

# The Cage Ruth Minsky Sender

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[In Our Hearts We Were Giants](#) - Yehuda Koren 2009-04-27

In this remarkable, never-before-told account of the Ovitz family, seven of whose ten members were dwarves, readers bear witness to the best and worst of humanity and to the terrible irony of the Ovitz's fate: being burdened with dwarfism helped them endure the Holocaust. Israeli authors Yehuda Koren and Eilat Negev weave the tale of a beloved and successful family of performers who were famous entertainers in Central Europe until the Nazis deported them to Auschwitz in May 1944. Descending into the hell of the concentration camp from the transport train, the Ovitz family—known widely as the Lilliput Troupe—was separated from other Jewish victims. Dr. Josef Mengele was notified of their arrival and they were assigned better quarters and provided more nutritious food than other inmates. The authors chronicle Mengele's experiments upon the Ovitz's, and the creepy fondness he developed for these small people, even the songs he composed and sang to this family of singers, dancers, and klezmerim. Finally liberated by Russian troops, the family returned to their deserted village in Transylvania, and eventually found their way to a new home in Israel. They resumed their careers, overcame their handicaps and became wealthy and successful performers.

[I'm Dancing As Fast As I Can](#) - Barbara Gordon 1989

An Emmy-winning TV producer recounts her Valium-induced breakdown, her stays in two mental hospitals, and her struggle to begin a new life

[Four Perfect Pebbles](#) - Lila Perl 2016-10-18

The twentieth-anniversary edition of Marion Blumenthal Lazan's acclaimed Holocaust memoir features new material by the author, a reading group guide, a map, and additional photographs. "The writing is direct, devastating, with no rhetoric or exploitation. The truth is in what's said and in what is left out."—ALA Booklist (starred review) Marion Blumenthal Lazan's unforgettable and acclaimed memoir recalls the devastating years that shaped her childhood. Following Hitler's rise to power, the Blumenthal family—father, mother, Marion, and her brother, Albert—were trapped in Nazi Germany. They managed eventually to get to Holland, but soon thereafter it was occupied by the Nazis. For the next six and a half years the Blumenthals were forced to live in refugee, transit, and prison camps, including Westerbork in Holland and Bergen-Belsen in Germany, before finally making it to the United States. Their story is one of horror and hardship, but it is also a story of courage, hope, and the will to survive. *Four Perfect Pebbles* features forty archival photographs, including several new to this edition, an epilogue, a bibliography, a map, a reading group guide, an index, and a new afterword by the author. First published in 1996, the book was an ALA Notable Book, an ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers, and IRA Young Adults' Choice, and a Notable Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies, and the recipient of many other honors. "A harrowing and often moving account."—School Library Journal

**Number the Stars** - Lois Lowry 2011

It is 1943 and for 10 year old Annemarie life is still fun. But there are worries too - the Nazis have occupied Copenhagen and there are food shortages, curfews and the threat of being stopped by soldiers and Annemarie's best friend is a Jew.

**Parallel Journeys** - Eleanor H. Ayer 2011-06-28

She was a young German Jew. He was an ardent member of the Hitler Youth. This is the story of their parallel journey through World War II. Helen Waterford and Alfons Heck were born just a few miles from each other in the German Rhineland. But their lives took radically different courses: Helen's to the Auschwitz extermination camp; Alfons to a high rank in the Hitler Youth. While Helen was hiding in Amsterdam, Alfons was a fanatic believer in Hitler's "master race." While she was crammed in a cattle car bound for the death camp Aushchwitz, he was a teenage commander of frontline troops, ready to fight and die for the glory of Hitler and the Fatherland. This book tells both of their stories, side-by-side, in an overwhelming account of the nightmare that was WWII. The

riveting stories of these two remarkable people must stand as a powerful lesson to us all.

[The Lady Most Likely... LP](#) - Julia Quinn 2010-12-28

Three of the brightest stars of historical romance invite you to a party at the country home of the Honorable Marquess of Finchley Hugh Dunne, the Earl of Briarly, needs a wife, so his sister hands him a list of delectable damsels and promises to invite them— and a few other gentlemen—to her country house for what is sure to be the event of the season. Hugh will have time to woo whichever lady he most desires . . . Unless someone else snatches her first. The invitation list includes: The horse-mad but irresistibly handsome Earl of Briarly The always outspoken Miss Katherine Peyton The dashing war hero Captain Neill Oakes The impossibly beautiful (and painfully shy) Miss Gwendolyn Passmore The terribly eligible new Earl of Charters The widowed Lady Georgina Sorrell (who has no plans to marry, ever) And your hostess, Lady Carolyn Finchley, an irrepressible matchmaker who plans to find the lady most likely . . . to capture her brother's untamed heart.

