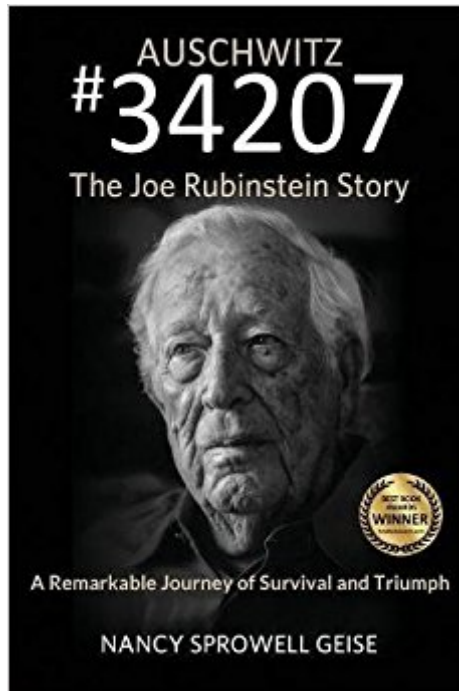




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Auschwitz #34207: The Joe Rubinstein Story



Synopsis

Bestseller: #1 in Holocaust Biography and #1 in Holocaust Memoirs. In May of 1945, Joe Rubinstein walked out of a Nazi concentration camp. For over 70 years, his remarkable story was hidden from the world. Shortly before dawn on a frigid morning in Radom, Poland, German soldiers forced twenty-one year-old Icek "Joe" Rubinsztejn onto a crowded, open-air truck. The next day, several around him were dead. From there, things got worse for young Joe-much worse. Joe arrived at Auschwitz on April 30, 1942. It would be seven decades before he revealed how he survived several of the most notorious concentration camps. His is an inspiring narrative; a story of reliance, endurance, courage and faith. Barefooted when he was seized by the Nazis, Joe became one of New York's leading shoe designers-working with companies whose shoes were sought after by First Ladies and movie stars alike. Joe's story bears witness to the ultimate triumph of the human spirit. While the Nazis took everything else, they were unable to take his unassailable joy. Joe's story is one of discovering light in the darkest of places, an inspiration for us all. Auschwitz #34207 is garnishing high praise from leading holocaust scholars, national reviewers and readers alike, and is a finalist for Foreword Reviews' 2015 Book of the Year in Biography. "A riveting, well-documented account of survival that's harrowing, inspiring and unforgettable." --Kirkus Reviews "A powerful story, worth being told and retold, one of authenticity and integrity, written so very skillfully." --Michael Berenbaum, Director Sigi Ziering Institute and Professor of Jewish Studies American Jewish University "A beautifully written, thoroughly researched and compelling story. I'm hooked." --Michlean Lowy Amir, Master of Library Science, Washington, D.C. "In sharing his story - with Nancy Sprowell Geise's help - Rubinstein has made an invaluable contribution to the literature of the Holocaust." --Blue Ink Review (Starred Review) "Author Geise has done an important job in presenting Joe's story to the world, and does justice to a generation whose voices deserve to be heard. A great read..." --Myles Friedman, Finelines Pubslush Review Blog "Auschwitz #34207 will join work by Primo Levi on a shelf of classic Holocaust narratives." --Foreword Reviews

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Writing Joe's remarkable story has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. Since its release, I have been hearing from readers around the world, telling me of the profound impact this story has had on them. A German police officer told me that after reading Joe's story, he has vowed to commit his life to do whatever he can to keep such things from happening again. A woman in New Zealand wrote to tell me that after learning about what Joe overcame, and how he found a way to go on living in joy, that she realized she could face whatever it was that was so troubling her. To me, such tributes are the continuation of the miracle of Joe's story. His journey of hope, faith and love will continue to live on forever in the lives of those who read about his life. Joe tells me every time I see him, "Please, tell everyone, 'Life is precious! It's God's greatest gift to us. We must all love God, love life, and one another. That's all there is.'" At age 95, he says it with more conviction than ever, for Joe has seen what happens when the world forgets these precious sentiments. Through this one man's story, we are given a tremendous gift, a glimpse at the heart and soul of one precious family. A glimpse of humanity behind the dry statistics of the millions of lives lost during WWII. Auschwitz 34207 is a story of love. Now more than ever, it is a story the world needs to hear.

