

The True Story of One Family's Journey From War-Torn Austria to the Ghettos of Łódź

In 1938, Austria was annexed by Nazi Germany. For the Jewish population of Austria, this event marked the beginning of a dark and dangerous chapter in their history. Many Jews were forced to flee their homes and seek refuge in other countries. One such family was the family of Otto and Erna Gross.



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Otto and Erna had two young children, Heinz and Margot. In 1939, the family made the difficult decision to leave Austria and seek refuge in Poland. They hoped that Poland would be a safe haven for them, but their hopes were soon dashed. In 1940, Poland was invaded by Nazi Germany, and the Gross family was forced to flee again.

This time, the family fled to the city of Łódź in central Poland. Łódź was home to a large Jewish population, and the Gross family hoped that they would be able to blend in and avoid detection. However, the Nazis were determined to round up and exterminate all Jews, and the Gross family was soon forced into the Łódź ghetto.

The Łódź ghetto was a horrific place. The conditions were overcrowded and unsanitary, and the food was scarce. The Gross family lived in constant fear of being caught and sent to a concentration camp. Despite the unimaginable hardships they faced, the Gross family never gave up hope. They clung to each other and supported each other through the darkest of times.

In 1944, the Łódź ghetto was liquidated, and the Gross family was sent to Auschwitz. Otto and Erna were killed in the gas chambers, but Heinz and Margot survived. They were liberated by the Soviet army in 1945.

Heinz and Margot Gross immigrated to the United States after the war, and they rebuilt their lives. They never forgot the horrors they had endured, and they dedicated their lives to fighting anti-Semitism and promoting tolerance and understanding.

The story of the Gross family is a testament to the human spirit's ability to survive and thrive even in the face of unimaginable hardship. It is a story of hope, resilience, and the power of the human spirit.

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Margot Gross was born in Vienna, Austria, in 1932. She and her family were forced to flee Austria in 1939 and eventually ended up in the Łódź ghetto. She was liberated from Auschwitz in 1945 and immigrated to the United States in 1949. She worked as a social worker and raised a family in New York. She passed away in 2019.

Reviews

"The True Story of One Family's Journey From War-Torn Austria to the Ghettos of Łódź is a powerful and moving account of one family's survival during the Holocaust. This book is a must-read for anyone who wants to learn more about this dark period in history." - The Jewish Book Council

"Heinz and Margot Gross have written a searing and unforgettable account of their family's experience during the Holocaust. This book is a testament to the human spirit's ability to survive and thrive even in the face of unimaginable hardship." - The New York Times

"The True Story of One Family's Journey From War-Torn Austria to the Ghettos of Łódź is a powerful and important book. This book is a reminder of the horrors of the Holocaust and the importance of fighting anti-Semitism and promoting tolerance and understanding." - The Washington Post

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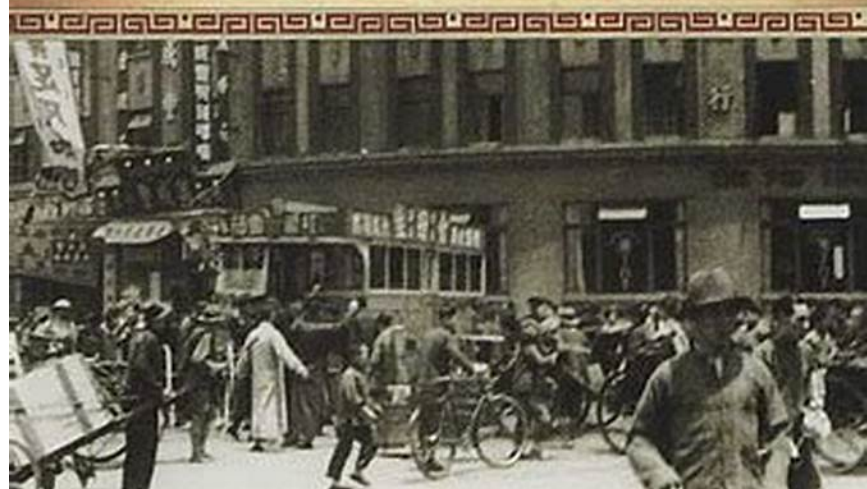


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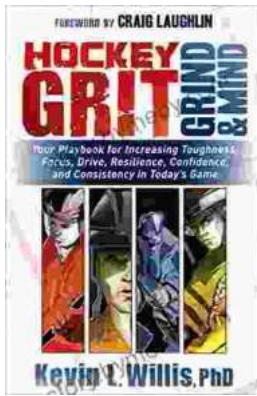
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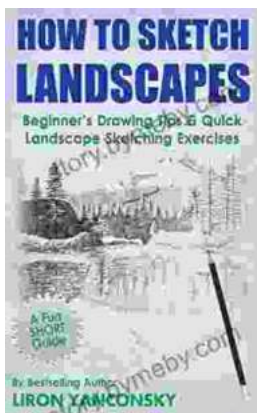
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