

## Recommended Reading on the Holocaust, Poland During WWII

Ackerman, Diane, *The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story*

Adamczyk, Wesley, *When God Looked the Other Way, an Odyssey of War, Exile and Redemption.*

Berenbaum, Michael, ed., *A Mosaic of Victims: Non-Jews Persecuted and Murdered by the Nazis.*

Berenbaum, Michael and Abraham J. Peck, eds., *The Holocaust and History. The Known, The Unknown, The Disputed, and the Reexamined.*

Gelissen, Rena Kornreich, with Heather Dune Macadam, *Rena's Promise: A Story of Two Sisters in Auschwitz.*

Höss, Rudolph, Death Dealer, *The Memoirs of the SS Kommandant at Auschwitz.* Edited by Steven Paskuly, Translated by Andrew Pollinger,.

Karski, Jan, A, *Story of a Secret State: My Report to the World.* Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2013. Author's note: The account was first published in 1944 by Houghton Mifflin. Jan Karski passed away in 2000. This latest edition, in conjunction with the Jan Karski Institute, includes a foreword by Madeleine Albright.

Klein, Gerda Weissman, *All But My Life, A Memoir.* New York: Hill and Wang, 1957, 1995.

Kochanski, Halik, *The Eagle Unbowed: Poland and the Poles in the Second World War.*

Koskodan, Kenneth K., *No Greater Ally: The Untold Story of Poland's Forces in World War II (General Military)*

Levi, Primo, *The Voice of Memory, Interviews 1961–1987.* Edited by Marco Belpoliti and Robert Gordon, Translated by Robert Gordon.

Levi, Primo, *Survival in Auschwitz.* New York, New York: Touchstone, 1996. Originally published in 1958 in Italian, as *Se questo è un uomo.*

Lower, Wendy, *Hitler's Furies: German Women in the Nazi Killing Fields.*

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Mazzeo, Tilar J., *Irena's Children: The Extraordinary Story of the Woman Who Saved 2,500 Children from the Warsaw Ghetto*

Opdyke, Irene, *In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer*

Olson, Olson and Stanley Cloud, *A Question of Honor: The Kosciuszko Squadron: Forgotten Heroes of World War II*

Paul, Allen, *Katyn: Stalin's Massacre and the Triumph of Truth*

Pilecki, Witold, *The Auschwitz Volunteer: Beyond Bravery*

Rawicz, Slavomir, *The Long Walk: The True Story of a Trek to Freedom*

Shephard, Jim, *The Book of Aron*

Szpilman, Władysław, *The Pianist: The Extraordinary True Story of One Man's Survival in Warsaw, 1939-1945,*

Wiesel, Elie, *Dawn.*

Wiesel, Elie, *Night.*

Wetzler, Alfred, *Escape from Hell: The True Story of the Auschwitz Protocol.*

Wiernicki, John, *War in the Shadow of Auschwitz; Memoirs of a Polish Resistance Fighter and Survivor of the Death Camps.*

### DVDs and Movies

*The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler* – TV movie on DVD

*Hurricane* (2018). Only available in the UK at this time

*Jack Strong*, Film based on Ryszard Kuklinski, a Cold War spy for Poland (Netflix)

*Kanal, Ashes and Diamonds, and A Generation* by Andrzej Wajda

*Katyn*, by Andrzej Wajda, DVD only

*Korczak*, Polish with English subtitles, (Netflix)

*Warsaw '44* (originally *Miasto 44*)

*Warsaw Uprising (Powstani Warszawski)* – Only available in Poland

*The Way Back*

*The Zookeeper's Wife*

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