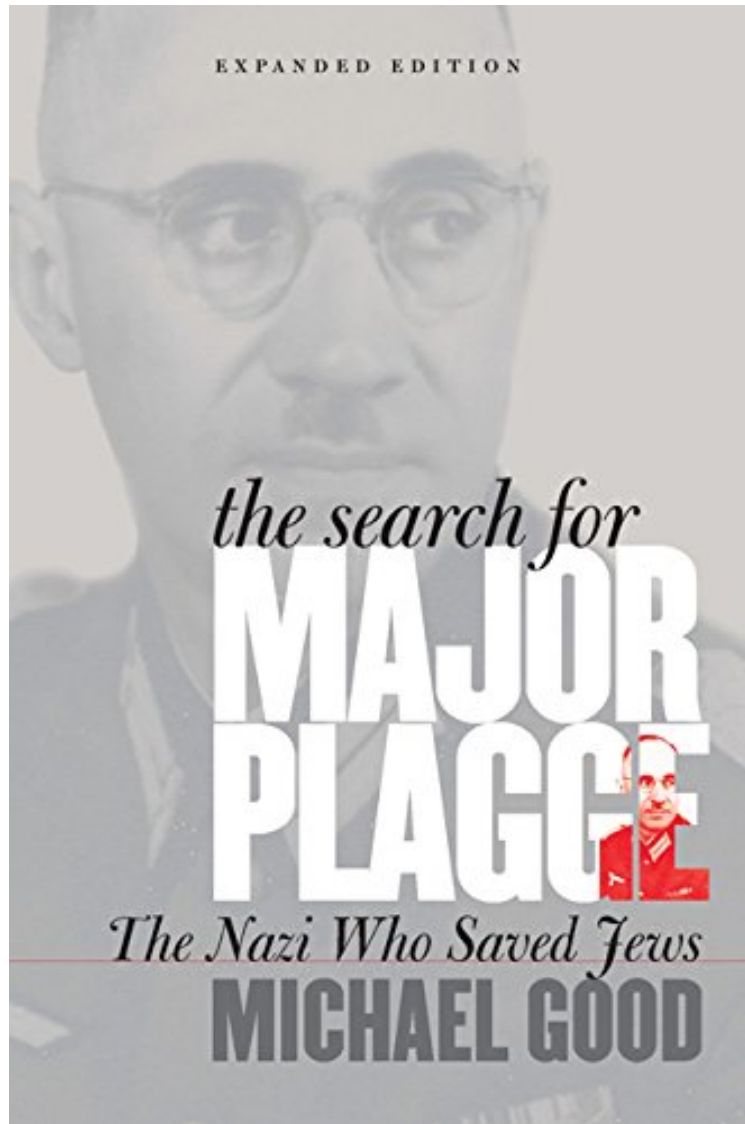


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Good Read from a Man Named GoodBy B. AnnA page-turning read that is a gripping personal account. It was written by a doctor who has a practice in the town where my 88-year-

old dad lives and I bought it for him because Michael Good truly seems like a good man and I was hoping my dad would want him to be his new doctor - and after enjoying the book so much, my dad wanted to meet Dr. Good as well. Alas, his practice is not taking any new patients but his book is now making the rounds to various family and friends in Connecticut's Middlesex County. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. An important and beautiful book

By BarokeI recently became interested in German resistance to Nazi atrocities and wondered why there seemed to be relatively little attention to the subject. This book sheds light on this question and so much more. The author is not a professional writer, and perhaps because of rather than despite this, he manages to transcend the enormous complexity of his subject with simplicity and grace. Among the many difficult questions Good explores is what makes a "hero." Does a hero have to be a martyr and if so, what does that say for us mortals who may not have that strength? Is a moral life possible for ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances? What choices can we make in our everyday lives that will allow us to participate in the project of Major Plagge and others like him, to resist absurdity and groupthink, follow our inner conscience, and just be better people? The research paper trail the author provides is surprisingly interesting, as are the communications between present-day Germans and Holocaust survivors seeking to learn more about Major Plagge and in so doing, to learn about themselves. There are some repeated details and rough edges in the writing, but they are outshone by the book's other virtues. Warning - this story is not for the faint of heart, and it contains descriptions of unspeakable horrors. But the author's focus is not on the dark side of humanity except as contrast for the light. I am grateful for this book and for the people who made it possible. I wish there were more stories like it. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Life and Death Heroes

