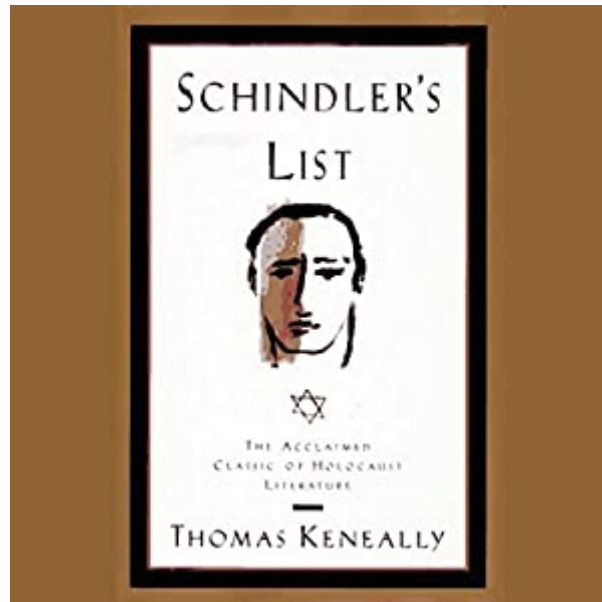


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Schindler's List



Synopsis

Winner of the Booker Prize Winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Award for Fiction Schindler's List is a remarkable work of fiction based on the true story of German industrialist and war profiteer, Oskar Schindler, who, confronted with the horror of the extermination camps, gambled his life and fortune to rescue 1,300 Jews from the gas chambers. Working with the actual testimony of Schindler's Jews, Thomas Keneally artfully depicts the courage and shrewdness of an unlikely savior, a man who is a flawed mixture of hedonism and decency and who, in the presence of unutterable evil, transcends the limits of his own humanity. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

A true modern classic. The fact that it's the true story of Oskar Schindler within the true story of the holocaust is just an amazing bonus. All of the these (WWII) stories are difficult to get through but this story manages to show the little miracles, sprinkled all throughout, giving it dimension as well as proving that the truth that as the darkness grows darker, how also the light intensifies. The best as well as the worst of human character and condition is on display. This is one of the best stories of all time, showcasing the heights and depths of the human heart. Beautiful tribute to Oskar Schindler as his family.

This is a tough one to review. I'm not sure why in some cases it is considered fiction and in some cases non-fiction. It is indeed based on true events, just in the form of a novel as opposed to, say, a

biography. At any rate, know that the events portrayed in this book are the real deal. Now, as for a comparison with the film: It is not quite identical to the movie, which of course has to be fudged a bit to make it engaging to the masses. I believe the person of Oskar Schindler is far more appealing in the book, however. Instead of being slowly manipulated into making his factories a safe haven for Jews (as portrayed in the film), he actually started hiring Jews almost right from the beginning, apparently because he liked to buck the system. In just about all other aspects, the movie and the book are similar. Taken on its own, this book is at once horrifying and inspiring. Keneally does not skimp on gruesome details. If you are like me, be prepared for some pretty awful nightmares. On the other hand, Oskar Schindler is an incredibly inspiring individual: he managed to save approximately 1,100 Jews from certain death under the most dire of circumstances. He was a man who risked life and fortune for complete strangers because he was compelled to do what was right. How different the world would be if more people were like him.

Horrible story of Holocaust very well told. Who knows Poland and Krakow - will understand what am telling about... Who doesn't know - shall read the book again and again, so NEVER AGAIN such story would occur... In the worst of times those of warm, great hearts, are able to rise above crime/violence/unhuman treatments and threads. But - NEVER EVER AGAIN!

This book was very well written. It kept bias out of the story and tried to present Oskar Schindler as a real human being with faults and not just a savior that he was. It was inspirational and hopeful. To know that it is possible for a normal person like Oskar to maintain his personal values in the face of terror is extraordinary. Any distaste or disgust Oskar may have felt when he had to wine and dine and bribe officials and military personnel, was insignificant against his mission to save his Jews. It also says something of the man and many of the prisoners that they maintained a relationship after the war and until Oskar's death in 1974 that resembled a family dynamic - not a relationship of grateful victims to their heroic rescuer. So many stories are going to go unknown as each year passes. I am glad that this story has been told.

After years of reading and viewing all that I could acquire, this book touched on matters not covered by others. I enjoyed the story of Schindler and how he was able to deceive so many German officials in his efforts to save as many Jews as possible. In spite of Schindler's moral flaws he represents the best in men. I was also impressed that the Jews looked out for this man the rest of his life and still continue to honor his memory.

Like the movie, this book is not for the faint hearted, but it is an important book and well worth the time to read it. Like most movies based on books it is clear that a great deal of over simplification went on compared to the book. The much greater detail provided in the book is both relevant and engaging to read.

I am a well-fed, comfortable American. I can go to the refrigerator for food any time I wish. I don't have to worry where the next meal will come from. I enjoy the best political system devised by man. Then I read this story about a large group of people who not only lost the basic comforts of their lives, but they also lost their loved ones, their human dignity, and in many cases, their lives. Just because of who they were. They were subjected to the worst of the evil that men can invent. Was a businessman who was out to make a buck, but found himself in the midst of all of this evil and was appalled by what he saw. Without making any claims to moral or religious motivations, he did what he could to relieve the suffering that he witnessed and to save as many lives as he could. He used the system of evil to prevent more evil. What an inspiring story! God help me if I ever face such a situation. I pray that I would have the passion for justice Schindler had, and the willingness to act, even when I know I am placing myself in danger. I KNOW that God has received this hero into His kingdom.

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