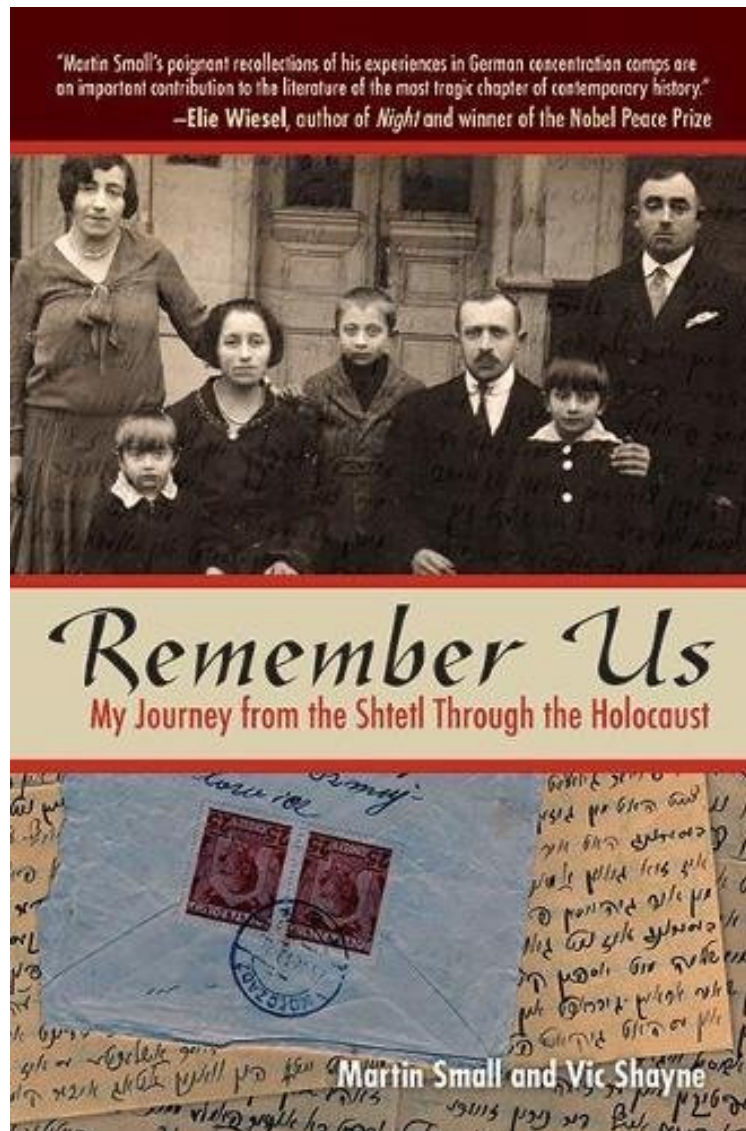


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Moving and educational By L. Lee This was a very informative and moving account of one Jewish man's life before, during and after the holocaust. The story begins describing life in Poland, traditions and observances of daily life. I very much enjoyed the description of weekly Sabbath observance

and the deep lessons of faith and life the author learned from his father and grandfather - very moving. He describes the horrors of the holocaust with out need for graphics which brought tears to my eyes. The book also caused self reflection on life, family, faith, friendship and community. I listened to this book but was very glad that I also had the kindle as there were passages that I went back to and highlighted for future reference. The reader took a chapter or two to get use to, but his voice fit the story perfectly. The only reason I gave this book a 4 star instead of a 5 star rating is because it does move slowly at times, however it is the pace of a life and once I got use to that I was totally engaged and constantly listening to hear what would happen next. I was sorry when the book ended as I felt like someone I knew and wanted to get to know more had moved away. I recommend this book highly. One of the best I have read on the holocaust. 23 of 23 people found the following review helpful. A must read By bernie This is an excellent read. Martin Small's personal journey focuses on his time in a Polish shetl before the holocaust, and his time after the holocaust in Italy, Isreal and the US. It is extremely impactful, and documents how the lives of survivors were prior to the holocaust, and how their lives after the holocaust were affected by their horrendous experiences. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Almost unbelievable. By M. Allred I struggle with what to say about this book. Difficult to read, yes, but very good. I will be thinking about it for a long time, Im certain. My main thought right now, having just finished it, is that I am so grateful Martin Small took the time to record his story. His descriptions of his childhood and adolescence in Poland were so vivid that I felt I could imagine the scenes. His miraculous survival and all that he went through during the Holocaust... simply mind-blowing. I wont include any spoilers here, but his story is _almost_ unbelievable. Its one of those times when truth is stranger than fiction, in the way that things played out and all the coincidences he experienced. I wondered at times if these things could have possibly happened the way he described. But, though I dont know this man from Adam, something about his writing, his voice, just makes me trust him. I do believe he wrote this story as accurately as he possibly could. I highly recommend to all who are interested in this time period.

Remember Us is a look back at the lost world of the shtetl: a wise Zayde offering prophetic and profound words to his grandson, the rich experience of Shabbos, and the treasure of a loving family. All this is torn apart with the arrival of the Holocaust, beginning a crucible fraught with twists and turns so unpredictable and surprising that they defy any attempt to find reason within them. From work camps to the partisans of the Nowogrudek forests, from the Mauthausen concentration camp to life as a displaced person in Italy, and from fighting the Egyptian army in a tiny Israeli kibbutz in 1948 to starting a new life in a new world in New York, this book encompasses the mythical heros journey in very real historical events. Through the eyes of ninety-one-year-old Holocaust survivor Martin Small, we learn that these priceless memories that are too painful to remember are also too painful to forget.

[T]his terse immediate memoir of a Polish Jew is a gripping read, with the haunting personal detail of what Small witnessed and what he escaped....the narrative as a whole, based on talks to audiences across the country and to coauthor Shayne before Small s recent death at age 91, is unforgettable, particularly the account of meeting with the American who saved Small in Mauthausen, when he weighed less than 70 pounds.--Hazel Rochma About the Author Vic Shayne has been a professional writer for more than thirty years, having published several books, hundreds of articles, and several screenplays. An avid researcher of the Holocaust period, Vic Shayne has interviewed survivors, family members, and WWII veterans to bring to life Remember Us, the true story of survivor Martin Small.