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Synopsis

"In 1945 the war ended. The Germans surrendered, and the ghetto was liberated. Out of over a quarter of a million people, about 800 walked out of the ghetto. Of those who survived, only twelve were children. I was one of the twelve." For more than fifty years after the war, Sylvia, like many Holocaust survivors, did not talk about her experiences in the Lodz ghetto in Poland. She buried her past in order to move forward. But finally she decided it was time to share her story, and so she told it to her niece, who has re-told it here using free verse inspired by her aunt. This is the true story of Sylvia Perlmutter – a story of courage, heartbreak, and finally survival despite the terrible circumstances in which she grew up. A timeline, historical notes, and an author's note are included.

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Customer Reviews

Jennifer Roy explains how she wasn't sure how to write her grandmother's childhood brave story, hearing it for the first time as an adult. Let me tell you she figured it out perfectly! The details were such I felt back in time...as a child in a war I did not understand...only fear, loneliness and effects of

daily near starvation. I also felt the horrible realizations the adults must have felt when the truth finally broke through the denial. I do not want to give spoilers...so I'm just covering bare basics. I truly felt as though I was there..I laughed some but mostly cried. I urge you to share this book with everyone of all ages...we need reminders! Especially read the epilogue (great job Ms. Roy) of the month/yr each country entered the war and why. Because you will then understand how many Jewish (HUMAN BEINGS) people would have suffered and died while most of the world did nothing. Thank you Sylvia for sharing your story, what a brave family (and little girl) you all were. What a special woman you are now :)

This is an easy night's read as it's formed as a tale of children's poetry. One young girl finds herself struggling to stay with her family to survive the ghetto in Lodz. The difficulties the Polish people weathered during WWII are not as well known here as the atrocities in Europe, but they are not any less real. I find that the YA books are clear, and the benefit here is that the author comes from a family of Holocaust survivors. I find reading these fictionalized true tales better and more stimulating reading than many contemporary books, and there is always something significant to learn from a spiritual sense. What makes us brave--courageous, even--whether we're 7 years old, or 70?

This was a very interesting account from one of the few children who survived the Lodz ghetto. We are all fortunate that it was preserved and shared. However, the author chose to chop the sentences into random fragments with only a few words on a line. It made the narration choppy and hard to follow. The intent was to make it sound child-like, but the effect was to make it appear the narrator had tics. It was also narrated in present tense which was annoying

Great story and interesting observing a little girl's thoughts of life around her very small world. I have not finished yet, had to review for other young readers to read for summertime. Really easy reading with lots of issues to think about.

This was written from the angle of the child, and very well done. It was a quick read, but its effect is lasting. Shows how terrifying it was for these children to see that the adults around them were scared and unable to stop the horrors. I recommend this book for adults and children in middle or high school.

Such a moving account! I probably should have taken a few moments before attempting a

review-but the story telling is so beautiful and real- I would so recommend this story. I believe I'll just start at the beginning again-I can `hear` this child in my head- I marvel at her. Miss Roy, you did your family proud. I'm in awe of Sylvia's voice....her child like view of her world in Nazi Germany is captivating. Thank you for sharing her story. Well done.

I've read many WW2 first person accounts, and this is one of the better ones. I was a bit unsure of the writing style initially, but fell in love. All of the important information, none of the fluff - exactly as a child would experience. A wonderful story of faith, courage, and triumph.

I absolutely loved this book. It shows the inhumanity of people and those who do survive. God watches over all, even though we can't see sometimes.

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