**Anne Frank** - Anne Frank 1999-03

The compelling diary of a young girl on the brink of maturity as her life draws to toward its tragic end -- one of the most moving and vivid documents of the Jewish experience.

**No Pretty Pictures** - Anita Lobel 2008-09-01

Relates the popular children's book author's early life spent in hiding and in concentration camps in Poland.

**All But My Life** - Gerda Weissmann Klein 1995-03-31

All But My Life is the unforgettable story of Gerda Weissmann Klein's six-year ordeal as a victim of Nazi cruelty. From her comfortable home in Bielitz (present-day Bielsko) in Poland to her miraculous survival and her liberation by American troops—including the man who was to become her husband—in Volary, Czechoslovakia, in 1945, Gerda takes the reader on a terrifying journey. Gerda's serene and idyllic childhood is shattered when Nazis march into Poland on September 3, 1939. Although the Weissmanns were permitted to live for a while in the basement of their home, they were eventually separated and sent to German labor camps. Over the next few years Gerda experienced the slow, inexorable stripping away of "all but her life." By the end of the war she had lost her parents, brother, home, possessions, and community; even the dear friends she made in the labor camps, with whom she had shared so many hardships, were dead. Despite her horrifying experiences, Klein conveys great strength of spirit and faith in humanity. In the darkness of the camps, Gerda and her young friends manage to create a community of friendship and love. Although stripped of the essence of life, they were able to survive the barbarity of their captors. Gerda's beautifully written story gives an invaluable message to everyone. It introduces them to last century's terrible history of devastation and prejudice, yet offers them hope that the effects of hatred can be overcome.

**World War Two** - R. G. Grant 2011

Accompanying DVD includes World War II footage.

[In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer](#) - Irene Gut Opdyke 2016-03-08

"No matter how many Holocaust stories one has read, this one is a must, for its impact is so powerful."—School Library Journal, starred I did not ask myself, "Should I do this?" but "How will I do this?" Through this intimate and compelling memoir, we are witness to the growth of a hero. Much like *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *In My Hands* has become a profound testament to individual courage. You must understand that I did not become a resistance fighter, a smuggler of Jews, a defier of the SS and the Nazis, all at once. When the war began, Irene Gut was just seventeen: a student nurse, a Polish patriot, a good Catholic girl. Forced to work in a German officers' dining hall, she learns how to fight back. One's first steps are always small: I had begun by hiding food under a fence. Irene eavesdropped on the German's plans. She smuggled people out of the work camp. And she hid twelve Jews in the basement of a Nazi

major's home. To deliver her friends from evil, this young woman did whatever it took—even the impossible.

*The Big Lie* - Isabella Leitner 1992

**The Cage** - Ruth Minsky Sender 1997-08-01

A testament to the enduring strength of the human spirit, family, and, above all, hope, this “vivid memoir of a woman who lost her youth and family to the Nazis” (Kirkus Reviews, starred review) is a Holocaust survival story that will be remembered for generations. As long as there is life, there is hope... After Riva’s mother was taken away by the Nazis, Riva and her younger brothers were left to cling to their mother’s brave words to help them endure life in the Lodz ghetto. Then the family is rounded up, deported to Auschwitz, and separated. Now Riva is alone. At Auschwitz, and later in the work camps at Mittlesteine and Grafenort, Riva vows to live, and to hope—for Mama, for her brothers, for the millions of other victims of the nightmare of the Holocaust. And through determination and courage, and unexpected small acts of kindness, she does live. And this unforgettable memoir of love, strength, and survival is her story.

**Sparing the Child** - Hamida Bosmajian 2013-09-13

Bosmajian explores children's texts that have either a Holocaust survivor or a former member of the Hitler Youth as a protagonist.

