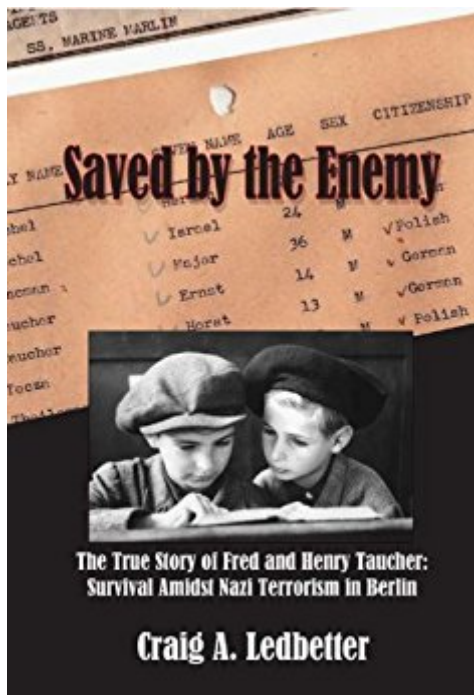


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Saved By The Enemy



Synopsis

Framed in the historical time line from Hitler's rise to power to the end of the Nazi regime thirteen years later was a Jewish family, with two young sons, living in Berlin. With the clouds gathering, they realized they had no means to leave and therefore must ride out the storm. Their hopes faded as stricter restrictions were placed on them and the bullying and hatred of Jews intensified. Suddenly, Kristallnacht erupted and the numbers of killings and deportations surged. The family was repeatedly pushed deeper into the neglected ghettos, and the father was forced into slave labor. The Nazi SS was assigned the task of making Berlin the center of Hitler's growing evil empire Judenfrei (Jewish free). The mother and children had no choice but to flee the terror when it finally arrived at their door; it was already too late for the father. Running into the night, with no other options, the mother made a phone call to a woman who might be either a friend or an enemy. A plan was quickly hatched. "There is no good place to hide; you can only hide amongst your enemy and pray that your secret is not discovered." And what a train ride it was....

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Customer Reviews

I just finished this book and I loved it. This is a Holocaust story told from the perspective of two

young Jewish brothers in Berlin, who with their family and help from good German people, were hidden and taken care of during the war. At war's end, the only survivors were the two boys, and their story of survival during and after the war, and how they came to America is really a fascinating saga. This is a must read for anyone interested in the Holocaust era, and should be required reading in every school.

I found *Saved by the Enemy* a well written book for either a younger reader or an adult. While never watering down the Nazi Regime, Mr. Ledbetter balances that with the kindness of several German citizens. This is a story that must be told. It is also a story of achieving the American Dream. I don't want to spoil the ending, but one simply must congratulate both men for their hard work and subsequent success.

It is astonishing that there were Jewish survivors from Berlin in WW2. The boys under hard circumstances were able to survive. The book is sad. There is a somewhat happy ending. Thank you for righteous gentiles, a good book for middle teens.

This is such a wonderfully inspiring book about two Jewish brothers who survived the Holocaust and War years although their Mother and Father both died. Their Mother secretly worked for the Germans, hid underground and risk her life many times to feed and shelter the brothers. There were two women friends who were not Jewish who befriended the family and made every effort to see them to safety. One of the brothers was caught and on the train to the death camp when the train slowly stopped leaving him on the train with the others and after several days the car was opened and he was rescued by the Russians. Luck (destiny or God) later worked in his favor to get him back to Berlin and reunited with his Mother and brother. Finally the war ended and the boys were able to get to America...there they worked hard to become successful...and this they both did...the military was a factor that got them on right track and a business sense with ambition was within to make these two unlikely men heroes and successful in the business world. My book was downloaded from . I would recommend it to anyone who likes an uplifting success story.

It is always helpful to know and read stories of good people responding to difficult and even dangerous situations. The author begins each chapter with an introductory section on the context in time and political realities. Nothing ever happens unrelated to other events. The closing couple chapters lost some of the "umph" of the beginning chapters.

This story turned out to be a history lesson on how the Reich came to power, how Germans embraced Hitler's propaganda and what the Jews endured through all the years of war and persecution. I loved the way the author intertwined history with the personal story of Fred and Hank. I highly recommend this book to anyone wanting a deeper understanding into the pre war rise of Hitler, the passivity of the other countries as they did not view Hitler as a threat and the German heroes that refused to buy into Hitler's laws and at great risk to themselves helped this family to survive. I also appreciate that the book takes you past the holocaust to what both boys went onto become. a must read.

There is always more to learn about what happened not so long ago during WW2, & the atrocities committed against millions of men, women & children that could have been you or me. This is an excellent account, very well written, of a family's experience before, during & after the war. Highly recommended.

Have the feeling of actually being present and feeling the emotions . Our family is not Jewish but as times became desperate many were able to escape to the US. Those left behind we will never know what they endured. Leaves me wondering had my ancestors suffered these perils or perhaps were able to assist someone.

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