By P. C. GomezMichael Good will lead you to "ponder humanity's dual nature--our propensity to act violently out of fear and bigotry, juxtaposed against our often unexpected capacity for acting with nobility and moral courage." This story of the author's search for the facts behind his mother's rescued life from a Polish concentration camp and the German Nazi officer credited with doing so will both encourage you and disgust you. It's not just the typical villainizing of the evil Nazi Germans, but an even deeper look into the nature of all who either watched, aided or benefited from the extermination of a defenseless people. The book is well written for the author's first attempt. The only criticism I have of the book is that it seems to start and stop in strange places. It seems there could have been a unifying story line more along the lines of a screen play which integrates the stories the author discovers after the story of his mother concludes. Nevertheless, I highly recommend this book if you have any interest in this era or in the way people treat each other. Whatever you do, do not put the book away until you read the letters that Major Plagge wrote to the attorney in the appendix of the book. Brilliant!

When *The Search for Major Plagge* was published last spring, the world finally learned about a unique hero and about one American doctor's extraordinary journey to tell Karl Plagge's story. Part detective story, part personal quest, Michael Good's book is the story of the German commander of a Lithuanian work camp who saved hundreds of Jewish lives in the Vilna ghetto including the life of Good's mother, Pearl. Who was this enigmatic officer Pearl Good had spoken of so often? After five years of research interviewing survivors, assembling a team that could work to open German files untouched for fifty years, following every lead he could, Good was able to uncover the amazing tale of one man's remarkable courage. And in April 2005 Karl Plagge joined Oskar Schindler and 380 other Germans as a Righteous among Nations, honored by the State of Israel for protecting and saving Jewish lives during the Holocaust. This expanded edition features new photographs and a new epilogue on the impact of the discovery of Karl Plagge especially the story of 83-year-old Alfons von Deschwanden, who, after fifty years of silence, came forward as a veteran of Plagge's unit. His testimony is now part of this growing witness to truth.

From Booklist Good, the son of two Holocaust survivors from Vilna, Lithuania, informs us that Karl Plagge, a German army officer, saved his mother and more than 250 other Jews. In September 1991, Good traveled to Vilna, looking for Plagge, who had been in charge of a military vehicle repair unit there from 1941 to 1944. Plagge had died in Darmstadt, Germany, in 1957. As the anti-Jewish policies of the Nazis increased in intensity through the 1930s, Plagge experienced increasing guilt about what was happening; in early 1939, Plagge realized the Nazis were pushing the country into another world war. His primary method of resistance against the genocide was to give work permits to Jews, allowing them to save themselves and their families from the aktions that swept the Vilna ghettos. He kept up the guise that he needed these skilled Jewish workers, although many of them were unskilled. This is an exceptional story of one man's bravery and compassion in a world where six million Jews were murdered. George Cohen Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved A poignant and powerful story. . . . [Good's] portrait is vivid; his questions compelling. His answers only deepen the mystery of goodness and its meaning in our age. (Michael Berenbaum Director, the Sigi Ziering Institute: Exploring the Ethical and Religious Implications of the Holocaust, Los Angeles) This is an exceptional story of one man's bravery and compassion in a world where six million Jews were murdered. (Booklist) Reconstructs the actions of the German major who saved . . . Jewish men, women, and children, including Good's mother, by refusing to follow protocol and outwitting his superiors. . . . a true man of conscience and bravery. Marek Breiger, L.A. Jewish Journal (Marek Breiger L.A. Jewish Journal) This book is a personal quest,

personal journey, and a personal history. (Jewish Book World) We need to listen to the story of Major Karl Plagge. . . who redeemed the name of human being in the time of darkness. (Rabbi Jack Riemer South Florida Jewish Journal) Inspiring . . . are the faithful efforts of the book's author, Dr. Michael Good, a Connecticut physician, whose mother Pearl and her family were among Major Plagge's (more than 250) lucky saved souls, in tracing an unlikely Nazi's life and assuring the rightful recognition of a mensch who was too humble to acknowledge his own uniqueness. (Rabbi Israel Zoberman Southeastern Virginia Jewish News) . . . unprecedented insights into the burden of silent memories and a disastrous heritage of guilt. (Edith Wyschogrod) In this gripping, emotional work, Good explores the life and legacy of a mysterious German officer who secretly defied his government to save Lithuanian Jews during the Holocaust. (Matthew Engelhardt Middletown Press) About the Author Michael Good has appeared on C-SPAN, as a speaker in Israel and Germany, and in schools, libraries, churches, and synagogues across the United States. Plagge's story was tracked by media around the world and can also be explored at [www.searchformajorplagge.com](http://www.searchformajorplagge.com). Good, a physician, continues to follow and develop the Plagge story from his home in Durham, CT.