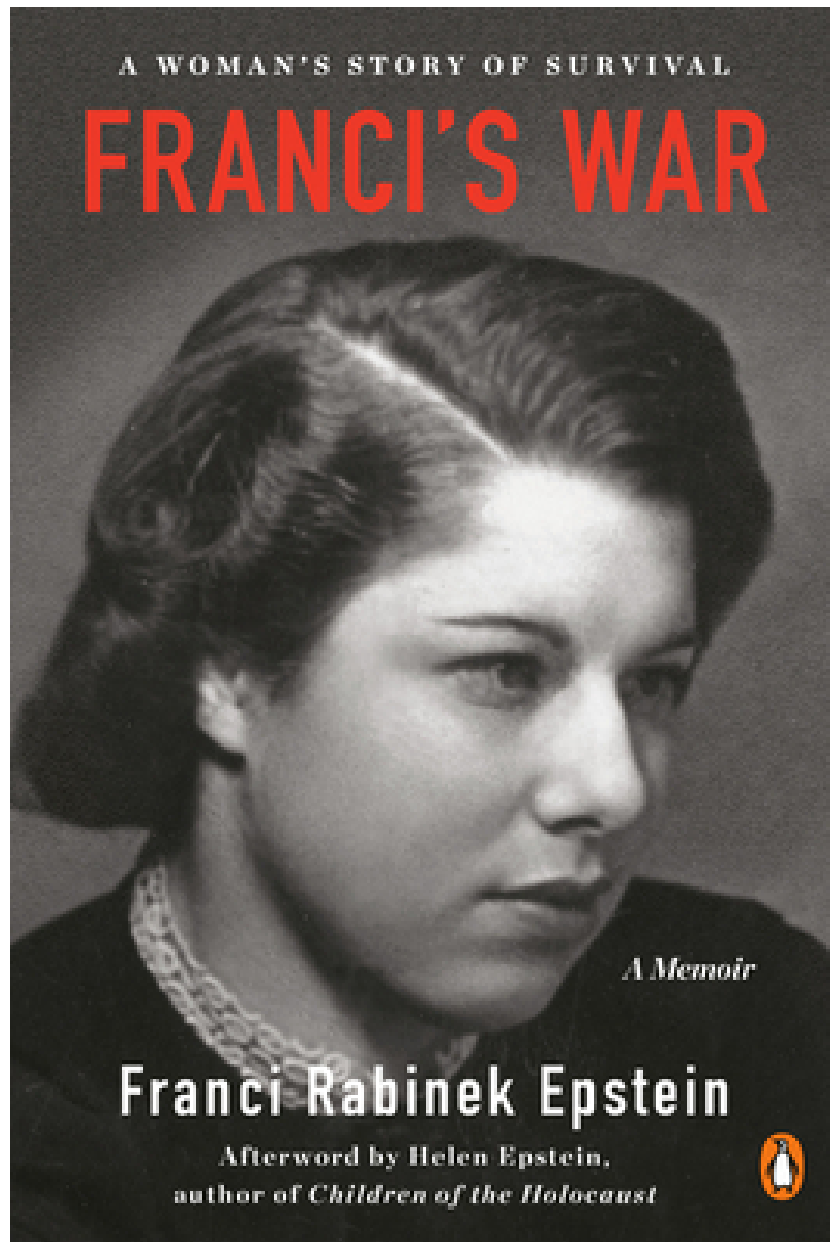


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She survived three years of terrible living conditions, starvation and suffering. The first camp she stays at was Terezin, then she's was sent to Auschwitz, then Hamburg, and the last camp is Bergen Belsen.

In 1945, the British finally liberated the camp, Franci eventually returned to Prague and nothing was the same. The family business is gone, their lavish apartment, her parents and her husband have all died.

Franci's War is a powerful story about how one brave young woman, endured three years living in four concentration camps and somehow she managed to survive.

I enjoyed Franci's War and I gave it three stars. I shared my review on Goodreads, Edelweiss, Kobo, Twitter and my blog.

Michelle

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Thank you NetGalley and Penguin Micheal Joseph for a copy of this book. I have read several books of this nature but never a memoir. To be honest I found this book quite hard to get into. There was no personalization. It was just hard cold facts. The copy had so many typos in it, but I learned later that this was deliberate as it was written this way originally. I understood that but for me I could not engage in this book properly because of this. 3 stars from me.

Bex

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As with many stories of this nature, the novel takes us through the life of a prisoner. Franci Rabinek is a non-practising Czechoslovakian Jew who finds herself throughout the early part of her life travelling between concentration camps, tenuously maintaining any friendship she can to keep grounded. This is also a complete journey, including pictures of Franci and some closure about her life after her time in the concentration camps.

I struggled with the narrative voice sometimes as Franci's story unravels. Rather than feeling an emotional connection to Franci, I felt as though I was presented with a series of facts or fleeting events, leaving me quite detached from Franci herself; unfortunately it also makes the novel feel more like a descriptive list in parts which doesn't at all do Franci justice. Naturally the gravity and magnitude of the environment remains to be hard-hitting, but I feel a memoir should feel more personal in terms of understanding the personality of those affected and I can't say that I finished this book feeling like I really knew Franci.

Nevertheless, if I could every personal account of this tragic time I would. God knows it's the least we can do.

ARC provided from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Katrina

I won this book through Goodreads giveaways.

A very interesting memoir from a group that does not have a lot of personal stories from, Czech Jews who were not practicing.

The one thing about this book that bugged me was there was no explanation of why the author switched from using I statements to using her number given to her in Auschwitz. Was that her decision or her daughter (who edited the manuscript). That would have been nice to have an explanation for that.

rina dunn

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same.

I feel like I learnt a lot reading this memoir. I found the fact that Franci classed herself as agnostic and not a practicing Jew but yet was still classed and treated as such by the nazis astonishing.

This book really is fascinating, the level of detail and the intricacies in not just Franci's journey but those of the other prisoners is mind blowing.

Theres no denying Franci's strength and resilience is remarkable.

The only thing I found with this book is that for me the personalization wasn't really there. I wanted to know more about how Franci felt but this was a more factual account and I felt like in places it came across as cold hard facts rather than how this affected her.

I definitely would recommend this book though, I'm completely in awe of Franci and I feel super grateful that I had the opportunity to read her story.