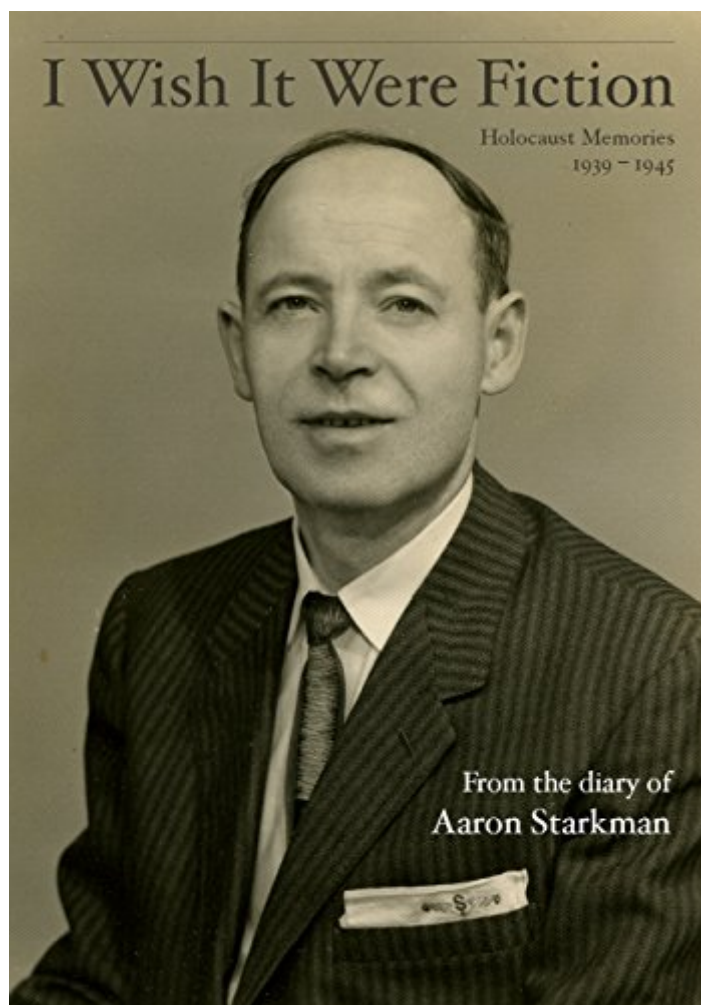


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I Wish It Were Fiction: Holocaust Memories, 1939 - 1945



Synopsis

The writer of this memoir, Aaron Starkman, was barely 20 years old when he was driven into the Nazi Hitler hell. He decided to keep a diary, where he made notes of everything that was happening. He did not know whether he would survive. When he was liberated, he gathered all the notes and deposited them with the Warsaw Jewish Historical Institute. Unfortunately, few of the survivors kept notes about the horrible events that took place. When the history of the Holocaust will be written, and when future history of the Holocaust will be written, and when future historians gather their materials from the archives, there is no doubt that they will utilize Aaron Starkman's diary with its description of the events that took place and the murders that the Hitlerite hordes committed. These facts will also serve as an example of the fate that befell most Jewish communities in Poland and Eastern Europe.

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Customer Reviews

Having been alive during this period (but too young to really know what was happening) I found it

enlightening to read a first-hand account of the trials of one that lived through it. Although the book is quite short, it's very powerful. A 'should-read' for anyone interested in the WWII era.

Very vivid descriptions of the years in concentration camp and the surrounding areas. Can't imagine how anyone can survive the terrible treatment either physically or mentally...Those who did, are testaments of man's inhumanity to man!!

Wow! This guy has been through hell! If you are interested in reading about history, specifically about WWII and the Holocaust, be sure to include this book. It's basically the diary that Aaron Starkman kept throughout all he and others had gone through during that time. He shares the most incredible situations where most people would not be able to survive. But, survive he did. What amazing things us human beings are capable of surviving! It has very graphic details of the worst human suffering that I've ever heard of before. Not for the faint of heart.

Very interesting story told through diary notes. Very moving for what he and others endured during the Nazi occupation. I believe that it is easy to feel his pain and suffering with no end in sight. Yet this man was able to move on, and have a somewhat normal life. The stories he tells are full of suspense, and the reader can truly wonder how he will survive, or if he will. For those who deny the war and the murderous acts thrown at the Jewish population this story cannot be ignored. The holocaust was real, and this one man makes it real.

First person story telling is very important not only as a catharsis for the teller but for clarity and understanding of the listener. So many lives lost. May the hatred of men and lust for killing stop.

A true description of one man's experiences during the dark days of Nazism in Germany. This book reveals the author's holocaust memories. It is well documented, and reveals his courage to fight for survival during this horrible time in Hitler's Germany.

I can fully understand how anyone that was a Jew in that time period could wish it was Fiction. If there were no pictures or other evidence no one would believe one human could inflict that brutality unto another.

This book has shaken me from the core. This testimony, written in such a way that immediately

takes you in, is so important. Thank you Mr. Starkman for allowing me to be witness to your story. Your story now dwells within my soul.

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