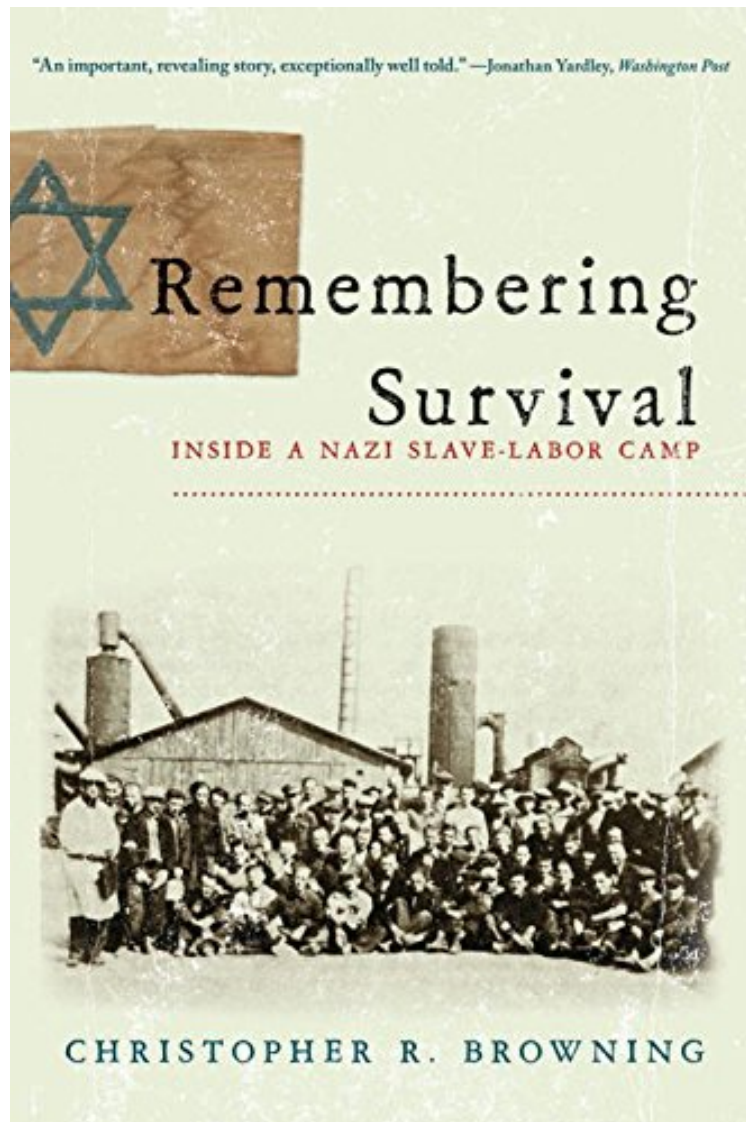


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"An important, revealing story, exceptionally well told." Jonathan Yardley, Washington Post Employing the rich testimony of almost three hundred survivors of the slave-labor camps of Starachowice, Poland, Christopher R. Browning draws the experiences of the Jewish prisoners, the Nazi authorities, and the neighboring Poles together into a chilling history of a little-known dimension of the Holocaust. Brutal and deadly in their living and work conditions, these camps represented the only chance of survival for local Jews after the ghetto liquidations of 1942. There they produced munitions for the German war effort while scrambling to survive murderous and corrupt camp regimes and desperately trying to protect children, spouses, parents, and neighbors. When the labor camps closed in the summer of 1944, the surviving Starachowice Jews still had to confront Auschwitz and then the reprisals of anti-Semitic Polish neighbors. Combining harrowing detail and insightful analysis, Browning's history is indispensable scholarship and an unforgettable story of survival. 8 pages of black-and-white illustrations

From Publishers Weekly In 1942 the liquidation of the Jewish-Polish ghetto of Wierzbnik sent 4,000 Jews to their deaths in Treblinka and enslaved another 1,600 at factory camps in the nearby town of Starachowice. Wierzbnik at its peak had 5,400 Jews, of whom 600 to 700 survived the war, and half of these left testimonies in memoirs or other forms. National Jewish Book Award-winning historian Browning (*The Origins of the Final Solution*) bases his study primarily on survivor testimonies from the slave-labor camps at the Starachowice factory. Willi Althoff, the first commander of factory security whose killings of Jews were theatrically staged and who killed all Jews infected with typhus, was succeeded by pragmatist Kurt Baumgarten, who preferred keeping workers alive to increase factory production and line his pockets by extorting. Nuanced survivor accounts from live interviews, memoirs and archived accounts depicts some Ukrainian guards as sadistic anti-Semites while others were lenient, well-behaved, or corruptible. As the Soviets approached, the Germans deported the slaves to Auschwitz-Birkenau before retreating. Although too specialized for the casual reader, Browning's authoritative, lucid, and subtly analyzed microhistory of a relatively obscure area of Holocaust history will be of considerable value to scholars. 10 photos, maps. (Jan.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Browning, professor of history at the University of North Carolina, profiled the motivations and actions of German death squads in eastern Europe in his celebrated, *Ordinary Men* (1992). Here, he concentrates on another, less-publicized aspect of the Holocaust, the German system of slave-labor camps. Spurred on by the acquittal of the man responsible for sending many Polish Jews to these camps in a German court in 1972, Browning began a comprehensive investigation, relying heavily upon the testimonies of survivors from the Starachowice camp in central Poland. Browning is a meticulous and disciplined researcher, and he strives to filter out what he views as unreliable testimony. What emerges is a highly credible and deeply shocking account of a slave-labor camp where the cruelty and brutality is comparable to the more publicized extermination camps like Treblinka and Auschwitz. Inmates were regarded as expendable material to be kept alive at a level only adequate enough to perform work duties. They were starved, beaten, and subject to daily terrors and humiliations. This is an excellent addition to the field of Holocaust studies. --Jay Freeman A master historian of intimate tragedy. A master historian of intimate tragedy. "