**Thanks to My Mother** - Schoschana Rabinovici 2000-03-01

Susie Weksler was only eight when Hitler's forces invaded her Lithuanian city of Vilnius. Over the next few years, she endured starvation, brutality, and forced labor in three concentration camps. With courage and ingenuity, Susie's mother helped her to survive--by disguising her as an adult to fool the camp guards, finding food to add to their scarce rations, and giving her the will to endure. This harrowing memoir portrays the best and worst of humanity in heartbreaking scenes you will never forget. Winner of the Mildred L. Batchelder Award An ALA Notable Book An NCSS-CBC Notable Children's Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies

**Yellow Star** - Jennifer Rozines Roy 2009-01

In 1939, the Germans invaded the town of Lodz, Poland, and moved the Jewish population into a small part of the city called a ghetto. As the war progressed, 270,000 people were forced to settle in the ghetto under impossible conditions. At the end of the war, there were 800 survivors. Of those who survived, only twelve were children. This is the story of Sylvia Perlmutter, one of the twelve.

**The Holocaust Lady** - Ruth Minsky Sender 2020-04-06

In this emotional sequel to *The Cage* and *To Life*, Ruth Minsky Sender relates her struggle to build a new life in America, her battle to cope with her horrific memories of the Holocaust, and her decision to tell her story. In an effort to teach children about the Holocaust, the author describes the impact of this horrifying event on her life and the lives of other survivors.

**The Cage** - Bonnie Kistler 2022-02-15

Combining the propulsive narrative drive of *The Firm* with the psychological complexity of *The Silent Patient*, a gripping and original thriller about two professional women—colleagues at an international fashion conglomerate—who enter an elevator together . . . but only one is alive when they reach the ground floor. On a cold, misty Sunday night, two women are alone in the offices of fashion conglomerate Claudine de Martineau International. One is the company’s human resources director. Impeccably dressed and perfectly coiffed, she sits at her desk and stares somberly out the window. Down the hall, her colleague, one of the company’s lawyers, is buried under a pile of paperwork, frantically rushing to finish. Leaving at the same time, the two women, each preoccupied by her own thoughts, enter the elevator that will take them down from the 30th floor. When they arrive at the lobby, one of the women is dead. Was it murder or suicide? An incredibly original novel that turns the office thriller on its head, *The Cage* is a wild ride that begins with a bang and picks up speed as it races to its dramatic end.

**Survivors: True Stories of Children in the Holocaust** - Allan Zullo 2016-11-29

Gripping and inspiring, these true stories of bravery, terror, and hope chronicle nine different children's experiences during the Holocaust. These are the true-life accounts of nine Jewish boys and girls whose lives spiraled into danger and fear as the Holocaust overtook Europe. In a time of great horror, these children each found a way to make it through the nightmare of war. Some made daring escapes into the unknown, others disguised their true identities, and many witnessed unimaginable horrors. But what they all shared was the unshakable belief in-- and hope for-- survival. Their legacy of courage in the face of

hatred will move you, captivate you, and, ultimately, inspire you.

**Paper Gauze Ballerina** - Sophie Weisz Miklos 2000-12

*Paper Gauze Ballerina* is a memoir of a Holocaust survivor. This book is one person's plight to rise above the ashes of the Holocaust and become a whole and functioning human being again. It will make you aware of how a genocide and the aftermath of a genocide extends through a lifetime, and sometimes for generations to come. With the help of this book, the author ceased to remain a victim, and most of all, got rid of all her feelings of revenge, anger, and hate, bottled up from the injustices done to her during incarceration. She believes that those feelings are the major precursors to another genocide. *Paper Gauze Ballerina* is a must for educators to read. It is a unique book which transforms a negative experience to a positive outlook.

**Holocaust Memoirs** - Bert Lewyn 2001-10-17

In 1942, Gestapo agents knocked on the door of the Lewyn family. Bert Lewyn was a teenager, only 18 years old. Like thousands of other Jewish families, Bert, his mother and father were all arrested and taken away. His parents were deported to a concentration camp and Bert was conscripted as a slave laborer, forced to work in a weapons factory building machine guns for the German Wehrmacht. This is the story of Bert's escape and subsequent struggle to survive on his own, living underground in Nazi Berlin.

**The Diary of Mary Berg** - Mary Berg 2013-10-01

The first eye-witness account ever published of life in the Warsaw Ghetto Mary Berg was fifteen when the German army poured into Poland in 1939. She survived four years of Nazi terror, and managed to keep a diary throughout. This astonishing, vivid portrayal of life inside the Warsaw Ghetto ranks with the most significant documents of the Second World War. Mary Berg candidly chronicles not only the daily deprivations and mass deportations, but also the resistance and resilience of the inhabitants, their secret societies, and the youth at the forefront of the fight against Nazi terror. Above all *The Diary of Mary Berg* is a uniquely personal story of a life-loving girl’s encounter with unparalleled human suffering, and offers an extraordinary insight into one of the darkest chapters of human history.

