

The Search For Major Plagge The Nazi Who Saved Jews By Michael Good

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on april 11 2005 in jerusalem karl plagge will be named a righteous among the nations hero by the state of israel he joins oskar schindler and some 380 other similarly honored germans who protected and saved jews during the holocaust karl plagge's story is of a unique kind of courage that of a german army officer who subverted the system of death to save the lives of some 250 jews in vilna lithuania one of those he saved was michael good's mother haunted by his mother's stories of the mysterious officer who commanded her slave labor camp michael good resolved to find out all he could about the enigmatic major plagge for five years he wrote hundreds of letters and scoured the internet to recover in one hard earned bit of evidence after another information about the man whose moral choices saved hundreds of lives this unforgettable book is the first portrait of a modest man who simply refused to play by the rules interviewing camp survivors opening german files untouched for more than fifty years and translating newly discovered letters good weaves an amazing tale an engineer from darmstadt plagge joined and then left the nazi party in vilna in whose teeming ghetto tens of thousands of jews faced extermination he found himself in charge of a camp where military vehicles were repaired time after time he saved jews from prison ss death squads and the ghetto by issuing them work permits as indispensable

laborers essential to the war effort karl plagge never considered himself a hero describing himself as a fellow traveler for not doing more to fight the regime he said that he saved jews and others because i thought it was my duty this book also reminds us of the many ways human beings can resist evil there are always some people pearl good said of the man who saved her life when he didn't have to who decides that the horror is not to be

when the search for major plagge was published last spring the world finally learned about a unique hero and about one american doctor's extraordinary journey to tell karl plagge's story part detective story part personal quest michael good's book is the story of the german commander of a lithuanian work camp who saved hundreds of jewish lives in the vilna ghetto including the life of good's mother pearl who was this enigmatic officer pearl good had spoken of so often after five years of research interviewing survivors assembling a team that could work to open german files untouched for fifty years following every lead he could good was able to uncover the amazing tale of one man's remarkable courage and in april 2005 karl plagge joined oskar schindler and 380 other germans as a righteous among nations honored by the state of israel for protecting and saving jewish lives during the holocaust this expanded edition features new photographs and a new epilogue on the impact of the discovery of karl plagge especially the story of 83 year old alfons von deschwanden who after fifty years of silence came forward as a veteran of plagge's unit his testimony is now part of this growing witness to truth

in the summer of 2016 acclaimed archaeologist richard freund and his team made news worldwide when they discovered an escape tunnel from the ponar burial pits in lithuania this holocaust site where more than 100 000 people perished is usually remembered for the terrible devastation that happened there in the midst of this devastation the discovery of an escape tunnel reminds us of the determination and tenacity of the people in the camp and the hope they continued to carry the archaeology of the holocaust takes readers out to the field with freund and his multi disciplinary research group as they uncover the evidence of the holocaust focusing on sites in lithuania poland and greece in the past decade using forensic detective work freund tells the micro and macro histories of sites from the holocaust as his team covers excavations and geo physical surveys done at four sites in poland four sites in rhodes and 15 different sites in lithuania with comparisons of some of the work done at other sites in eastern europe the book contains testimonies of survivors photographs information about a variety of complementary geo science techniques and information gleaned from pin point excavations it serves as an introduction to the holocaust and explains aspects of the culture lost in the holocaust through the lens of archaeology and geo science

as the holocaust passes out of living memory future generations will no longer come face to face with holocaust survivors but the lessons of that terrible period in history are too important to let slip past how was it possible edited and introduced by peter hayes provides teachers and students with a comprehensive resource about the nazi persecution of jews deliberately resisting the reflexive

urge to dismiss the topic as too horrible to be understood intellectually or emotionally the anthology sets out to provide answers to questions that may otherwise defy comprehension this anthology is organized around key issues of the holocaust from the historical context for antisemitism to the impediments to escaping nazi germany and from the logistics of the death camps and the carrying out of genocide to the subsequent struggles of the displaced survivors in the aftermath prepared in cooperation with the jewish foundation for the righteous this anthology includes contributions from such luminaries as jean ancel saul friedlander tony judt alan kraut primo levi robert proctor richard rhodes timothy snyder and susan zuccotti taken together the selections make the ineffable fathomable and demystify the barbarism underlying the tragedy inviting readers to learn precisely how the holocaust was in fact possible