What an amazing story of faith and survival! As I read it, I felt as if Joe Rubinstein was sharing his experiences with me. I was drawn in from the first knock at the door. I am amazed at, and inspired by, his spirit and strength of character, which are revealed time and time again. He manages to hold on to hope as a prisoner in Auschwitz, one of the most horrific places on earth, during the Holocaust, one of the darkest periods in history. What an incredible journey! He chooses love and joy rather than hatred and bitterness as he moves forward with his life at the end of the war. Nancy Sprowell Geise writes in a natural style, seamlessly incorporating minute personal and historical details as she reveals his story. This is a must-read for adults and young people as well! In addition to relating a riveting story from a rare point of view, a map, photographs, a timeline, glossary, notes and questions for reflection and discussion make it an excellent educational tool.

It always amazes me to read these stories of survival and endurance at Auschwitz. It is difficult to fathom what Joe and others went through. Joe survived in part due to a few lucky events and several people willing to help. His perseverance in life immediately following the war was inspirational. The only negative in the book was a lack of detail about life in the camp and treatment by the Germans. I have read several books by Auschwitz survivors that provide a lot of detail about life in the camp. It's just unbelievable what went on and how anyone survived. I would still recommend this book.

This book will provide hope and courage to those undergoing seemingly unendurable circumstances in their lives, by understanding what Joe Rubinstein endured and overcame through his perseverance and faith. Veterans and subsequently their families may realize more fully what they were fighting against, and hopefully feel their sacrifices were necessary for victory. Nancy Sprowell Geise skillfully takes us through the horror, the fear, and the suffering to eventual freedom and life. She obviously shared in Joe's feelings and emotions in the research and writing of his story. I want to pass this story on to my 3 sons so that the next generation will not forget the Holocaust and the price paid for our freedoms.

If you ever thought you loved a book before reading this one, you're mistaken. This book is fascinating, so indulging! Sprowell and her editors alongside of Rubinstein did an excellent job conveying their emotions through the letters of this memoir! Never have I ever had such a great passion for a book, nevertheless a Holocaust book. Aside from the tragic history behind it, it's amazing to see the recovery and the ability to come forth after horrific experience. I applaud

everyone who participated in the making of this memoir! Very captivating. I love it! You need to read it!

This book is wonderful if anything about such a horrible time could be called wonderful. It carried you through the beginning good times to the despicable and beyond. I felt I knew the guards, the pain, the hunger, the sorrow of loss, loneliness and struggle to start life anew. Buy this book!

I have read many Holocaust stories but this one caught my attention more than usual. The author has done a great job telling Mr. Rubinstein's unbelievable story of survival and how he was able to overcome the Nazi death machine. Unlike many Holocaust accounts he frequently recounts his faith in God, intense love of family and his inherent ability to work through every impossible situation throw at him with amazing tenacity. To be able to recount his life story with such detail (a man in his 90's) is a miracle in itself. His experiences at Auschwitz verifies what other Holocaust survivors experienced. This story is a must-read!

i have many autobiographies of the holocaust but this one has now become my favourite. Nancy Sprowell Geise has allowed Josef's voice to be heard loud and clear. Every emotion and thought is so clearly defined....its as if Josef and the reader become one....what an amazing talent to be able to relate to Josef as she has done.....what a wonderful man he is..... PLEASE BUY AND READ THIS BOOK...I IMPLORE YOU...IT WILL REMAIN FOREVER IN YOUR PSYCHE....FIVE STARS.....BECAUSE IT IS THAT GOOD!!!

This vivid portrayal of Josef's life was raw, brutal and very compelling. I finished his story within 24 hours and the true miracle of endurance, hope and life will leave you sad at the atrocities committed yet profoundly happy that this man has survived and against all odds lived a wonderful happy life.

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