**Lady Whistledown Strikes Back** - Julia Quinn 2009-10-13

Join the Bridgertons, and the rest of the ton, as they pore over (and gossip about) Lady Whistledown’s latest musings. The elusive Regency-era gossip columnist -- popularized in # 1 New York Times bestselling author Julia Quinn’s Bridgerton novels, now a series created by Shondaland for Netflix -- reveals society’s most recent secrets in this second glittering anthology, following the New York Times bestseller, *The Further Observations of Lady Whistledown: Who Stole Lady Neeley’s Bracelet?* Was it the fortune hunter, the gambler, the servant, or the rogue? All of London is abuzz with speculation, but it is clear that one of four couples is connected to the crime. —Lady Whistledown’s Society Papers, May 1816 Julia Quinn enchants: A dashing fortune hunter is captivated by the Season’s most desired debutante . . . and must prove he is out to steal the lady’s heart, not her dowry. Suzanne Enoch tantalizes: An innocent miss who has spent her life scrupulously avoiding scandal is suddenly—and secretly—courted by London’s most notorious rogue. Karen Hawkins seduces: A roving viscount comes home to rekindle the passionate fires of his marriage . . . only to discover that his beautiful, headstrong bride will not be so easily won. Mia Ryan delights: A lovely, free-spirited servant is dazzled by the romantic attentions of a charming earl . . . sparking a scandalous affair that could ruin them both. You’ll hear it first from Lady Whistledown!

**Rena's Promise** - Rena Kornreich Gelissen 2015-03-17

An expanded edition of the powerful memoir about two sisters' determination to survive during the Holocaust featuring new and never before revealed information about the first transport of women to Auschwitz In March 1942, Rena Kornreich and 997 other young women were rounded up and forced onto the first Jewish transport of women to Auschwitz. Soon after, Rena was reunited with her sister Danka at the camp, beginning a story of love and courage that would last three years and forty-one days. From smuggling bread for their friends to narrowly escaping the ever-present threats that loomed at every turn, the compelling events in *Rena’s Promise* remind us that humanity and hope can survive inordinate brutality.

**I Will Plant You a Lilac Tree** - Laura Hillman 2010-05-11

"HANNELORE, YOUR PAPA IS DEAD." In the spring of 1942 Hannelore received a letter from Mama at her school in Berlin, Germany--Papa had been arrested and taken to a concentration camp. Six weeks later he was sent home; ashes in an urn. Soon another letter arrived. "The Gestapo has notified your brothers and me that we are to be deported to the East-

-whatever that means." Hannelore knew: labor camps, starvation, beatings...How could Mama and her two younger brothers bear that? She made a decision: She would go home and be deported with her family. Despite the horrors she faced in eight labor and concentration camps, Hannelore met and fell in love with a Polish POW named Dick Hillman. Oskar Schindler was their one hope to survive. Schindler had a plan to take eleven hundred Jews to the safety of his new factory in Czechoslovakia. Incredibly both she and Dick were added to his list. But survival was not that simple. Weeks later Hannelore found herself, alone, outside the gates of Auschwitz, pushed toward the smoking crematoria. *I Will Plant You a Lilac Tree* is the remarkable true story of one young woman's nightmarish coming-of-age. But it is also a story about the surprising possibilities for hope and love in one of history's most brutal times.

**The Lady Most Willing...** - Julia Quinn 2012-12-26

From Julia Quinn, the author of *Bridgerton*—along with close friends and bestselling authors Eloisa James and Connie Brockway—comes a thrilling tale of a snow-bound party in a Scottish castle. And You're Invited! When Laird Taran Ferguson's nephews refuse to find brides, he takes matters into his own hands, raiding a ball and bringing some lovely young ladies to his castle. Which author do you think escorted which heroine to the castle? Miss Fiona Chisholm, a beauty with a scandalous past Lady Cecily Tarleton, a lovely heiress—but she's English Miss Catriona Burns, a lady with no name or fortune, so clearly someone made a mistake! When it comes to gentlemen, did Eloisa invite an earl so stern that he broke his engagement after a mere whiff of scandal? Did Connie suggest that the Duke of Bretton fall asleep in the carriage used in a kidnapping? Did Julia bring a rogue whose reputation precedes him? A novel in three parts, as fresh and charming as the Highland air, written by three of the very best writers of historical romance.

