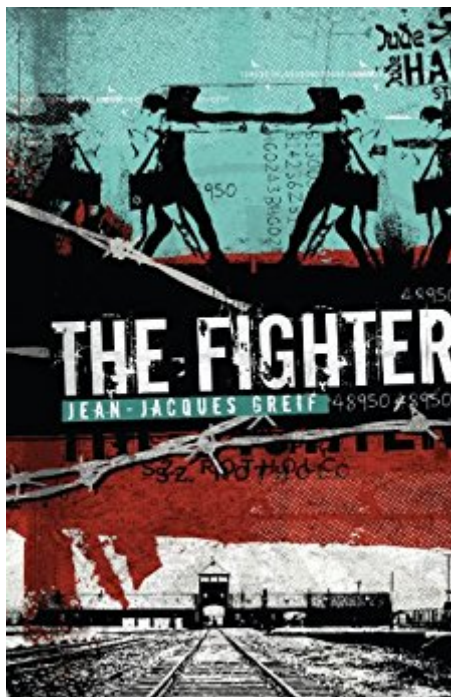


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Synopsis

Moshe Wisniak grew up malnourished and fatherless outside Warsaw at a time when Jews and Poles lived in poverty and violence. When Moshe's brothers emigrate to Paris in the 1930s, it means a new life for the whole family, who follow soon after. A decent job, a lovely young wife, and a hobby as an amateur boxer vastly improve Moshe's prospects until the day he is rounded up and sent to Auschwitz. There he is tortured, starved, and most shockingly, asked to entertain Nazi soldiers by boxing against dying prisoners. Moshe wants to survive without killing his comrades, but how? Based on the memoir of his family friend, Jean-Jacques Greif has taken the facts and turned them into a gripping novel about life and death in Auschwitz.

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Are you interested in an amazing, shocking and interesting book? If you are... then this is the book for you! This book is about the cruel and unjust things the Nazis would do to the Jews. This book is mainly about a Jew called Moshe Wisniak. Moshe lived in a poor neighborhood in Warsaw with his family. In Warsaw, a lot of Polish kids would beat up Moshe because he was Jewish. Moshe couldn't use his legs because they were very weak so he had to learn how to use his fists, head, elbows and

other weapons to defend himself. Around the years 1940 -1941 Nazis begin to conquer and Moshe has to leave and go to Paris to escape the war. But By the year 1942 the Germans go to France and take over Paris and every Jew that lived in Paris (including Moshe) had to go to Jewish concentration camps. Unluckily for Moshe he had to go to the worst concentration camp of all, Auschwitz! Now he needs to survive in this horrible place. One prison guard sensed Moshe's strength and makes him fight another prisoner. The prison guard gives him two choices. Kill the other prisoner or to be killed. After this happened the camps prison guards were satisfied with his fighting skills so they told him that he would be fighting more. What will happen to Moshe? Who will he fight? Is there any way to get out of this horrible death camp? This is a very good book for teenagers. Because its filled with action and its an interesting way to learn lots and lots of history about the German Nazis and how they would treat Jews in that time. This book is exciting from beginning to end and it has incredible details which make you feel like you're in the actual book. I really recommend this book for teenagers and ages above.

Moshe Wisniak is a poor Jewish boy from Warsaw, who can't run away from the Polish boys who attack him because his legs are too weak, so he learns to use his fists and his head as well as other weapons to defend himself and his brothers. Survival of the fittest is displayed here in Maurice's story based on a real life man, Maurice Garbarz. The family moves to Paris in 1929. Moshe now Maurice, to be more French, takes up boxing at a Jewish sports club. He becomes an amateur flyweight. Maurice marries and has a child, but in 1942 the French police round up foreign Jews and the Germans deport them to the death camp at Auschwitz. This novel is told in the first person, with lots of dialogue and jokes. Not for the faint of heart, the author describes the daily cruelty of the SS. The present tense narrative vividly describes atrocities as well as examples of courage, friendship and luck. An example of this is when Maurice, who is small of stature, is set to entertain the camp guards by fighting a dying man. When it comes to ending the fight, Maurice refuses to deliver the killing blow. For those who say the Jews went to slaughter like sheep, this book highlights the story of a Jewish hero fought like a man and won. Originally written in French and titled *Le Ring de la Mort*, this book is often assigned reading in French high schools. For ages 14 and up. Reviewed by Barbara Silverman

This book is a different type of book for students to read about the Holocaust. Many students have read memoirs and survivor biographies. Empowerment is a valuable theme for young people as well.

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