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The Consulate General of the Republic of Poland, Los Angeles has just posted HENRY: A Polish Swimmer's True Story of Friendship from Auschwitz to America by author Katrina Shawver (Köehler Books, October 2017) to its website under the heading "Books from Poland and on Poland – in English." This posting is a special honor and recognition as it is the first addition to their recommended reading list in four years.

When Shawver met 85-year-old Henry Zguda, he possessed an exceptional memory, a surprising cache of original Holocaust-era documents and photos, and a knack for meeting the right people at the right time. Couched in the interview style of Tuesdays with Morrie, Henry relates in his own voice a life as a champion swimmer, interrupted by three years imprisoned in Auschwitz and Buchenwald as a Polish Catholic political prisoner.

HENRY: A Polish Swimmer's True Story of Friendship from Auschwitz to America, has received high praise locally and nationally, and has already been selected for addition to the Arizona Talking Book Library for the blind and disabled.

This unique bridge to history and view of the Holocaust through Polish eyes features extensive research and includes more than 75 original photos and rare German documents. Ultimately, HENRY is the incredible true story of a strong young man, who survives by his wits, humor, friends, and a healthy dose of luck.

"We know that we should never forget the Holocaust, and Shawver is ensuring that we won't,"

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stated John Liffiton, professor and director of Genocide Conferences, Scottsdale Community College.

Jack Mayer, author of *Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Project* and *Before the Court of Heaven*, noted: "Everyone who reads Henry becomes a witness."

Shawver began her writing career more than 20 years ago by writing hundreds of newspaper columns for *The Arizona Republic*. She spent 15 years researching WWII, Poland, Auschwitz, and the Holocaust.

For more about the book, including photos, praise, book trailers, and event dates, visit www.KatrinaShawver.com.

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