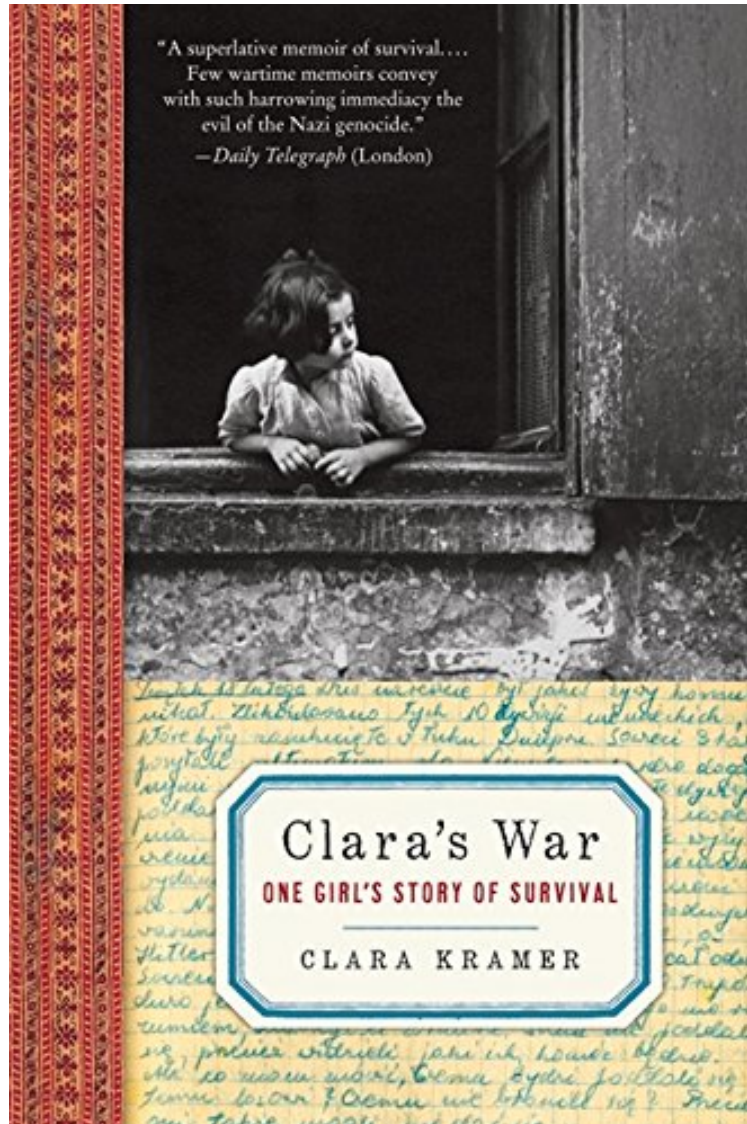


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think of Clara and others hiding in that crawlspace and how even a portion of what I'm leaving would have been manna from heaven for them! In addition to the inspiration I got from this book, it also helps me to recognize how grateful we should be for the little things we take for granted. I would highly recommend this book! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The strength of human spirit. By Customer Clara's story is a reminder of the awful situations experienced during the Holocaust, but the desire to live can never be denied. It is a story of families, related by need and love, in a dark time in human history. It is also a celebration of determination and deliverance. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I thought the horrible experiences Clara and her family endured in the Holocaust ... By Eileen CI thought the horrible experiences Clara and her family endured in the Holocaust were well written and so difficult to have gone through. Well written.

A superlative memoir of survival. Few wartime memoirs convey with such harrowing immediacy the evil of the Nazi genocide. Daily Telegraph (London) One Girl's Story of Survival, Clara's War is based on Clara Kramers diary of her years spent hiding in an underground bunker with seventeen other people during the Nazi occupation of Poland. In the classic vein of The Diary of Anne Frank a heart-wrenching and inspiring story of a life lived in fear and cramped quarters Clara's War is a true story of the Holocaust as told by a remarkable young girl who lived to bear witness.

From Publishers Weekly Polish-born Kramer, president of the Holocaust Resource Foundation at Kean University, was a teenager when her family and others hid from the Nazis in a secret bunker, rescued by a former housekeeper and her husband, a reputed drunken anti-Semite who turned out to be an avenging angel. Kramer's extensive recollections range from a liaison that threatened the household and daily squabbles in the tomblike underground quarters where food was scarce to their fear of discovery by the Nazis and the shock and desperation of learning about relatives and friends who had been killed. Her sister was sold out by a neighbor boy for a few liters of vodka. This vividly detailed and taut narrative is a fitting tribute to the bravery of victims and righteous gentiles alike. 8 pages of bw photos. (Apr. 21) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist \* Starred \* For 18 months, a young teen hid with 17 other Polish Jews in a bunker dug under the home of their avowed anti-Semitic neighbor, Beck, while the Nazis occupied their town of Zolkiew. The unrelenting hardships of daily life are spellbinding. With German soldiers moving in upstairs, a snore, a sneeze, a cough could mean the end of us. How to keep children quiet and not smother a four-year-old when she cries; how to use the toilet bucket; how to empty it. When it is safe, the ethnic German Becks lift the trapdoor and bring the Jews food. Unlike Anne Frank, Clara survived; now she lives in New Jersey, and her diary is in the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. The blend of the young girl's experience with the insight of the survivor looking back is riveting, especially because there is no idealization neither of the Jews nor of their rescuers. World War II is raging outside; mass deportations are ongoing; bombings are terrifying. But in the house, there is war upstairs with the husband (our saint) betraying his wife, Julia, who is plain, arthritic, and the strongest of all. And, in the bunker, the families fight for food, air, and space; some resent taking in children; the wealthy do not share. When the Russians come at last, of the 5,000 Jews in Zolkiew, there are 50 left. And they must save their rescuers. Both a gripping thriller and a heartbreaking drama of human kindness, this is sure to become a classic of Holocaust history. --Hazel Rochman This vividly detailed and taut narrative is a fitting tribute to the bravery of victims and righteous gentiles alike. (Publishers Weekly) A superlative memoir of survival. . . . Few wartime memoirs convey with such harrowing immediacy the evil of the Nazi genocide. . . Her book is a model documentary. (Daily Telegraph (London)) Utterly compelling. At times, the tension is as high as in any thriller designed to stop your heart. (John Clare, The Sun-Herald (Australia))