are in danger and there is no possible way for us to live through thisI cannot write any moreThis is the last letter from me to you.The above are excerpts from an actual letter written by a Jewish female prisoner that appears in this unforgettable book compiled by Eli Rubenstein with March of the Living. Rubenstein has been involved with Holocaust education for almost three decades. March of the Living is an educational program that brings Holocaust survivors and young people (students) from around the world together to march from Auschwitz (concentration camp) to Birkenau (extermination camp) in memory of all Holocaust victims as well as to demonstrate solidarity against prejudice, intolerance, and hate.The purpose of this book is to keep the memory of the Holocaust or Shoah (1941 to 1945) alive.This book consists of photographs, archival photos, a map, survivor testimonies, poems, quotations, and text. It proceeds in a logical sequence and answers such questions as:(1) What happened? And to whom?(2) Where did the Holocaust take place? Who let it happen?(3) Who resisted?(4) Who survived?Lastly, the

students and survivors get together where the torch of Holocaust memory is passed on to a new generation. Survivors recount their Holocaust memories to students while students give survivors the emotional support they need to return to the sites where their family members perished. The students thus become witnesses to what happened. It is this new generation of witnesses that make a commitment. This book makes it clear that the Jews alone were not only persecuted. Other groups (such as Poles, Soviet POWs, and the disabled) met their fate during this morally fractured time. Finally, this is an interactive book where you can view on your smartphone or other device survivor testimony from the archives of the Shoah Foundation and March of the Living. In conclusion, this is an incredible book that, I'm sure, will help to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive!!! (First published 2015; note to the reader; introduction; 6 chapters; main narrative 115 pages; 2 appendices [not labelled as such]; acknowledgements and credits) XXXXX0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Never Forget By aron row This collection of photographs and stories chronicling the horrors of the rampant extermination on human life in the genocidal atrocities inflicted on the Jews and other populations during WW II serves as a memorial to those victims and the event itself. To maintain the memory and continue the struggle to prevent future occurrences, the Canadian organization March of the Living has sponsored visits for adults and students internationally to return to Poland and reexamine the concentration camps where the human degradation and butchery took place and to visit cemeteries where the remains are buried. Aged survivors mournfully recall their grief and the loss of family members. Along with photographs of the participants, the persecution in Poland by the Nazis and the containment sites visited, this chronicle also records the emotional reactions of the visitors to this experience in both moving poetical expressions and narrative accounts. The concentration and extermination camps infamously known as Auschwitz, Buchenwald, Treblinka, Mauthausen, Theresienstadt and too many others remain as reminders of man's inhumanity. Through this book and other memorials, it is hoped that the youth of this world will continue to fight against injustice and pursue the cause of peace. Place a stone on this book as a monument memory that must be preserved.

For 25 years, the March of the Living has organized visits for adults and students from all over the world to Poland, where millions of Jews were enslaved and murdered by Nazi Germany during WWII. The organization's goal is not only to remember and bear witness to the terrible events of the past, but also to look forward. They want to inspire participants to build a world free of oppression and intolerance, a world of freedom, democracy and justice for all members of the human family. Rooted in a touring exhibit launched at the United Nations, this book is a compilation of photographs and text that give firsthand accounts from the survivors who have participated in March of the Living programs, together with reactions and responses from the people, young students in particular, of many faiths and cultures worldwide who have traveled with the group over the years.

From School Library Journal Gr 6 Up With many extant works on the Holocaust, this book stands out for its firsthand accounts from survivors. As the subtitle indicates, this work attempts to connect Holocaust eyewitnesses with young people who are long-removed in time and place from the Shoah. Rubenstein's volume commemorates the 25-plus years of the March of the Living, a program that brings secondary students to Poland to visit Holocaust-related sites. Students march from Auschwitz to Birkenau on Holocaust Remembrance Day to honor the memory of Holocaust victims. Rubenstein has compiled moving comments from survivors and victims, March participants, and notables (Pope Francis, President Obama). The text and captions are generally clear (with some exceptions) and include prose and poem responses from the young marchers. The many photographs (both archival and contemporary) are compelling: individual faces help make the ungraspable numbers personal. Some may find that the oblong format makes holding this heavy volume awkward. Important topics responsibility, resistance, prejudice (including quotas for refugees), and the basic goodness, or not, of humans are raised. VERDICT Recommended for most libraries. Patricia D. Lothrop, St. George's School, Newport, RI With many extant works on the Holocaust, this book stands out for its firsthand accounts from survivors... The many photographs (both archival and contemporary) are compelling: individual faces help make the ungraspable numbers personal... Recommended for most libraries. (School Library Journal 2015-10-01) Witness is a moving project, serving as both a memorial to those lost and a charge to not let such events repeat themselves. (Foreword s 2015-12-01) Witness is respectful of those who perished, those who survived and the young people who now bear witness to the memory of the Holocaust. It is sad in content, appropriately so, but ever so hopeful about our ability to be good and bring peace to our world. (The Huffington Post Canada 2015-10-30)... a remarkable volume that testifies to the power of remembrance, commemoration, and education. (Cosmopolitan 2016-01-31) With its many primary source artifacts, Witness is a great starting point for intermediate-level inquiry-based learning and a superb addition to school libraries... One might expect, given the unfathomable depravity of the Holocaust, an undertone of bitterness or even hatred in this text. Yet it is the absence of these sentiments that renders the book so powerful. The contemporary and archival photographs, poems and personal statements all underscore a central point: the power of mankind to respond, resist and reunite as one. (ETFO Voice 2016-03-18) Unlike conventional printed books, which contain information in the text and images on the pages themselves, almost all of the images of the Holocaust survivors in the book and some of the WWII liberators and Righteous Among the Nations

have a hidden QR code embedded in the page. (Gil Zohar The Jerusalem Post 2016-04-30) Witness is a courageous, eloquent and hopeful book. As the survivors near the horizon of their lives, they can rest assured that the torch of Holocaust memory has been successfully passed to a new generation, whose sincerity, idealism and commitment fill the pages of this uplifting and inspirational work. (Irwin Cotler National Post 2016-04-26)... well-written and emotionally provocative. [Witness] delivers on its promise and catalyzes thinking around one particular sentence from a 20-year-old's poem: No one survived the Holocaust. (AJL s) I ask you to convey to the organizers of the March of Living my closeness to them and their mission. All the efforts for fighting in favor of life are praiseworthy and have to be supported without any kind of discrimination. For this reason I am very close to these initiatives, that are not only against death but also against the thousands discriminatory phobias that enslave and kill. (His Holiness Pope Francis)