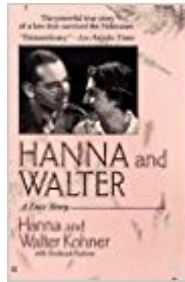


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# Hanna And Walter: A Love Story



## Synopsis

Chronicles the true story of two people who met and fell in love in 1935 Czechoslovakia only to be torn apart by the horrors of World War II, and the seemingly miraculous events that helped them to find one another again. Reprint. AB.

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## Customer Reviews

Hanna and Walter Kohner first met and fell in love in a small Czech town during the winter of 1935. Though the looming war in Europe caused them to separate, they never fell out of love with each other. Their story of love overcoming impossible odds was one of the few Holocaust stories with a happy ending. They spent the remainder of their lives in Los Angeles, where Walter was a well-known agent representing actors, authors and directors. Frederick Kohner, Walter's brother, who helped edit this book, came to Los Angeles before the war. He became the well-known author of the Gidget series, and Kikki of Montparnasse. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Hanna and Walter are young and in love- the tale of their blossoming romance told by each individual is a delight to read. As their lives part through necessity my heart broke--- "Take her with you!" was my inner cry! And yet, remembering this is indeed a true story- the reality of the times and difficulty of doing so made enormous sense. As Walter's life progresses in America, Hanna is swept up in the horrors of life as a Jewess in eastern Europe. Life affords each some joys and many sorrows- until their eventual reuniting- the fairy tale ending. An incredible miracle! One reviewer told how it made the holocaust seem like a "cake walk" I didn't see it that way- what I saw and read were the experiences of two human beings- their struggles and the need to make life livable, especially

Hanna, as she faced horrors beyond mental acceptance. This is THEIR story in a backdrop of the terrible events of the holocaust. There are many stories of the atrocities; this is Hanna's story of her life during this terrible time. I am grateful that as the spoken histories have been lost to aging and death- the written histories remain. It is good to know that love can and does triumph even in the most difficult of situations. Life goes on and so must those who live.

A WWII story with a happy ending, with ties to Gettysburg, Pa, where I live. A part of the war we don't hear much about.

This is one of those "must read" books. What a courageous and uplifting story this was!

A wonderful, touching and beautiful story of love overcoming the horrors of the Holocaust. This would be a great film!

If it had not been for the picture on the back of the book, I would not have been certain that they finally found each other. It is the story of two people caught up in WWII due to them being Jewish and being separated.

I first read this story as part of the Reader's Digest Condensed books. I've picked it up several times in the years since, and it never fails to move me. I was sorry to learn that Hanna and Walter have passed on; I feel as if I've lost two heroes. The book follows Hanna and Walter through their early romance, separation, and Hanna's marriage to another man (who is murdered in Auschwitz) and her suffering in the death camps to their eventual reunion. Walter's journey to find her, praying that she's somehow survived, and their reunion are equally moving. I'm glad that they had a happy marriage, and wish their souls peace. They saw enough of hell. Everyone should read this book along with "The Diary of Anne Frank." Lest we forget.

I would recommend this book to a patient reader. It begins slowly at first, and the reader has to motivate him or herself to keep reading but by the middle of the book it's a total page-turner. I think the thing I like most about this novel was that love prevailed. Walter and Hanna both went through their terrible times, but in the end, it was like all that disappeared and there they were again, her standing up on the stairs, him in the entry hall, just like they had been 7 years earlier. I think after you finish the book you sit back and think, "Dang! This can't be real!" But it is, and that's what I think

is magical about it. It's a true tale of love persevering.

I cannot express how much I liked this book! This couple wrote in thier own words the experiences they encountered during WWII. Hanna and Walter are two young lovers near the Austro-Hungary border in a amall Jewish Community. When WWII broke out, they were torn in seprate directions. You cannot get a more personal view of what was going on at the time (unless you were there). This story was from real people, in real situations, with a real and romantic ending. I recomend this book to anyone who is interested in not only WWII history, but anyone who beleves in hope.

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