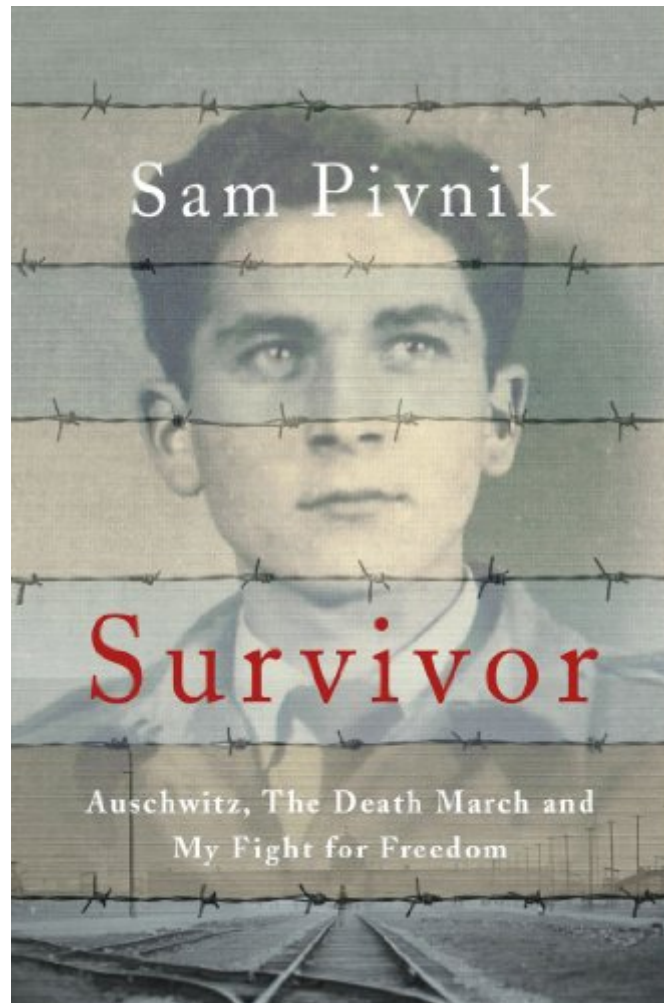




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Synopsis

Now in his eighties, Sam Pivnik tells for the first time the extraordinary story of how he survived the Holocaust. Sam Pivnik is the ultimate survivor from a world that no longer exists. On fourteen occasions he should have been killed, but luck, his physical strength, and his determination not to die all played a part in Sam Pivnik living to tell his extraordinary story. In 1939, on his thirteenth birthday, Pivnik's life changed forever when the Nazis invaded Poland. He survived the two ghettos set up in his home town of Bedzin and six months on Auschwitz's notorious Rampe Kommando where prisoners were either taken away for entry to the camp or gassing. After this harrowing experience he was sent to work at the brutal FÃfÃrstengrube mining camp. He could have died on the 'Death March' that took him west as the Third Reich collapsed and he was one of only a handful of people who swam to safety when the Royal Air Force sank the prison ship Cap Arcona in 1945, mistakenly believing it to be carrying fleeing members of the SS. He eventually made his way to London where he found people too preoccupied with their own wartime experiences on the Home Front to be interested in what had happened to him. Now in his eighties, Sam Pivnik tells for the first time the story of his life, a true tale of survival against the most extraordinary odds.

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There are many secondhand stories about what happened during the Holocaust . Here is the real story told by someone who lived it and survived. We thank God for letting this man tell us his story and give us a true account of what we have heard and some agree to believe and some agree not to believe. How could a nation be so deceived and could it happen again ?

The subject of this book was quite a character. He was a young man when he was imprisoned and sent to the most horrendous camps run by the Nazis. In this book, I can hear the young man's voice although the subject is now an elderly man. As is often the case with memoirs about young adulthood or childhood, the experiences are visceral but it is difficult for the narrator to be very reflective or philosophical about the experiences.

This was a very moving a graphic account of a bleak period in European history. It was all so sad and yet I could not put it down. It should be recommended reading for all 16 year olds to ensure we do not repeat the same awful mistakes again. All the more so when we read of a rising tide of anti-Semitism across Europe, and not all originating in the immigrant Muslim communities where it is being fanned by extremist clerics.

What an absolutely amazing life of resilience and the desire to live to tell. I have read many books on the Holocaust but none like this one. A young boy of 13 sent to the concentration camps, who lost his entire family except his brother who he doesn't know is alive until after liberation. To his time in the UK and fighting for Israel's independence. An absolute must read.

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This is an amazing journey -- I purchased this book (originally) after I had visited Auschwitz in May 2014... but thought I had left it on the plane by accident. (I later found it still in my carry-on). VERY good book to read.

Well done from beginning to end. There is writing post 1945.../interesting. As with many holocaust

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A very gripping tale of survival amidst the horrors of the holocaust and WWII.A story that just had to be told of the author's first-hand experience.

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