he who saves one life it is as if he saved an entire world the holocaust will be forever numbered amongst the darkest of days in human civilisation yet even in that darkness there were sparks of light many will recognise the names of oskar schindler raoul wallenberg and miep gies but there were thousands of others throughout europe who risked their own lives to save jews from the nazis and their horrific campaign of obliteration that was the holocaust by the beginning of 2002 more than 19 000 non jews had been recognized as righteous among the nations by yad vashem the holocaust museum in jerusalem some were officials some were clergy others were citizens of countries who united in their efforts to protect jews many were merely individuals who had the courage to stand up against a growing tide of collaboration and simply say we did what we had to do martin gilbert the foremost british historian of the holocaust here presents the evidence collected over many years cumulatively these accounts from every occupied country in europe from the baltic to the mediterranean from the atlantic to the black sea and from inside the third reich itself form an inspiring tribute to those heroic individuals who without thought to the risk to their own lives dared to challenge barbarism and hold out the hand of rescue to the jews of europe

during world war ii latvia lithuania and estonia found themselves trapped between the giants of the soviet union and nazi germany over the course of the war these states were repeatedly occupied by different forces and local government organizations and individuals were forced to choose between supporting the occupying forces or forming partisan units to resist their occupation devastated during the german invasion these states then became the site of some of the most vicious fighting during the soviet counter attack and push towards berlin many would be caught up in the bitter fighting in the region and in particular in the huge battles for the courland bridgehead during operation bagration when hundreds of thousands of soldiers would fight and die in the last year of the war by the end of the war death and deportation had cost the baltic states over 20 per cent of their total population and soviet occupation was to see the iron curtain descend on the region for four decades using numerous first hand accounts and detailed archival research prit buttar weaves a magisterial account of the bitter fighting on the eastern front and the three small states whose fates were determined by the fortunes and misfortunes of war

on october 10 1941 the jewish population of the belarusian village of krucha was rounded up and shot this atrocity was not the routine work of the ss but was committed by a regular german army unit acting on its own initiative marching into darkness is a bone chilling exposé of the ordinary footsoldiers who participated in the final solution on a daily basis although scholars have exploded the myth that the wehrmacht played no significant part in the holocaust a concrete picture of its involvement has been lacking marching into darkness reveals in detail how the army willingly fulfilled its role as an agent of murder on a massive scale waitman wade beorn unearths forced labor sexual violence and grave robbing though a few soldiers refused to participate and even helped jews improvised extermination progressively became methodical with some army units going so far as to organize jew hunts the wehrmacht also used the pretense of jewish anti partisan warfare as a subterfuge by reporting murdered jews as partisans through military and legal records survivor testimonies and eyewitness interviews beorn paints a searing portrait of an army's descent into ever more intimate participation in genocide

man's inhumanity to man details and describes the holocaust's systematic torturing and murdering of more than 13 million human beings at 37 concentration camps by the nazi's and their surrogates

german pows held in england during wwi record their experience in this volume of detailed accounts diary entries drawings and more in munich in 1920 just after the end of the first world war german prisoners of war in england published a book they had written and smuggled back home through vivid text and illustrations they describe their experience of life in a camp at skipton in yorkshire their work now translated into english for the first time gives us a unique insight into their feelings about the war their captors and their longing to go home in their own words they record prison camp conditions daily routines their relationship with the prison authorities their activities and entertainment and their thoughts of their homeland the challenges and privations they faced are part of their story as is the community they created within the confines of the camp the whole gamut of their existence is portrayed here in particular through their drawings and cartoons which are reproduced alongside the translation german prisoners of the great war offers an inside view of a hitherto neglected aspect of the wartime experience

humorist dennis ford has seen it all after all he lives in new jersey as a teacher and bookseller ford contemplates some of life's great questions all without leaving his car these include what's the funniest word in the english language how plastic surgery can turn devils into hotties the case of the perfectly fitting police uniform but ford doesn't stop there he also devises a master plan to win the war in iraq and ease the burden on the military explains how to apply for membership in the society of goths and backs up his belief that while jesus may have been resurrected he most certainly wasn't crucified politics religion psychology and popular culture it's all fair game ford takes on everything shooting from the lip and saying out loud what everyone else keeps to themselves stop taking life so seriously and consider the lighter side of things in thinking about everything

classes and books on the holocaust often center on the experiences of victims perpetrators and bystanders but rescuers also occupy a prominent space in holocaust courses and literature even though incidents of rescue were relatively few and rescuers constituted less than 1 percent of the population in nazi occupied europe as inspiring figures and role models rescuers challenge us to consider how we would act if we found ourselves in similarly perilous situations of grave moral import their stories speak to us and move us yet this was not always the case seventy years ago these brave men and women today regarded as the righteous among the nations went largely unrecognized indeed sometimes they were even singled out for abuse from their co nationals for their selfless actions unlikely heroes traces the evolution of the humanitarian hero looking at the ways in which historians politicians and filmmakers have treated individual rescuers like raoul wallenberg and oskar schindler as well as the rescue efforts of humanitarian organizations contributors in this edited collection also explore classroom possibilities for dealing with the role of rescuers at both the university and the secondary level

since 1953 the state of israel has named non jews who risked their lives to help save jews during the holocaust as righteous among the nations known as righteous gentiles these individuals summoned the strength to put aside their own safety to oppose the nazis this engrossing volume educates readers about some of the noteworthy righteous gentiles and groups who stood to lose everything as they aided hid and fought for the jews with words as well as weapons photographs and quotes from primary source documents pull the reader into the inimitable experiences of these heroes

art life the story of samuel bak traces the development of a child prodigy deeply shaped by the catastrophic events of the shoah from his early artistic influences to his years in the vilna ghetto and landsberg dp camp his formal training in israel and paris and his fruitful art career in rome new york switzerland and boston augmenting the rich existing literature on bak art life explores in thoughtful prose and through reproductions of both iconic and rarely seen work created between 1942 and 2022 how he navigated the prevailing art trends of the mid twentieth century in search of his own pictorial language it considers the personal historical and artistic currents that led bak now aged 90 to create an astonishing body of work that bears witness to cataclysmic events embodies our common humanity of suffering and hope and poses questions about the repair of the world

explores the effect of the challenges of world war ii on american children and teenagers

never will we forget deals with the most enduring and moving side of world war ii the personal side these are the stories of some 400 men and women who though they experienced the war in wildly different ways were all profoundly affected by it gleaned from interviews and oral histories the book reflects the experiences of male and female veterans civilians on the home front conscientious objectors survivors of the torpedoing of the uss indianapolis and of typhoons participants in the normandy invasion the battle of the

bulge iwo jima and okinawa some stories tug at the heart some foster the shock of surprise still others reflect the long held pride in the american war effort at home and abroad from the first dark stirrings of war through its dusty aftermath never will we forget captures how americans lived felt and believed during the twentieth century s most brutal conflict

a powerful tale of the triumph of love under extremely difficult conditions tells the story of a married couple who were part of the jewish resistance publishers weekly at his father s funeral one of the mourners told michael bart that the gravestone should include a reference to the freedom fighters of nekamah to honor leizer bart s involvement in the jewish resistance movement in vilna now vilnius lithuania at the end of world war ii michael had never heard his parents referenced as freedom fighters michael embarked on a ten year research project to find out more details about his parents time in the vilna ghetto where they met fell in love and married and about their activities as members of the jewish resistance until our last breath is the culmination of his research and his parents story of love and survival zenia bart s mother was born and raised in vilna leizer fled there to escape the nazi invasion of his hometown of hrubieshov in poland they were married by one of the last remaining rabbis ninety days before the liquidation of the ghetto zenia and leizer along with about 120 members of the vilna ghetto underground escaped to the rudnicki forest they became part of the jewish partisan fighting group led by abba kovner known as the avengers which carried out sabotage missions against the nazi army and eventually participated in the liberation of vilna until our last breath is intensely personal and painstakingly researched a lasting memorial to the jews of vilna a work of exceptional historical importance booklist appeals equally to the head and the heart kirkus reviews

this volume explores the inner dynamics of memory in all its variations from its most destructive and divisive impact to its remarkable potential to heal and reconcile it addresses issues on both the conceptual and the pragmatic level and its theoretical observations and reflections are informed by first hand experiences

the holocaust the basics is a concise introduction to the study of this seismic event in mid twentieth century human history the book takes an original approach as both a narrative and thematic introduction to the topic and provides a core foundation for readers embarking upon their own study it examines a range of perspectives and subjects surrounding the holocaust including the perpetrators of the holocaust the victims resistance to the holocaust liberation legacies and survivors memories of the holocaust supported by a chronology glossary questions for discussion and boxed case studies that focus the reader s thoughts and develop their appreciation of the subjects considered more broadly the holocaust the basics is the ideal introduction to this controversial and widely debated topic for both students and the more general reader

never again stands as one the central pledges of the international community following the end of the second world war upon full

realization of the massive scale of the nazi extermination programme genocide stands as an intolerable assault on a sense of common humanity embodied in the universal declaration of human rights and other fundamental international instruments including the convention on the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide and the united nations charter and yet since the second world war the international community has proven incapable of effectively preventing the occurrence of more genocides in places like cambodia yugoslavia rwanda and sudan is genocide actually preventable or is ever again a more accurate catchphrase to capture the reality of this phenomenon the essays in this volume explore the complex nature of genocide and the relative promise of various avenues identified by the international community to attempt to put a definitive end to its occurrence essays focus on a conceptualization of genocide as a social and political phenomenon on the identification of key actors governments international institutions the media civil society individuals and on an exploration of the relative promise of different means to prevent genocide criminal accountability civil disobedience shaming intervention

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