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The Holocaust didn't really end in 1945. Not for everyone. Even after the war, survivors' lives were influenced by their terrifying experiences. Some of them were never able to retell their stories—for others, it took decades.

In My Mother's Ring: "A Holocaust Historical Novel," Henryk Frankowski feels compelled to pen his memoir and finally share his poignant story from his hospital bed as he lay dying. His carefree childhood as a Jewish boy in Warsaw, Poland is never far from his mind as he recalls the tumultuous world he endured during the Holocaust. Henryk speaks uninhibitedly about the intense bond he has with his family, particularly his adoration for his nurturing mother. Ultimately, the Frankowskis' lives are broken apart as World War II ignites and the Nazis storm across Europe, imprisoning and killing millions. As senseless restrictions are implemented, living conditions are compressed, circumstances turn dire, and callous disregard for human life runs rampant, Henryk must find the resilience to carry on. All the while, he dreams of a family reunion in Warsaw...

## **My Mother's Ring: A Holocaust Historical Novel Details**

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## **From Reader Review My Mother's Ring: A Holocaust Historical Novel for online ebook**

### **Cheryl says**

A historical novel about the life of Henryk Frankowski in Poland during WWII. Henryk is an old man dying in a hospital and decides to tell his story. His is a powerful and heart breaking story of 17 year old Henryk and his family from the beginning of WWII to liberation to building a life after the war in the US. His mother's wedding ring and the strength she has instilled in him are what fuels his survival.

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### **Sue says**

Wow! Hard to believe this is historical fiction and not real life (altho I believe it actually did happen). I couldn't stop reading what was gunna happen next. Altho the material was hard to read, I did enjoy this book. Just wow...

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### **Ginny Atwell says**

This book is the story of a Jewish Family from Poland during WW11. They first get sent from their home to a Ghetto & then to numerous Concentration Camps during the war. How this 17 yr. old boy lives thru all the horror is amazing. It is gut wrenching but I'm very glad I read it.

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### **Rhiannon says**

I've read hundreds of accounts of the Holocaust, and while nothing I read in this fictional memoir surprised me, I found myself unmoved emotionally as well. a good book for a historical beginner, but certainly not the best by any stretch .

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### **Stephen Young says**

A fascinating read, one that I found extremely difficult to put down. The author says to read the book slowly, but I found myself moving quickly through it because I got so involved in the story. While this book is a work of fiction, it is so well written that you get soaked into the story and soon forget that it isn't a true account. We can all learn about this terrible time in history from this book. The book is clearly labeled "fiction" and the subtitle reinforces this. I will definitely be recommending this to others!

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### **Tammy Elle says**

A moving, emotional piece of historical fiction!

### **Pam says**

I am now reading this interesting book about the occupation of Poland during WW2. As all the other books during this time, I am amazed and shocked at the atrocities these fine people had to endure. Will let you know once I'm finished how I rate this book, so far I'm enjoying the read, just not the things the families had to endure. We are so blessed in the US to never have had to live thru such crimes against human beings.

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### **Trisha says**

loved this book. I've recently become intrigued by this subject matter (the holocaust). It is a heart wrenching story written as a memoir about the main character who was a boy of 17 at the time he was sent to Auschwitz and various other concentration camps over the course of his 5 1/2 year imprisonment. There are some very upsetting descriptions of things he saw during his time in the camps. But it is very eye opening to be put into the camps from that perspective. It was a very quick read for me because I couldn't stop reading it. It was our book club choice for the month and I really enjoyed it. Very sad that he was the only one left in his family after the war but he does make the best of his life after liberation. I truly enjoyed this book.

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### **Niyya says**

I got this book for an English class project where we had to pick a book about the holocaust. I do not on any circumstances recommend this book to any one. Dana Fitzwater Cornell could have written a beautifully sculpted novel, the idea for her book had so much potential but was brutally murdered. I believe if she would have written her own account about her family and the three different concentration camps they were placed in during the holocaust, I believe that more emotion would have been displayed. I was disappointed greatly. There is no artwork in her writing no beautifully designed sentences. There are only dull, lifeless phrases. I believe that Henryk would have felt more emotions and would have had more going through his head than what she wrote. In her prologue she also writes, "My goal in writing this memoir is to attempt to capture the emotion- the fear, the uncertainty, the desolation-of that time". This is not a memoir; it is fiction. This is not her story. If you want to read a real account- a truly amazing story of the holocaust, read Night by Elie Wiesel. This memoir pulls at so many places in my heart and my mind. I was in tears by the end.

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### **Alex Stevenson says**

Although this topic is depressing, the book is very uplifting and inspiring. Makes me appreciate what I have. Very poignant story and well written. I would certainly recommend this to others.

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### **Brandon Tillson says**

This book captures the horrors of the Holocaust in great detail. Recommend for anyone interested in this time period.

### **Jean says**

A historical novel on WWII. The story follows a young man through 5 years of concentration camps. After losing all his family, the book has a surprise ending.

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### **Nana43 says**

I've read many Holocaust books and this one is well deserving of 5 stars. It's the best written one that I've read.

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### **Joyce (Chloe) says**

This was a very engaging, horrifying story. Well written, and difficult to put down.

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### **Maryellen says**

I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in learning about the holocaust!

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