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Run Rachel Run: The Thrilling, True Story Of A Teenâ€™s Daring Escape And Heroic Survival During The Holocaust



Synopsis

It reads like fiction but it's true! The thrilling, true story of a teen girl's struggle to survive in a world bent on destroying her.

A Brief Synopsis

Run Rachel Run is a true story. (Not just based on a true story.) Rachel Blum was 12 when the Nazis invaded her town. Over the next three years, she witnessed war, risked her life to smuggle food for her family, escaped liquidation, hid with a kind Polish couple whose son worked for the SS, was questioned if she was a Jew by an SS General and engineered an incredibly dangerous scheme to overturn a moving trainload of 1,000 Nazi soldiers. Hers is not just an incredible, action-packed story, but represents a character arc that young women, as well as young men, as well as adults of all types can draw inspiration from. She did not begin as a selfless, courageous young girl she came to be. Her strength and determination evolved through her experiences.

Once you start *Run Rachel Run*, you won't be able to put it down. Once you finish, you'll be shivering in awe how invigoratingly heroic the story of Rachel Blum is.

Reviews

- This is incredible! • Jessica Classen
- What a testimony of courage and love • Rick Dearmore
- Wonderful and inspiring and brave person • Helen Schwab

An Excerpt

July, 1944. Ivan Roluk couldn't believe he was listening to a 15-year-old girl "and putting his life and the life of his family in her hands! But she was right. Driving trains for the Nazis for three years now, he knew exactly who the Germans were. He knew that there were once more than 20,000 Jews in the girl's home town of Ludmir, and now there was only one. The courageous young girl, Rachel. Rachel -- who had just convinced him to risk his life, as well as the life of his wife and son. There was a risk either way, of course. The war was coming to an end and who knew what the Germans would do to them once they didn't need his services any longer. It was a risk to do it, but a risk not to do it. He looked behind him. The 20 train cars filled with over 1,000 wounded Nazi soldiers snaked behind his engine-car like a meandering river. In the caboose at the tail of the train was his wife, his son and the little Jewish girl. Suddenly, he heard a slam. What was that? It sounded like the door connecting the engine-car to the first car, which was occupied by high-ranking Nazi officers. Was one of them coming up front? The moment of truth had arrived. He thrust the throttle full ahead. The train jerked forward. He looked out the window. There, up ahead, was the bend! Had he waited too long? There was no more time to think. There was no more time for fear. It truly was now or never. He leaned out the open side door.

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This was such a well written book - incredible perseverance from such a young girl. To survive and witness so much, but still have a positive outlook on life is truly remarkable. Thank you so much for helping to share her story, along with the story of others she encountered during those tragic times. A very well written book - definitely a must read.

I strongly recommend this book. The story is well written, very suspenseful and heart breaking. It shows that strong will, determination and tenacity conquers the most difficult obstacles I literally could not put this book down.Jeff

Run Rachel Run: The Thrilling, True Story of a Teen Girl's Daring Escape and Heroic Survival During the Holocaust is by Rachel Blum. This memoir was told to Rachel's son-in-law for the first time in 2008. Her family never heard her story prior to this date. He did take some license by adding some dialogue and fleshing out her story. The story of the Roluks is true;

but his experiences with Treblinka were invented for this book. It is possible he could have been sent to a death camp with his trail as many engineers were. This story is about courage and luck. As a teen, Rachel had choices to make which led to her survival. As the only member of her family remaining alive, she fought back against the Nazi state and she lived. This book is an excellent example of courage and heroism. It is a book that should be read and thought about by Holocaust educators.

While needing to be brief I couldn't go without leaving a review. This is a very touching painful TRUE story that is Extremely well written! I found it to be graphic and shocking in its truth!! If you are a fan of WW2 and the holocaust THIS BOOKS FOR YOU!!!!

I'm not sure any of us nowadays could think, act, and survive as this child to young teen managed to do during the horror of her childhood. We must remember and honor her journey. Clear, well written, quick to read.

I gave Run Rachel Run the highest rating mainly because it is a true story. It unfolds at a constant pace and is told well. The things Rachel experienced and accomplished are hard to believe!

Rachel Blum survived the Holocaust with determination and survival instincts that were amazing. Her daring feats...especially jumping off the train (spoiler alert!) were unbelievably brave. Her story is a must read.

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