

A SELECT, ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

History

- Bauer, Yehuda. *A History of the Holocaust*. A concise and straightforward historical account. It includes much material on Jewish resistance and non-Jewish rescue attempts and good chapters on pre-war Europe.
- Bullock, Allan. *Hitler: A study in Tyranny*. Perhaps the best general biography of Hitler and the rise of Nazism.
- Dawidowicz, Lucy. *A Holocaust Reader*. Excellent collection of original documents grouped according to pre-1933, 1933-38, 1939-45. Includes excerpts from diaries of German Jews, ghetto victims and resistance fighters as well as SS memoranda, speeches and legislation.
- Fest, Joachim. *The Face of the Third Reich*. Good collection of biographical portraits of the Nazi leaders. Includes Hitler, Himmler, Heydrich, Goering and others.
- Gay, Peter. *Weimar Culture*. Best essay on the culture of the Weimar Republic.
- Gilbery, G. M. *Nuremberg Diary*. Written by the psychiatrist who examined and regularly met with the 21 defendants of the Nuremberg War Crimes Trial.
- Gilbert, Martin. *Auschwitz and the Allies*. The story of the Allies' refusal to come to the aid of the victims during World War II.
- Gilbert, Martin. *A Holocaust Atlas*. Indispensable collection of maps.
- Goldberger, Leo, ed. *The Rescue of the Danish Jews: Moral Courage Under Stress* (New York: NYU Press, 1987). One of the most comprehensive works on this important episode, this collection of essays examines the historical, political, social and psychological factors that might account for the Danish rescue of the Jews.
- Hilberg, Raul. *The Destruction of the European Jews*. Definitive history of the murder of the Jews of Europe. The student edition has been revised and omits large sections from the original edition, which has now appeared in three volumes.
- Hilberg, Staron, Kermisz, eds. *The Warsaw Diary of Adam Czerniakow*. Perhaps the most important of the many personal memoirs, this diary was kept by the head of the Jewish Council until his suicide in June 1942.

- Lanzmann, Claude. *Shoah: An Oral History of the Holocaust*. The text of the remarkable 9 ½ hour movie. Included are interviews with Polish peasants and railroad workers, German officials and railroad bureaucrats, as well as with Jan Karski and Raul Hilberg and many survivors.
- Laqueur, Walter. *The Terrible Secret*. The surprising story of the Allied governments' refusal to help the Jews of Europe.
- Levi, Primo. *Survival in Auschwitz*. Excellent, brief personal account of life in Auschwitz by a brilliant Italian Jewish writer.
- Lifton, Robert J. *The Nazi Doctors*. Outstanding (if long) study of the participation of the medical profession in the Holocaust.
- Morse, Arthur D. *While Six Million Died*. Startling revelation of the lack of concern shown by American officials to the plight of the Jews.
- Novitch, Miriam. *Sobibor*. History of the death camp until its destruction in 1943.
- Reitlinger, Gerald. *The SS: Alibi of a Nation*. One of the earliest and best histories of the SS.
- Sereny, Gita. *Into That Darkness*. Chilling series of interviews with Franz Stangal, former commandant of Treblinka.
- Wheaton, I. *The Nazi Revolution, 1933-1935: Prelude to Calamity*. Very detailed, day-by-day history of events.
- Wyman, David. *The Abandonment of the Jews*. Follows the same thesis of Arthur Morse (above) but more thoroughly documented.

Literature and Personal Memoirs

- Borowski, Theaddeus. *This Way for the Gas, Ladies and Gentlemen*. Excellent but horrifying collected of short stories by a non-Jewish survivor of Auschwitz.
- Delbo, Charlotte. *None of Them Shall Return*. Moving collection of dramatic poems by a French survivor.
- Hart, Kitty. *Return to Auschwitz: The Remarkable Story of a Girl Who Survived the Holocaust*. Autobiographical account of a French Jew who survived in hiding and then in Auschwitz. Vivid portrait of the daily routine at Auschwitz.

- Hillesum, Etty. *An Interrupted Life: the Diaries of Etty Hillesum, 1941-1943*. Excerpts from the diaries of a young Dutch Jewish woman who was sent to Auschwitz at age 27.
- Hochhuth, Rudolf. *The Deputy*. Controversial play about the role of the Catholic Church and the Vatican during the Holocaust.
- Keneally, Thomas. *Schindler's List*. Historical novel about Oskar Schindler who rescued Jews during World War II.
- Korczak, Janusz. *Ghetto Diary*. Diary of the director of the Warsaw ghetto orphanage; includes an essay about Korczak and the Warsaw ghetto.
- Schwartz-Bart, Andre. *The last of the Just*. Excellent novel tracing the history of a Jewish family from the 12th century to its demise at Auschwitz.
- Siegel, Aranka. *Upon the Head of the Goat: A Childhood in Hungary, 1939-1944*. Story of a teen-age girl in Hungary during the Holocaust who is forced into a ghetto, taken to Auschwitz and finally to Bergen-Belsen.
- Tec, Nehama. *Dry Tears: the Story of a Lost Childhood*. Written by a woman who survived in hiding in Poland. Tec speaks of the many Polish Christians who tried to aid Jews.
- Steiner, Jean-Francois. *Treblinka*. Historical novel based on survivor testimonies and historical research.
- Wiesel, Elie. *Night*. Perhaps the best short autobiographical account of a young boy's Holocaust experience. By the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Interpretation

- Arendt, Hannah. *Eichmann in Jerusalem*. Controversial, seminal book on Eichmann, his trial and the Holocaust. Presents the issues of "Banality of evil" and the routine nature of the actions of the perpetrators. Also discusses the theme of "the law-abiding citizen" and the implications of the Nuremberg Trials.
- Langer, Lawrence. *Versions of Survival*. Excellent interpretive analysis of survivor accounts.
- Rubenstein, Richard. *The Cunning of History*. Controversial and disturbing short essay on the medical and business involvement in the Holocaust. Rubenstein offers distressing suggestions about the future.

Some Major Sources Used in Preparation of the Curriculum

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