**I Have Lived a Thousand Years** - Livia Bitton-Jackson 2011-11-01

What is death all about? What is life all about? So wonders thirteen-year-old Elli Friedmann as she fights for her life in a Nazi concentration camp. A remarkable memoir, *I Have Lived a Thousand Years* is a story of cruelty and suffering, but at the same time a story of hope, faith, perseverance, and love. It wasn't long ago that Elli led a normal life that included family, friends, school, and thoughts about boys. A life in which Elli could lie and daydream for hours that she was a beautiful and elegant celebrated poet. But these adolescent daydreams quickly darken in March 1944, when the Nazis invade Hungary. First Elli can no longer attend school, have possessions, or talk to her neighbors. Then she and her family are forced to leave their house behind to move into a crowded ghetto, where privacy becomes a luxury of the past and food becomes a scarcity. Her strong will and faith allow Elli to manage and adjust, but what she doesn't know is that this is only the beginning. The worst is yet to come...

**Elly: My True Story of the Holocaust** - Elly Gross 2010-02-01

Told in short, gripping chapters, this is an unforgettable true story of survival. The author was featured in Steven Spielberg's *Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation*. At just 15, her mother, and brother were taken from their Romanian town to the Auschwitz-II/Birkenau concentration camp. When they arrived at Auschwitz, a soldier waved Elly to the right; her mother and brother to the left. She never saw her family alive again. Thanks to a series of miracles, Elly survived the Holocaust. Today she is dedicated to keeping alive the stories of those who did not. Elly appeared on CBS's *60 Minutes* for her involvement in bringing an important lawsuit against Volkswagen, whose German factory used her and other Jews as slave laborers.

**The Cage** - Ruth Minsky Sender 2008-06-30

As long as there is life, there is hope After Mama is taken away by the Nazis, Riva and her younger brothers cling to their mother's brave words to help them endure life in the Lodz ghetto. Then the family is rounded up, deported to Auschwitz, and separated. Now Riva is alone. At Auschwitz, and later in the work camps at Mittlesteine and Grafenort, Riva vows to live, and to hope - for Mama, for her brothers, for the millions of other victims of the nightmare of the Holocaust. And through determination and courage, and unexpected small acts of kindness, she does live - to write the unforgettable memoir that is a testament to the strength of the human spirit.

**My Brother's Voice** - Stephen Nasser 2003

Stephen Nasser was 13 years old when the Nazi's sent he and his family to Auschwitz. Stephen tells his story in the direct and optimistic language of a young boy.

**The Further Observations of Lady Whistledown** - Julia Quinn 2009-10-13  
A New York Times Bestseller A sparkling anthology starring Lady

Whistledown—the elusive Regency-era gossip columnist popularized in #1 New York Times bestselling author Julia Quinn's *Bridgerton* novels, now a series created by Shondaland for Netflix. *Lady Whistledown Tells All!* Society is abuzz when the Season's most promising debutante is jilted by her intended—only to be swept away by the deceitful rogue's dashing older brother—in New York Times bestseller Julia Quinn's witty, charming, and heartfelt tale. When the scandalous actions of his beautiful fiancée are recorded in *Lady Whistledown's* column, a concerned groom-to-be rushes back to London to win his lady's heart once and forever, in Suzanne Enoch's enchanting romantic gem. Karen Hawkins captivates with an enduring story of a handsome rogue whose lifelong friendship—and his heart—are tested when the lovely lady in question sets her cap for someone else. A dazzling and delightful tale by Mia Ryan has a young woman cast out of her home by an insufferable yet charming marquis—who intends to take possession not only of the house . . . but its former occupant as well!

**Hidden Like Anne Frank: 14 True Stories of Survival** - Marcel Prins 2014-03-25

For readers of *The Boy Who Dared* and *Prisoner B-3087*, a collection of unforgettable true stories of children hidden away during World War II. Jaap Sitters was only eight years old when his mother cut the yellow stars off his clothes and sent him, alone, on a fifteen-mile walk to hide with relatives. It was a terrifying night, one he would never forget. Before the end of the war, he would hide in secret rooms and behind walls. He would suffer from hunger, sickness, and the looming threat of Nazi raids. But he would live. This is just one of the true stories told in *Hidden Like Anne Frank*, a collection of eye-opening first-person accounts that share the experience of going into hiding to escape the Holocaust. Some were just toddlers when they were hidden; some were teenagers. Some hid with neighbors or family, while many were with complete strangers. But all know the pain of losing their homes, their families, even their own names. They describe the secret network that kept them safe. And they share the coincidences and close calls that made all the difference.

