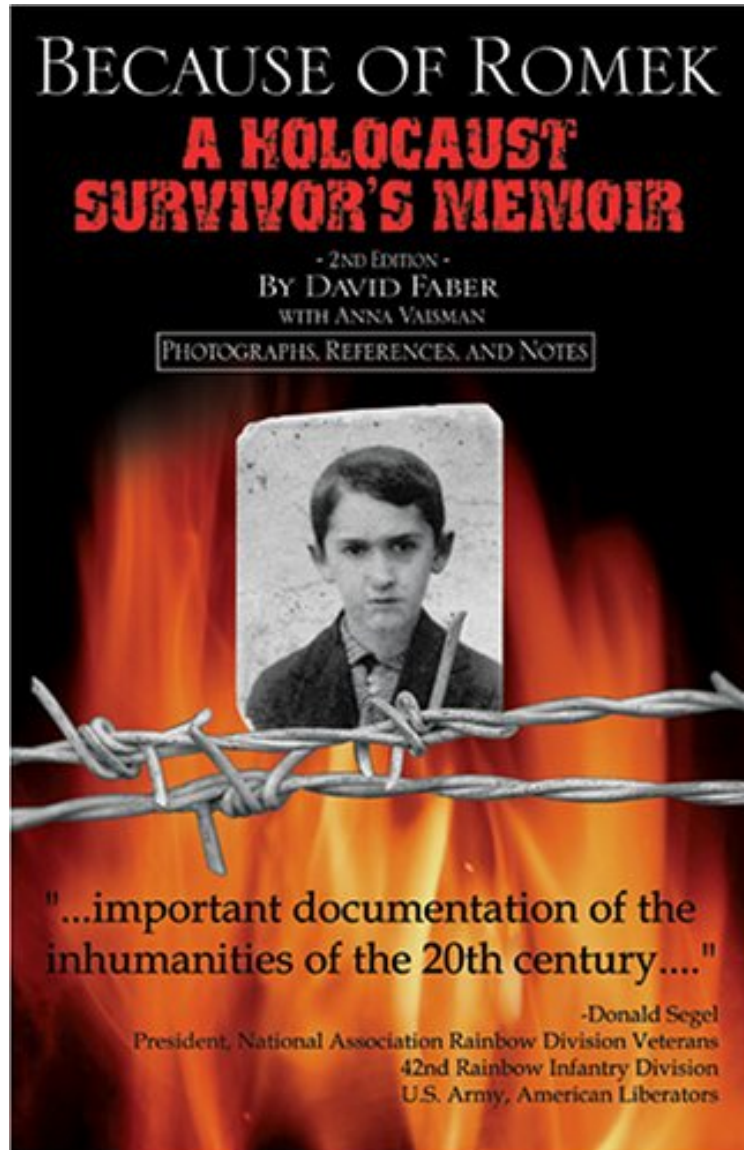


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matches Hoess's in startling detail. His determination to resist victimhood steels his resolve to survive, and his story is also laced with vignettes of those who offered kindness in the midst of the hellish nightmare. Faber is such a model for today's youth! I agree that this would make excellent supplemental reading for high school history students. I work in secondary ed. and recommend "Because of Romek". 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. They are so horrible that I keep reading about that experience for those ...By G. M. Gore This book was very interesting. It is filled with episodes of living through the Holocaust. I have read many books on this subject. They are so horrible that I keep reading about that experience for those who survived and they never get any better. I admire their ability to put these horrors in print so hopefully this will never happen again. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A near impossible story of survival By Joel D. Weber I have read many books on WWII, and this one fills-in still more gaps and details missing for anyone who has not personally "been there" (like me). This book reads indeed like a personal memoir, and seems with each passing page to add another layer of history and, of repeated events. One can almost begin to feel the numbing and dulling effects of observing up close, daily murder, suffering disease. The days and months seem at once to pass overnight and also to evidence the immense weight born daily, by those who felt every minute, every breath of it. As readers we come close to feeling the routines repeated as a new Camp is entered, as "rows of five" are made and senseless beatings and murder played-out for all to see. It was for me, this very thing that made this account so personal, and allowed me for a short time, to see how I might begin to live and survive in such a daily environment. The details in this account are different and not so vivid as others, but actually recreate for the reader that heavy sense of despair and daily futility. Read this and weep - think deeply upon the evil in humanity and the millions that were lost. Think long, and begin living deliberately.

Because of Romek is a nonfiction, autobiographical narrative about the experiences of a teenager during the Holocaust of World War II. This is the riveting, true story of a young boy's survival in the face of Nazi atrocities. In the mid-1960s, the German government contacted David Faber to testify against Nazi war criminals. Until then, he did not know that his older brother, Romek, whom the Nazis had tortured to death many years earlier, had been involved in a Polish Underground plot to avert Nazi Germany's ability to create an atomic bomb. When David finally agreed to testify, he began to relive all the horrors of his experiences during the war: concentration camps, murders, tortures, starvation, and disease. When David Faber was 13 years old, he had witnessed the Nazi murders of his parents, brother Romek, and five of his six sisters. He survived nine concentration camps between the ages of 13-18, from 1939 to 1945, including Auschwitz and Buchenwald. When he was liberated in 1945 from the concentration camp Bergen-Belsen, he weighed a mere 72 pounds. Because of Romek fulfills David's promise to his dead mother that he would survive and tell the world about the horrors committed against him and his family. This moving narrative is also a useful tool for educators. To today's students, the Holocaust too often seems to be an abstract event in the dim past. Because of Romek pulls the reader into the story, thereby illuminating the past and putting a face on history.

"David Faber's book is an important documentation of the inhumanities of the 20th century. It should be required reading." -- Donald Segel, National Association Rainbow Division Veterans, 42nd Rainbow Infantry Division, U.S. Army, American Liberators "It is an unnerving tale of ceaseless horror and quiet, unimaginable courage...." -- Arthur Salm, Book Editor, San Diego Tribune About the Author David Faber is a Polish-born Holocaust survivor; Nazi victim from 1939-45; survivor of nine concentration camps; witness to the Nazi murders of his parents, brother Romek, and five of his six sisters; partisan resistance fighter at age 14; liberated from Bergen-Belsen 1945, age 18, weight 72 pounds; author and award-winning lecturer and educator.