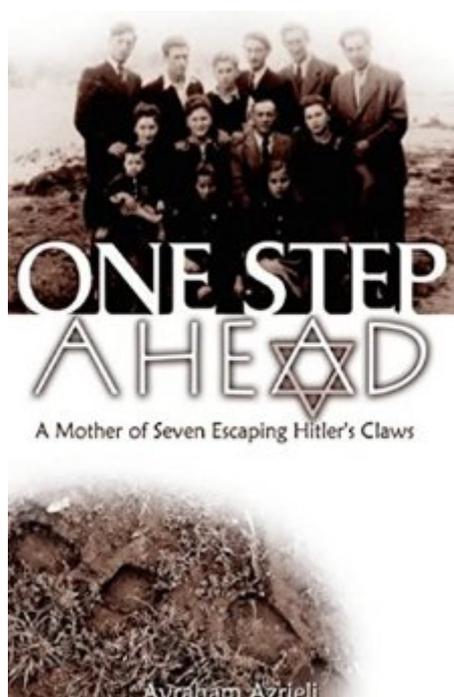


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One Step Ahead - A Mother Of Seven Escaping Hitler's Claws: A True History - Jewish Women, Family Survival, Resistance And Defiance Against The Nazi War Machine In World War II



Synopsis

Hitler's attack on Russia in the spring of 1941 and the Nazi eastward blitzkrieg form a dramatic backdrop to this true story. On the first day of Operation Barbarossa, in the midst of battle, Esther Parnes leads her family east, away from the Polish village of Skalat. A step ahead of Hitler's earth-scorching troops, Esther and her children endure hunger, disease, and bloodshed. But Hitler's four-year campaign defeats neither Mother Russia nor Esther Parnes. In an era when women were confined to traditional household roles, at a time when proud men bowed their heads as they stood at the edge of a pit waiting to be shot, this redheaded woman challenged Adolf Hitler. Based on extensive interviews and independent research into the Parnes family's plight and the Nazi war on Russia, this book tells the story of an extraordinary mother's battle to save her seven children.

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Customer Reviews

Could not put this book down, well written, fast paced detailed description of the most heroic women. After reading hundreds of holocaust memoirs, this one was one of the best. The faith, strength and cohesiveness of this family is monumental. The miracle of survival is attributed to g-d's will, and that is so inspiring. that this is all true....is just breathtaking. Thank you.

Although this was written in first person with conversations inserted, it is based on a true story, well researched and verified by the adult children of the mother in whose voice the story unfolds. As the survivor generation ages and dies, memoirs of real persons during the nightmare years are still being published. This is one that manages to convey the tension and horror of those times. Even more incredible is that it is based on the true story of one of less than a dozen nuclear family units to actually survive the Holocaust.

A different account of surviving the holocaust. The family did not intend to go on this trek across Russia, the mother all the time wishing they had stayed at home in Skalat where they would have been safe and well fed after Hitler's army had "passed through". To make it through the four year ordeal and come home to the horror of finding all their relatives and friends had been murdered was almost beyond comprehension.. A great read.

Don't hesitate to beg, borrow or buy this incredible book. I am still in awe of the human spirit and the hidden capacity to live through unbelievable horrors the average person can barely imagine, let alone comprehend. Bless all women who find themselves amid horrors they could never have foreseen and yet proceed with all their powers and beliefs still intact.

This is a true account of a family determined to stay together against insurmountable odds. As Jewish refugees fleeing Hitler, this family endures countless hardships and are forced to make tough decisions. This should be required reading for all students to understand the plight of the effects of war on individuals and countries. This book has made a deep, lasting impression on me. This is a book that will stay with me for years. Thank you for this body of work.

I am a mother of seven and I can't imagine how she survived the devastating conditions and lived to write this story. Not being Jewish, I do not know the culture and beliefs , but I couldn't understand the way they treated the one person who became their savior.

I got the free sample. I was hooked. I canceled a volunteer gig and my own dance practice to keep reading. Why did G-d help Esther while other families perished? I have no idea, but I'm glad they persevered. The book left me breathless-- I was grateful that the author updated us on everyone at the end.I think of the good that Esther sowed-- we never did hear of how Moshe's gentile war wife

fared later, but I hope that because of Esther's kindness to her that in the coming post war years she was kind to Jews who would suffer under Stalin. I cheered throughout the book, I cried, I found myself whispering, "Stop yelling at Sarah! Your village would be destroyed a few days later! She saved your ungrateful tail!" Had a person written this as fiction, they'd be ridiculed because it would not be believable-- So many situations were *too* serendipitous, but they happened. I'm glad that it was real.

A must read. We have as a free people no idea of what the Jews were subjected to but through books like this. This book, it brings tears to your eyes with the turning of each page. Never could I have imagined the pain and suffering of those who survived. God bless those that perished. Shame on those that killed any human being because of their beliefs. Shame, shame to the Nazi regime and all of those who who helped them kill and maim another person because of their beliefs. God bless all those who helped the oppressed. Let's make this a loving world we all live in. Teach love, not hate.

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