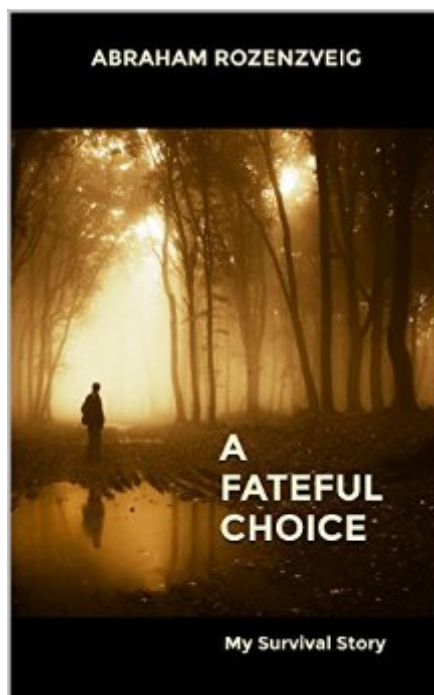


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# A FATEFUL CHOICE: My Survival Story



## Synopsis

How can a 7 year old boy survive the Holocaust? How does he succeed in regaining hope after withstanding years of extreme hunger and cold, with the incessant fear of death ever present? A Fateful Choice is the riveting, true story of what happened to Avramele when World War II erupted. A decision is made that changes the course of his and his family's lives, sealing their fates forever. Hiding deep in the foul swamps and murky forests of Belarus, Avramele endures abandonment and terrible loneliness. But with incredible courage for such a young child, with the help of a remarkable family and a little bit of luck, a strong willed and resilient boy emerges from his dark and painful past. Trekking across war-torn Europe, through refugee camps and an Alpine orphanage, crossing stormy seas and suffering imprisonment in Cyprus, Avramele (Abraham) reclaims his life on the shores of Israel.

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Though I am not of Jewish decent, I have been drawn to study the holocaust in an effort to try to understand and process the events that took place during this period of time. In doing this, I began to read the memoirs of survivors. At this point, I have read dozens. I feel that reading these memoirs and passing this information on to my children is the best way I can honor both survivors and those

that perished. Thank you Abraham for sharing your story with us. Your courage and determination is Inspiring and is a reminder that tragedy can be used to propell us forward, instead of merely holding us down.

Thank you for sharing your story, it amazes me that a story about surviving the Holocaust can be so uplifting. This memoir puts such a spotlight on the years after the war, unlike some that I've read. I enjoyed knowing that not only did the author survive the immediate trials, but that he thrived in his life afterward. I can not begin to imagine the pain and haunting shadow those horrible times would leave with a person, but just looking at his smiling family is evidence that there is an inner light in him that he has shared with his family. I loved hearing about how family rebuilds itself. This story isn't just about survival. It's about living and thriving. This is a message that applies to every single person who's walked through some trauma and had to rebuild their lives. Not all traumas are on the same scale, but the message and lesson still applies. Not least of all, I was touched and saddened as I looked at his family photos and reflected that for one choice here or there none of these people would exist. He may have ended up in the other group and died at the hands of Nazis. His two daughters, and four grandchildren wouldn't have been born. For each of his siblings lost there is also a lost second and third generation. For each person they killed in that holocaust there is an uncountable loss. It's unbelievable, and even more unbelievable that hatred like that continues in genocidal actions all over the world.

If only there were more stars to award is work of art. I now have a new hero from this horrible, horrible time. I would heartily recommend this book to all. This book causes emotional pain, that a young boy could go through so much, for so long and come out so victorious and positive is nothing short of a miracle! How I would love to meet this man and his beautiful wife. I would be honored to shake his hand and apologize to him for what this whole world permitted to happen largely unopposed. I would tell him how much I respect him. For surviving and and not allow his past define his life. To live the life that he lived after the war I believe truly defeated the Germans and other anti-Semites. THEY will stand before God one day and have so very much to answer for. I desire God's richest blessings on this amazing man and his precious family... Kimberly Rose Hahn, Houston, Texas

A riveting story of survival - incredible because it's the story of a 7 year old boy whose parents and brothers perished in the years of Nazi dictatorship, - leaving him to his own devices, to exercise a

maturity far beyond his years - a great read, highly recommended.

The heart of a survivor beat in the chest of a small 6 year old boy. Out of that heart was born this story of tragedy and triumph, love lost, and love created. Through his two daughters and his grandchildren, that heart beats still. Through this book, his story remains alive. God Bless.

How I love the Jewish people! There's something in their very souls that is beautiful to behold. This was the most interesting yet heart wrenching story I've come across in the many books I've read about the Holocaust. Thank you for giving your story to the world. No reader will ever forget your triumphant life and what you endured as a child. What an overcomer you are.

I just finished this book - an honest portrayal of a young boy's experience growing up during the holocaust, and then throughout his later life, first as a young man and later, as a husband and grandfather. My heart aches for the young boy, who at the age of seven lost his mother, father, and brothers - as a result of an arbitrary choice, forced by the conditions of that time. He is a courageous boy who shows great courage at each stage of his life.

Having read many holocaust stories, I found this one unusual and poignant. It is impossible today to adequately understand what people endured in those dark times, but this story explained the emotional hardships as well as the physical suffering. To survive all that and build a full life afterwards is an amazing achievement.

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