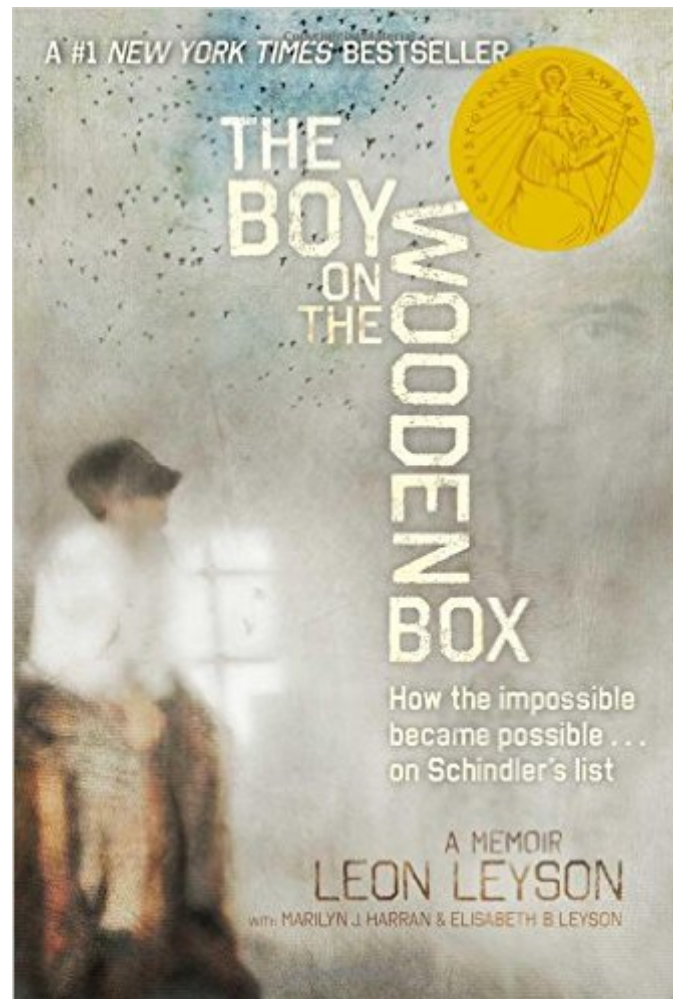


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The Boy On The Wooden Box: How The Impossible Became Possible . . . On Schindler's List



Synopsis

• Much like *The Boy In the Striped Pajamas* or *The Book Thief*, • this remarkable memoir from Leon Leyson, one of the youngest children to survive the Holocaust on Oskar Schindler's list, • brings to readers a story of bravery and the fight for a chance to live • (>). This, the only memoir published by a former Schindler's list child, perfectly captures the innocence of a small boy who goes through the unthinkable. Leon Leyson (born Leib Lezjon) was only ten years old when the Nazis invaded Poland and his family was forced to relocate to the Krakow ghetto. With incredible luck, perseverance, and grit, Leyson was able to survive the sadism of the Nazis, including that of the demonic Amon Goeth, commandant of Plaszow, the concentration camp outside Krakow. Ultimately, it was the generosity and cunning of one man, Oskar Schindler, who saved Leon Leyson's life, and the lives of his mother, his father, and two of his four siblings, by adding their names to his list of workers in his factory • a list that became world renowned: Schindler's list. Told with an abundance of dignity and a remarkable lack of rancor and venom, *The Boy on the Wooden Box* is a legacy of hope, a memoir unlike anything you've ever read.

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Customer Reviews

A great book that lets the reader have a firsthand look at the deep heartache of a Jewish family in WWII. It is detailed enough to break your heart, but not so dark as to terrify my children. I would

hand it over to my middle school aged kids and read along with them. The author ends with a great testimony to hope and healing.

This is a moving and harrowing account of a family's survival of the Holocaust, thanks to Oskar Schindler's repeated interventions. While the story is riveting, it is told in the voice of the late Leon Leyson which allows the reader to envision the family as they struggle to survive mentally and physically the inhuman conditions, repeated disappointments and loss of family members. His service in the U.S. military and subsequent successful life among family and friends in California is a tribute to his optimism and mental fortitude. In addition to the story which appeals not only to young people, the book is beautifully published. Not least of all are the birds that begin on the front end paper and follow throughout at the beginning of the chapters, until the two remaining fly away on the end paper. This memoir is a work of love.

Having heard the late Mr. Leon Leyson speak on a few occasions, I recall how the straightforwardness of his narrative would draw the listener into the experiences of a boy, who was also a Jew, facing the unfolding oppression of Nazi rule. The book captures his journey of survival, and while presented as a text for young readers, anyone who has read about the Holocaust will find here a deeply engaging story.

This is a wonderful book, beautifully written for a young reader and almost impossible to put down. I bought it for my 10-year-old (almost 11) granddaughter, Ellen, who is a strong reader, interested in history and finds herself full of questions after finishing Anne Frank's Diary recently. I'll admit that Ellen, an only child and somewhat sheltered, is "young" for her age in many respects. With the fear that this story might be too much for her, I read it first before giving it to her. I was right. These horrific stories of the Holocaust continue to shake me to my core no matter how many I read. I will save this book for a couple of years. Ellen's unstanding of the world will be a little more mature and she'll appreciate the strength and hope this young man never lost despite the nightmare he lived and so vividly describes all these years later.

The Boy on the Wooden Box is a magnificent book for readers not only 9-14 but years beyond. It is breathtaking, inspirational, beautifully written and edited.

The story of the youngest survivor from Schindler's list, Leoo Leyson, this is a wonderful book that

one cannot leave out of his hands once started to read it. It worth reading! And not only for young adults. It is a must read for all those interested in the stories of the Holocaust survivors.

This is an incredible story of survival and hope under the most horrific circumstances. Although published as a book for teenage readers, this is a compelling story for adults as well.

What a wonderful, amazing story...I couldn't put it down and it ,of course, made me cry. And while it was incredibly sad, it was also hopeful in showing that someone can live through the most horrible of circumstances and still come out on the other side to live a happy and productive life. A must read for teens and adults.

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