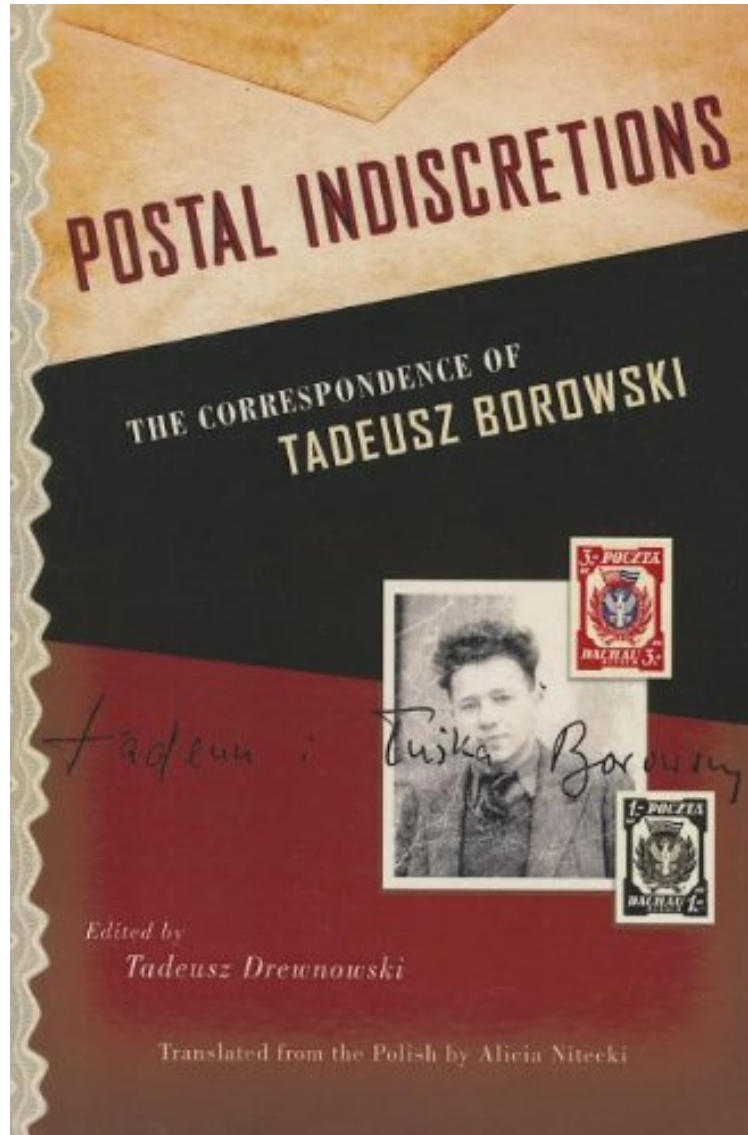


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30 of 31 people found the following review helpful. Recommended without reservation By Jeanie This invaluable collection belongs, in the best possible world, next to a collection of documentary fiction about experiences in the labor and death camp, Auschwitz-Birkenau -- We Were In Auschwitz. These letters to and from Tadeusz Borowski

not only help correct some of the mistakes about the publication of his most widely anthologized story, "This Way to the Gas, Ladies and Gentlemen," but give a much needed portrait of Polish people--artists, writers, mothers and fathers, all across the ideological field-- post WW2. The translator for this collection (as well as the Welcome Rain version of *We Were in Auschwitz*) is very knowledgeable about the time, having lived through the German occupation and deported as a child to a work camp (Poles as Slaves) from her native Warsaw. The reader not only gets a sense in these letters from the prison in Warsaw (pawkiak), letters from Auschwitz, and from Munich post-war and Warsaw and Berlin, of how tenuous post-war existence was for people who quite literally went to hell and back, but provides first-person, private accounts of what it means to put a life back together in the wake of great destruction. Borowski is still taught and well-known and yet controversial in Poland today. Borowski has often been accused of nihilism, and of writing like Celine. This collection of letters demonstrates a fuller range of his personality, showing his youth, affectionate humour, idealism, and indebtedness to a vast network of Polish intellectuals, artists, family and friends-- as well as testifying to a massive grief and dislocation.

In a brief life deeply and traumatically disrupted by two years in concentration camps as a political prisoner, Tadeusz Borowski (1922-1951) was tragically destined to become one of the most eloquent witnesses to the Holocaust in Poland. His recollections and stories, the most famous of which is *This Way for the Gas, Ladies and Gentlemen*, document in stark historical, literary, and personal terms the experience of the camps and its cost to humanity. This correspondence in this volume expands on the insights of Borowski's published work and extends to the less-documented aftermath of the Holocaust in postwar Poland and East Germany.

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