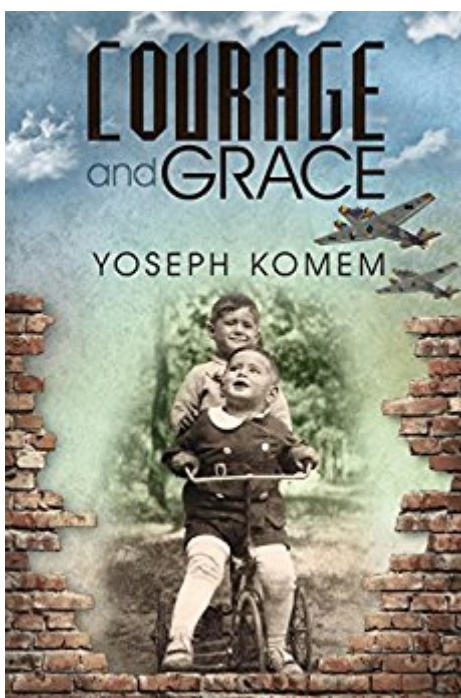


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Courage And Grace: Turbulent Journeys From Darkness To Light In The Years 1936-1950 And Beyond



Synopsis

A family's unbelievable survival in the face of the Holocaust. Yoseph and Itzhak Komem are two young Jewish brothers hiding under fake Catholic identities in the Aryan side of a Polish town during the Holocaust. Their fascinating testimonies are brought together with those of their deaf father, their mother, and others, to convey their life stories and their unbelievable escape from the Nazis. You'll read this amazing literary, historical, and biographical document with bated breath. The novel weaves an unbelievable mix of everyday and nightmarish reality, between the ghetto and outside of it, colorfully portraying the struggle to survive on the rear lines of a war between the Wehrmacht and the Red Army. The memories conclude with the period of life after liberation: in the Polish People's Republic, in an orphanage in France, in a boarding school in England, and in the Land of Israel. A drama of tragedy and rescue, dare, courage, and grace. *Courage and Grace* offers a unique memoir of the Second World War, written in the form of a polyphony—a chorus of voices that reverberate with each other, highlighting their differences in experience and points of view. The author recreates a gripping and suspenseful mosaic of daring escapes, concealments, and acts of valor, portraying the struggle for survival in the face of a living nightmare. Get your copy of *Courage and Grace* now!

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Customer Reviews

Having been born during the 2nd World War, I could relate to many of the events that were addressed in the book. As terrible as that war was, it proved that there are caring people and they care regardless of what other people say or do. I was intrigued by the presentation of the book and the authors method of writing it. I was glad the author only mentioned the death camps and didn't dwell on that aspect of the war. I have to admit that I could not follow all the names of the people involved but I didn't find that a distraction. I admire the gentleman who wrote the book and would highly recommend it.

I have read many books about this horrible time in history and my heart breaks each time I read someone else's experiences. The author writes in a way that makes you feel that you are right there with him and feeling every emotion that he is feeling. How he was able to go through all that he did, and still has a strong will to make the best of life just astonishes me. He is definitely an inspiration to me and I thank him for writing this book so that the horrors of the holocaust will never be forgotten. What makes this story so powerful is that it is written from a child's perspective during the Second World War. We usually think of only adults when it comes to history's atrocities, overlooking those who suffer and are damaged the most...children. Each Holocaust survivor has a unique and individual story. However, these survivors' stories didn't end in 1945. They continue through to the present day. Their testimonies provide us with an understanding of how the events of the Holocaust have shaped their lives and are an ongoing testimony to the strength of the human spirit. Yoseph Komem's actual story of survival offers a fascinating and all encompassing human dramatization that stretches out from the dim days of the Second World War to the autonomous State of Israel. The author paints his life story in a very vivid and moving way. It's a holding and inspiring idealistic account based on personal experiences, you'll appreciate each page of this captivating voyage of hope and inspiration. This really is a remarkable story.

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fascinating testimonies are brought together with those of their deaf father, their mother, and others to convey their life stories and their unbelievable escape from the Nazis. *Courage and Grace* offers a unique memoir of the Second World War, written in the form of a polyphony. The horrors of the Holocaust will never be forgotten. The testimonies of these survivors' stories provide us with an understanding of how the events of the Holocaust have shaped their lives and strengthened their spirit. This novel weaves an unbelievable mix of everyday and nightmarish reality. The struggle to survive on the rear lines of a war between the Wehrmacht and the Red Army. This is a well-written book, I didn't understand some of the Jewish names and the vocabulary. This is a story of families' survival that you shouldn't miss.

Courage and Grace by Yoseph Komem is the powerful, riveting personal account of the author's childhood memories of the Holocaust as experienced by himself, his older brother, and his parents, as well as other family members and friends. Though his Jewish father was deaf, he was able to use his ingenuity and wits to "hide in sight" of the Nazis, traveling all over German-occupied Poland, working, obtaining official-looking counterfeit documents in assumed names for himself, his family, and close friends. He also had to continue to find safe hiding places for everyone, keeping alert for neighbors who would spy on them and turn them in, forcing them to change locations before they were betrayed. Remarkably, Yoseph's entire family, his mother, father, and brother all survived, even though they spent time in the ghetto, and his mother in a camp for a time. In spite of Yoseph's tender age at the time, not old enough to enter school at the beginning of the war, his memories are very accurate, as evidenced by interviews he had with adults many years later, including some of the people who had risked their lives to hide him. Perhaps the most frightening part of this experience for him was the fact that for much of the time he was separated from other members of his family, staying with at times strangers to him, even learning to say Catholic prayers at bedtime with non-Jewish Polish children he was living with, to conceal his true identity. After the war, the family emigrated to Israel to join other family members, including his grandparents, who had moved there before the war. I highly recommend this book to everyone who yearns to learn more about the Holocaust, as this account includes facts that haven't been related by others. It is moving and powerful.

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