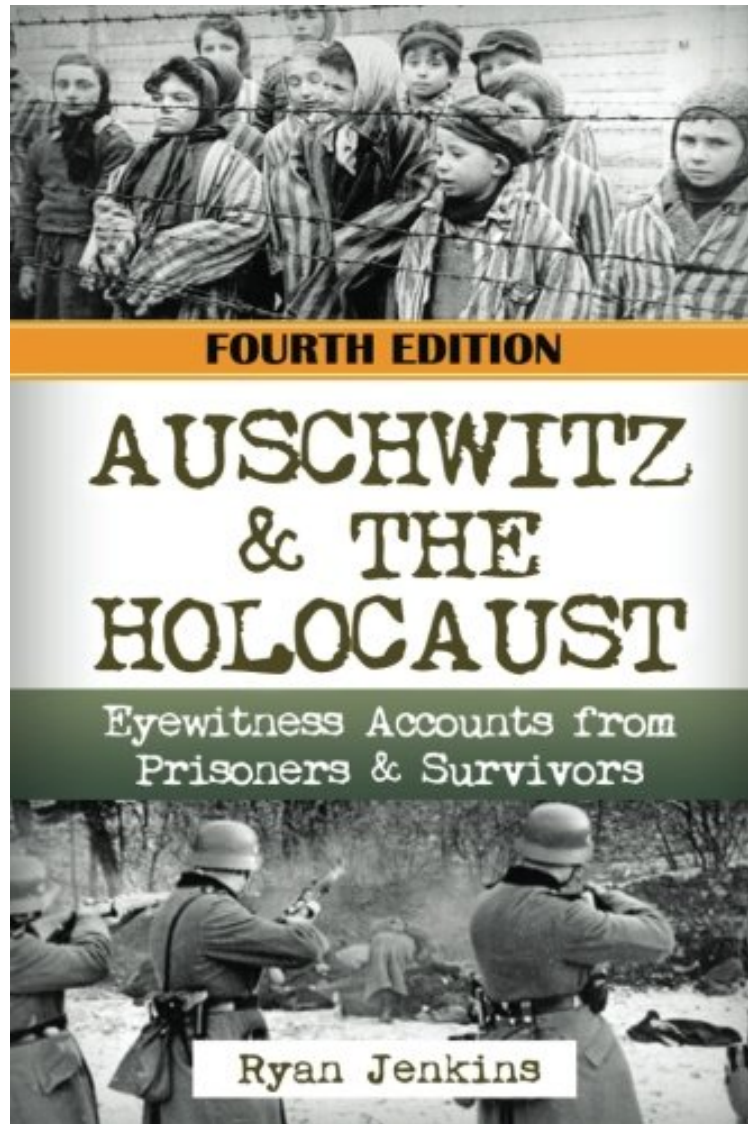


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Ryan Jenkins : Auschwitz The Holocaust: Eyewitness Accounts from Auschwitz Prisoners Survivors before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Auschwitz The Holocaust: Eyewitness Accounts from Auschwitz Prisoners Survivors:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Anyone familiar with the history of WWII should have easily noticed and rectified this errorBy DWillitsThis book has at least one serious error, perhaps more. At the end of "David