**The Cage** - Ruth Minsky Sender 2016-04-05

A teenage girl recounts the suffering and persecution of her family under the Nazis, in a Polish ghetto, during deportation, and in a concentration camp.

**To Life** - Ruth Minsky Sender 2015-01-13

"WE ARE FREE!" When Russian soldiers liberate Grafenort, the Nazi labor camp where she is a prisoner, nineteen-year-old Riva discovers that liberation doesn't mean the end of her hardship and suffering. Cold and starving, threatened with rape by the same Russian soldiers who were her saviors, Riva makes her way to her old home in Poland, searching like so many others for family who may have survived. Strengthened by her mother's credo, as long as there is life, there is hope, and by the promise of a new love and a new life, Riva endures the long years of waiting for real freedom and a real home. Picking up where her acclaimed memoir *The Cage* leaves off, Ruth Minsky Sender has written another inspirational document of the power of hope and love over unspeakable cruelty.

**My Bridges of Hope** - Livia Bitton-Jackson 2011-11-01

After liberation from Auschwitz, fourteen-year-old Elli, her brother, and their mother attempt to rebuild their lives in Czechoslovakia. But it doesn't take long for Elli to realize that even though the war is over, anti-Semitism is not, so she and her family decide to escape to America along with thousands of other Jews. Little do they know what agonies and adventures await them still. Elli's memoir of her experiences after Auschwitz will captivate readers as they follow her through heartache, frustration, adventure, excitement, love, and ultimately, triumph.

**Sixth Grade Secrets** - Louis Sachar 2009-07-10

Eager to keep the existence of her new club a secret, Laura asks each member to tell her something embarrassing about themselves, a tactic that could backfire. Reissue.

**The Music Makers** - Shirley Russak Wachtel 2014-10-10

*THE MUSIC MAKERS* by Shirley Russak Wachtel, author of the acclaimed memoir, *MY MOTHER'S SHOES*, is the story of five individuals living in upstate New York: Virginia, a divorcee embarking on a new career as she worries over the demands of her grown daughters; Joshua, a widower haunted by the memories of his lost wife as he faces a rebellious son; Christine, an artist who struggles with a terrible secret; Adam who finds himself in the first throes of love with the wrong person; and David, a Holocaust survivor facing his last days frightened by memory loss as he clings to the tattered images of his past. Their different lives and concerns are suddenly drawn together by the

appearance of a mysterious young boy. Ordinary people with life issues from which none of us can escape, they each ultimately overcome struggles, finding a sense of "harmony" as they are inspired by something which none of them ever anticipated. Heartrending and beautiful, THE MUSIC MAKERS is an unforgettable tale of characters full of life and passion so that coming to the last page, the reader will find not only the end of the book but the end of a friendship as well.

**Run, Boy, Run** - Uri Orlev 2003

Based on a true story, Srulik, an eight-year-old boy, escapes the Warsaw Ghetto and must survive throughout the war in the Nazi-occupied Polish countryside. An ALA Notable Book for Children. Reprint.

**The Holocaust Lady** - Ruth Minsky Sender 2016-11-22

In this emotional sequel to *The Cage* and *To Life*, Ruth Minsky Sender relates her struggle to build a new life in America, her battle to cope with her horrific memories of the Holocaust, and her decision to tell her story. In an effort to teach children about the Holocaust, the author describes the impact of this horrifying event on her life and the lives of

other survivors.

**Paper Hearts** - Meg Wiviott 2015-09-01

A forbidden gift helps two teenage girls find hope, friendship, and the will to live in this "beautifully told true story about brave young women who refused to be victims and walked out of Auschwitz with their heads unbowed" (School Library Journal). An act of defiance. A statement of hope. A crime punishable by death. Making a birthday card in Auschwitz was all of those things. But that is what Zlatka did, in 1944, for her best friend, Fania. She stole and bartered for paper and scissors, secretly creating an origami heart. Then she passed it to every girl at the work tables to sign with their hopes and wishes for happiness, for love, and most of all—for freedom. Fania knew what that heart meant, for herself and all the other girls. And she kept it hidden, through the bitter days in the camp and through the death marches. She kept it always. This novel is based on the true story of Fania and Zlatka, the story of the bond that helped them both to hope for the best in the face of the worst. Their heart is one of the few objects created in Auschwitz, and can be seen today in the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre.