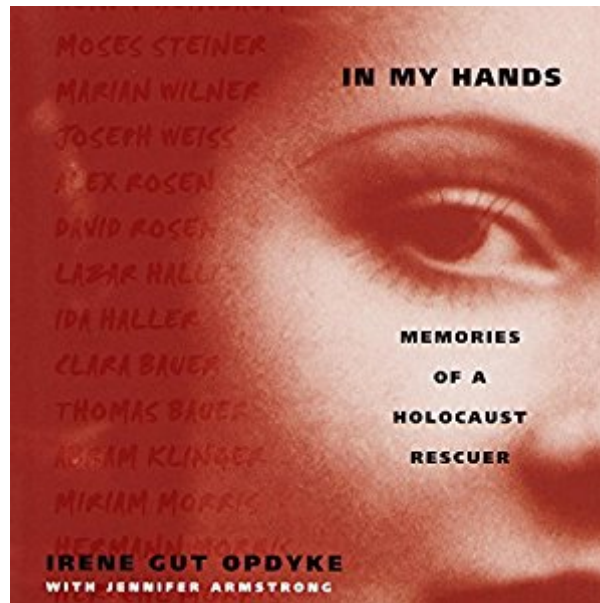




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In My Hands: Memories Of A Holocaust Rescuer



Synopsis

Irene Gut was just 17 in 1939, when the Germans and Russians devoured her native Poland. Just a girl, really. But a girl who saw evil and chose to defy it.

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Customer Reviews

Absolutely loved it. I am American-Polish. I like to read about my heritage. What has happened in Poland. This story had me glued to every word. I was excited to learn what would happen next. Irene done wonderful things in her younger years. Things to be proud of. Sad, though, that all these things had to happen to get Poland to where it is today.

Gut-wrenching in its simplicity, presenting a moral compass for the present day while telling the 'story's of a remarkable woman. Excellent writing and in no way gratuitous: the facts, unflinchingly presented.

The potential buyer can read all the other five-star reviews to find out what this book is about. I just want to make two comments. One, I cannot remember ever writing my close friends and telling them they MUST buy and read any book. After I finished this book, I did just that, saying that you absolutely must read about this Polish girl's courage and sacrifices while saving potential holocaust victims. Two, I want to acknowledge the writer of the book, Jennifer Armstrong. I have done this same thing and it is difficult to imagine the sweat a writer goes through trying to guarantee that the reader will always think it is the author who is telling them the story, not the writer. In this respect

Jennifer Armstrong did a truly outstanding job because you never doubt that it is Irene who is telling you her story. Good work, Jennifer. I wish we could meet over a glass and discuss your trials as you were doing the writing.

One of the best books I've read on the holocaust couldn't put it down. Nice to see a Nazi helping jews for a change. Irene is certainly one of a kind.

A simply unforgettable and deeply moving Memoir of a Polish woman who saved lives of Jews. It's a haunting tale as well. While I have heard a Holocaust survivor speak of atrocities such as Irene shares in the chapter "It wasn't a bird," this was by far the most heart-wrenching and moving account. Her words haunt me. The twists and complications in her story kept me buried in the book. I needed to know the ending. Praise to Irene and others who risked all to save a few. I will have my son read this before we go to Poland for the first time this summer.

This story reads like a novel- it is hard to imagine so many things happening to one person in so short a time- but it is painful to remember that the atrocities are true. Her courage and determination in the face of great trials are an inspiration. I would hope that young people everywhere might learn of her story.

I could not put this book down. What a story and what a brave and wonderful woman she was! I have read so many negative things about the actions of Polish people during the Holocaust that it was good to have a story of a Polish citizen who resisted the Nazis and helped the Jews and fought with the resistance. There were many others I'm sure whose stories did not get told. She visited schools in her later years as a US citizen and spoke to students after she realized that there were people claiming the Holocaust never existed. I know her story and her memories will encourage those students she spoke to to do the right thing when anyone is being oppressed, whether by a bully in the schoolyard or a group of people of other ethnicities or religions.

In My Hands, out of the many books on the holocaust I've read is ranking up there with Night as my fav. I was looking in my reading for stories of resistance leaders. it only takes one act of resistance to make the person a resistance leader it can be argued, however this lady clearly went out of her way on numerous occasions to save a few of the Jewish people. To get caught usually brought certain death, so she risked her life for others. She even became the concubine of a high German

official in order to save her friends lives; I was impressed how she got through all the suffering and grief that I saw in the book. Later, after the war she found the Jews she had saved and they nursed her back to health and gathered some coins for her, trying to repay with their gratitude what she had done for them. This is not a book you just read and then forget. I actually felt her love and compassion for humanity, no matter what race or religion it is and I was strengthened in beliefs and heart that she persevered despite all the odds were against her surviving. She is honored in Israel for her deeds officially. In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer

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