Mermelstein's" story (one of the eyewitness accounts), David is quoted as saying "...they were shouting that our former captors had apparently fled, leaving the gates of Auschwitz wide open..." Once I'd made it out through the gates, crawling painfully on my belly, I saw an American flag, mounted on a military vehicle..." Auschwitz was not liberated by American forces, but rather by Soviet forces. It is highly unlikely that Mr. Mermelstein saw an American flag considering that the nearest American forces were far to the west and had yet to cross the Rhine. An error of this magnitude calls into question all of the eyewitness accounts. Were they fabricated? Were they sensationalized? Were the memories of those involved compromised? Anyone familiar with the history of WWII should have easily noticed and rectified this error. Update: After completing the book I have concluded that it lacks the focus and detail implied by the title and does not significantly contribute to our understanding of Auschwitz in any way. The title led me to believe that the role of this camp in the Holocaust would be the major focus of the book. While some of the eyewitness reports did purport to come from Auschwitz survivors, a significant number were not (or did not appear to be) connected with Auschwitz in any meaningful way. Some of the information presented is even misleading to anyone needing or wanting detail. In addition to the error noted above, one of the eyewitnesses was reported to have been transferred out of Auschwitz to Weisswasser labor camp which the account said was liberated by the Allies in May of 1945. According to various sources available online, Weisswasser was a sub-camp of Gross-Rosen concentration camp. It was located in Germany on the German-Poland border. Those same sources indicate that Weisswasser was closed in February of 1945 and the occupants transferred to Neuengamme concentration camp (or one of its sub-camps) outside Hamburg. That camp was in fact liberated by the British in May of 1945, which of course corresponds to the liberation date of the account in question. The Holocaust was an immensely complicated and evil enterprise. No single book can do it justice but there is no excuse for any single book to gloss over details or provide confusing information. If you truly want to understand the horror of the Holocaust, you should look elsewhere for that understanding. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. The Holocaust was a terrible time and thousands upon thousands of people died. By Ashleigh Nolen I'm sure everyone's had to read Anne Frank's Diary in school so you must know of at least one eye witness account from the Holocaust before you buy this book. The Holocaust was a terrible time and thousands upon thousands of people died. When you get survivors from a mass homicide that's big enough to get it's own name, you should always listen to their stories, but finding the stories of those who didn't make it is an even greater honor to learn about. That's the first reason that I love this book. It starts off with the origins of the Holocaust so there's a good foundation for those who may not know much about World War 2 before it gets into the details of the eye witness accounts. There are only two of them, but they are very in depth, including one of the stories from a national hero of Poland. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Holocaust By Rachel Horon I have been expanding my knowledge of WWII this year by reading books depicting many accounts of the war and the prison camps. I have previously purchased Ryan Jenkins books and look forward to buying more. Although the write up is not absolutely outstanding, his books provide just enough material to get a nice overview about the topic. This is another good book and I like that the author provided such a detailed overview that did not bog the reader down. Of course it was heartbreaking to read about the camp and the methods of killing and cruelty. I salute those people who showed courage and bravery to face such inhumane cruel situation. This book also covers information about the origin of Auschwitz, Auschwitz I, Witold Pilecki and the Auschwitz-Birkenau. It also contained the account of Rudolf Hoss who was responsible for directing the camp and many of its tools of mass extermination. I will rate this book with 5 stars and I am looking forward to purchasing more books on history and WWII. Good read short, simple, and to the point.

Update: 4th Edition - With Even more Content The Holocaust was a tragic time in world history, and one name that is most closely associated with this era is that of Auschwitz: one of several concentration camps where unspeakable and inhumane acts were committed. In this companion volume to *The Holocaust: An Introduction*, you will go through a detailed account of the camp, its methods of killing and cruelty, and more. Buy your copy today to become educated in both the far reaches of evil in those responsible and the heights of bravery in those that survived. Here's a Preview of What You Will Learn * Origins of Auschwitz * Witold Pilecki * Auschwitz I * Auschwitz-Birkenau * First-hand accounts from the camps Comments From Other Readers If you read this author's book on the Holocaust, I would highly suggest making a purchase on this one. This goes into much more detail on one of the bigger aspects of that topic: perhaps the most famous concentration camp. Both Auschwitz I and Birkenau are covered here, with eyewitness accounts of what took place. There is no better way to learn than from the words of someone who was there. Melinda C. (Bedford, USA) It seems wrong to say that the eyewitness parts of the book makes one feel as if they have been in the person's shoes, because for things like this, no one but them can truly know what it was like. I will say, however, that such accounts give one a greater appreciation for the bravery of those poor souls. Lars O. (Cologne, Germany) You can read the facts about a tragedy or violent event and have a certain amount of detachment from it, but it is entirely another impact to read a personal account of such things. This book provides both a just the facts approach and an equally large volume of individual perspectives. That alone is worth the buy. Tom G. (Springfield, USA)

About the AuthorStudy history, study history. In history lies all the secrets of statecraft. - Winston Churchill By studying our past, we are able to better understand our future. History happened for a reason, and its our job to identify and fascinate ourselves with our past successes and failures. This is the creed that Ryan Jenkins follows. Ryan Jenkins is an advocate learner and experienced historian. He has mainly focused his studies on the events and stories of World War 2. Ryan has spent years in the field conducting intensive research, and personally uncovering relics from the past. He enjoys exploring into historical matters himself, which includes combing through past battlefields, or interviewing other well-known historians. In his books, Ryan provides in-depth, factual historical stories that are both consuming and gripping. Unlike long drawn, boring historical reads, Ryans content focuses on hitting key points, while keeping it entertaining and enjoyable. Whether you are researching for a history project or looking to learn more about past events, Ryans books will suck you in from page one. When not writing, Ryan enjoys the company of his family and exploring unique areas in the world.