

Forgotten Voices of the Holocaust – A new history in the words of the men and women who survived. Edited by Lyn Smith with a foreword by Laurence Rees. Ebury Press 2005.

In the immediate decades after the Shoah the voices of survivors were seldom heard, their experiences too terrible to share. But in more recent years, accelerated by a number of factors, more and more such men and women have, in their increasing old age, sought to share their memories with others. Partly, no doubt, so that their descendants would not be ignorant of what lay in their heritage, partly perhaps to exorcize the past, partly, to share the details of events that otherwise risk becoming part of history.

Lyn Smith has spent 25 years working as a freelance interviewer at the Imperial War Museum Sound Archive, recording for posterity the experiences of those who survived the Hitler genocide; *Forgotten Voices of the Holocaust* is the result of this special work and is divided into twelve sections starting with Persecution and The Search for Refuge and ending with Liberation and Aftermath. In between are Ghetto, Camp and Resistance experiences, as well as those of the infamous Death Marches.

The quotes from the survivors are short but very powerful, and there are a number of photographs that are not the usual ones in books of this type and which hugely enhance the contents.

*Forgotten Voices of the Holocaust* should be in many personal libraries; it is a most valuable teaching tool and source of information for those wishing to bring the true facts of this dark period to the attention of those in ignorance of them.

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