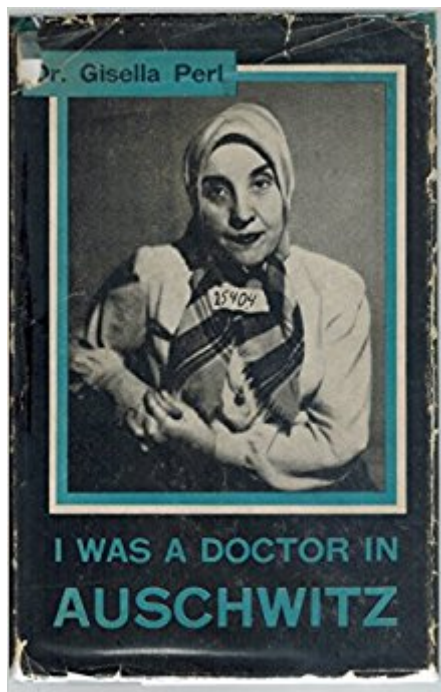


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Never in my life have I read such intense holocaust book. The most amazing Dr in Auschwitz, Dr. Gizela Perl.

I wanted to read this book after watching "Out of the Ashes" with Christine Lahti but couldn't seem

to find the book. And when I checked on-line it was selling for 80 dollars and up!!! I couldn't understand why this book was so hard to come by. Then one day I was at my local library and remembered you could request a title and they would search for it and then call when it arrived. I figured, what did I have to lose? So I asked them and 3 days later I had a copy of this incredible book! How they had one I still have no clue and at first I was surprised at how short it seemed. I expected a 300 page in-depth autobiography but it's not that at all. Instead, it is a very sparse yet detailed account of what occurred in the concentration camp of Auschwitz. And out of all the books I've read, there is one scene that will stick with me forever and that is of the woman who continued to dodge the death selection over and over by jumping off the truck until one day Dr. Mengele caught her and beat her until she was unrecognizable while everyone watched. That is the most horrible image because she just wanted to LIVE!!! I've never been able to shake that image. This is an important book and should be made available to EVERYONE. I'm glad other reviewers have mentioned how to obtain a copy because 80 dollars is a completely unacceptable price for something so important to history.

I had read this small but utterly amazing book when I got my hands on a paperback edition, which, stupidly, I donated to a thrift shop after I'd read it... because the book was so powerful, and horrific in its eyewitness account of the horrors of Auschwitz, that I thought I'd never be able to read it again. I didn't realize it was out of print. Please, some publisher somewhere, please print new editions. This is too powerful and important a Holocaust memoir to allow to fade from the public's eye. As the last survivors die off, we need ALL the memoirs out there in our libraries. And, this is an outstanding memoir, remarkable for its brevity, yet searing narrative, and for the author's personal strength, intelligence and compassion that allowed her to emerge from her experience with her humanity and joy in delivering babies intact.

This hard-to-find autobiography of Gisella Perl is well worth the trouble you may have in obtaining it, and it is in a different league than the simplistic movie, "Out of Ashes", which was very loosely based on it. It tells the story of a female Jewish doctor who is deported to Auschwitz and manages to survive as one of the camp's prisoner doctors. The peculiar dehumanization and agony of the concentration camp experience are described in detail, as is her interaction with notorious Auschwitz SS personnel Joseph Mengele and Irma Grese. The physical and mental struggles of herself and her fellow-sufferers are described in moving, human terms. This testimony is of particular value to historians because it was written only a short time after the Holocaust, not

generations later.

Dr. Perl wrote skillfully and with clarity of the horrors of Nazi concentration camps. Auschwitz was purgatory and Bergen Belsen was hell. She told it just as it was with very little digression into unrelated subject matter. As Matt stated in his review...she writes as a surgeon, always cutting to the core of the story she had to relate. I must agree that this is one of the very finest books I've read by a survivor, albeit there are a great many. The many very talented and wonderful women that fought to live and failed in their quest will break your heart. Dr. Perl tells of the spirits of these women and the great loss to the world of the multitudes of talented and wonderful people put to death by these butchers. The book was reprinted in 1997 by Ayer Company Publishers, Inc. in North Stratford, NH, and I cannot understand why it is so difficult to find today. My most generous thanks to those who supplied me a copy of this marvelous testimony for my library. Read dear Lucille Eichengreen's book, FROM ASHES TO LIFE. It too is a valuable historical testimony. Then get ECHOES FROM AUSCHWITZ by wonderful Eva Mozes Kor, which is the story of Eva and Miriam Mozes, two of Mengele's twins. Excellent!

In unadorned prose, Dr. Gisella Perl documents the horror she witnessed and endured in Auschwitz, a forced labor camp in Germany, and Bergen-Belsen. A gynecologist, Dr. Perl was in charge of thousands of women in Auschwitz, running the camp "hospital" and all the while administering abortions without instruments of any kind (the punishment for pregnancy in Auschwitz was death). Of course, this book is not easy to read. Dr. Perl is not out to assuage us at all. She is going to present all the horror that language can convey. But she does understand that people have two sides to their nature. In the final chapter, where she depicts the actions of Abbe Brand, we realize that Dr. Perl has far from given up on being a human being. In fact, the actions of a man like Abbe Brand give her renewed hope that people can overcome their bestial urges.

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