



# War in the Shadow of Auschwitz (Religion, Theology and the Holocaust)

*By John Wiernicki*

Download now

Read Online ➔

**War in the Shadow of Auschwitz (Religion, Theology and the Holocaust)** By John Wiernicki

1943: Polish underground fighter John Wiernicki is captured and beaten by the Gestapo, then shipped to Auschwitz. In this chilling memoir, Wiernicki, a Gentile, details "life" in the infamous death camp, and his battle to survive, physically and morally, in the face of utter evil.

The author begins by remembering his aristocratic youth, an idyllic time shattered by German invasion. The ensuing dark days of occupation would fire the adolescent Wiernicki with a burning desire to serve Poland, a cause that led him to valiant action and eventual arrest.

As a young non-Jew, Wiernicki was acutely sensitive to the depravity and injustice that engulfed him at Auschwitz. He bears witness to the harrowing selection and extermination of Jews doomed by birth to the gas chambers, to savage camp policies, brutal SS doctors, and rampant corruption with the system. He notes the difference in treatment between Jews and non-Jews. And he relives fearful unexpected encounters with two notorious "Angels of Death": Josef Mengele and Heinz Thilo.

War in the Shadow of Auschwitz is an important historical and personal document. Its vivid portrait of prewar and wartime Poland, and of German concentration camps, provides a significant addition to the growing body of testimony by gentile survivors and a heartfelt contribution to fostering comprehension and understanding.

↓ [Download War in the Shadow of Auschwitz \(Religion, Theology ...pdf](#)

📖 [Read Online War in the Shadow of Auschwitz \(Religion, Theolo ...pdf](#)

# War in the Shadow of Auschwitz (Religion, Theology and the Holocaust)

*By John Wiernicki*

## **War in the Shadow of Auschwitz (Religion, Theology and the Holocaust) By John Wiernicki**

1943: Polish underground fighter John Wiernicki is captured and beaten by the Gestapo, then shipped to Auschwitz. In this chilling memoir, Wiernicki, a Gentile, details "life" in the infamous death camp, and his battle to survive, physically and morally, in the face of utter evil.

The author begins by remembering his aristocratic youth, an idyllic time shattered by German invasion. The ensuing dark days of occupation would fire the adolescent Wiernicki with a burning desire to serve Poland, a cause that led him to valiant action and eventual arrest.

As a young non-Jew, Wiernicki was acutely sensitive to the depravity and injustice that engulfed him at Auschwitz. He bears witness to the harrowing selection and extermination of Jews doomed by birth to the gas chambers, to savage camp policies, brutal SS doctors, and rampant corruption with the system. He notes the difference in treatment between Jews and non-Jews. And he relives fearful unexpected encounters with two notorious "Angels of Death": Josef Mengele and Heinz Thilo.

War in the Shadow of Auschwitz is an important historical and personal document. Its vivid portrait of prewar and wartime Poland, and of German concentration camps, provides a significant addition to the growing body of testimony by gentile survivors and a heartfelt contribution to fostering comprehension and understanding.

## **War in the Shadow of Auschwitz (Religion, Theology and the Holocaust) By John Wiernicki Bibliography**

- Sales Rank: #1122025 in eBooks
- Published on: 2001-12-01
- Released on: 2015-01-01
- Format: Kindle eBook

 [Download War in the Shadow of Auschwitz \(Religion, Theology ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online War in the Shadow of Auschwitz \(Religion, Theolo ...pdf](#)

## Download and Read Free Online War in the Shadow of Auschwitz (Religion, Theology and the Holocaust) By John Wiernicki

---

### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

In this simple but harrowing memoir, Wiernicki recounts his involvement with the Polish underground and his subsequent imprisonment in Nazi labor and death camps. What emerges is a raw expose of the evil perpetrated against millions, the "deliberate, cold, premeditated murder of innocent people." Wiernicki's young, privileged existence fundamentally changes in the summer of 1939, when the Germans invade Poland. Within 28 days, the German forces wreak havoc on the entire nation, but they focus on burning synagogues and splintering families within Jewish communities. A proud Pole, Wiernicki joins the Polish resistance movement an impassioned but fragmented and necessarily secretive group as a freedom fighter. After being captured and tortured by the Gestapo, Wiernicki, a gentile, meets a fate similar to that of the millions of Jews whose extermination he soon witnesses. Wiernicki captures the brutality of the SS men as well as the total dehumanization of the inmates the reason they are unable to wield any resistance within the camps. Particularly startling are Wiernicki's accounts of the guards' sadistic behavior; that other authors have told these tales before does not lessen their power. Frightened prisoners are forced to sing at the whim of an SS man on penalty of death; women are humiliated and abused. Ruthless beatings and brutal kickings are the norm, Wiernicki writes, even during routine work. That the author is a gentile survivor makes his testimony especially significant at a time when Holocaust denial is defended by some as academic freedom. 17 photos.

Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

From [Booklist](#)

Wiernicki, a Polish partisan, was captured by the Gestapo in 1943 and sent to Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. From there he was sent to Buchenwald, and he escaped during a death march in April 1945 as the Germans forced 2,000 prisoners to flee ahead of advancing Allied troops. The author begins his memoir with a brief description of his prewar years growing up in the city of Lwow, his summer vacations, and his year at the military academy of Lwow, where he had planned to spend the next four years. He then writes of his life as a resistance fighter before being captured. Wiernicki, a gentile, recounts the killing of Jews in Auschwitz-Birkenau and describes his encounters with Josef Mengele and Heinz Thilo, the infamous SS doctors who conducted medical experiments on prisoners. Wiernicki's memoir, which includes 17 black-and-white photographs, is a haunting and intimate account of the Holocaust, written with an almost unbearable clarity. *George Cohen*

Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

Review

"The audience for this book should be everyone. . .trying to reach some personal explanation about the Holocaust." -- *Stanislaus A. Blejwas, author of Realism in Polish Politics*

"The author's intelligence and sensitivity prove indispensable guides to the twentieth-century hell of the Holocaust." -- *Alan Berger, co-editor of Second Generation Voices: Reflections by Children of Holocaust Survivors and Perpetrators*

### Users Review

From reader reviews:

**Natasha Rich:**

This War in the Shadow of Auschwitz (Religion, Theology and the Holocaust) book is simply not ordinary book, you have it then the world is in your hands. The benefit you have by reading this book is usually information inside this book incredible fresh, you will get data which is getting deeper you read a lot of information you will get. This kind of War in the Shadow of Auschwitz (Religion, Theology and the Holocaust) without we comprehend teach the one who looking at it become critical in thinking and analyzing. Don't be worry War in the Shadow of Auschwitz (Religion, Theology and the Holocaust) can bring any time you are and not make your bag space or bookshelves' grow to be full because you can have it in the lovely laptop even cellphone. This War in the Shadow of Auschwitz (Religion, Theology and the Holocaust) having excellent arrangement in word and layout, so you will not experience uninterested in reading.

**Judith Carter:**

As people who live in the modest era should be up-date about what going on or information even knowledge to make all of them keep up with the era and that is always change and advance. Some of you maybe can update themselves by examining books. It is a good choice for you but the problems coming to anyone is you don't know which one you should start with. This War in the Shadow of Auschwitz (Religion, Theology and the Holocaust) is our recommendation to make you keep up with the world. Why, because book serves what you want and need in this era.

**Tony Jacobson:**

Reading a reserve tends to be new life style on this era globalization. With looking at you can get a lot of information that can give you benefit in your life. Using book everyone in this world can certainly share their idea. Ebooks can also inspire a lot of people. Plenty of author can inspire all their reader with their story or their experience. Not only situation that share in the guides. But also they write about the information about something that you need example. How to get the good score toefl, or how to teach children, there are many kinds of book that you can get now. The authors on earth always try to improve their expertise in writing, they also doing some study before they write to the book. One of them is this War in the Shadow of Auschwitz (Religion, Theology and the Holocaust).

**Ruby Guillen:**

Playing with family in the park, coming to see the marine world or hanging out with buddies is thing that usually you could have done when you have spare time, then why you don't try thing that really opposite from that. Just one activity that make you not sense tired but still relaxing, trilling like on roller coaster you have been ride on and with addition of knowledge. Even you love War in the Shadow of Auschwitz (Religion, Theology and the Holocaust), it is possible to enjoy both. It is great combination right, you still need to miss it? What kind of hang-out type is it? Oh come on its mind hangout guys. What? Still don't get it, oh come on its known as reading friends.

**Download and Read Online War in the Shadow of Auschwitz  
(Religion, Theology and the Holocaust) By John Wiernicki  
#4AX5RZ9OPGW**

## **Read War in the Shadow of Auschwitz (Religion, Theology and the Holocaust) By John Wiernicki for online ebook**

War in the Shadow of Auschwitz (Religion, Theology and the Holocaust) By John Wiernicki Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read War in the Shadow of Auschwitz (Religion, Theology and the Holocaust) By John Wiernicki books to read online.

### **Online War in the Shadow of Auschwitz (Religion, Theology and the Holocaust) By John Wiernicki ebook PDF download**

**War in the Shadow of Auschwitz (Religion, Theology and the Holocaust) By John Wiernicki Doc**

**War in the Shadow of Auschwitz (Religion, Theology and the Holocaust) By John Wiernicki Mobipocket**

**War in the Shadow of Auschwitz (Religion, Theology and the Holocaust) By John Wiernicki EPub**

**4AX5RZ9OPGW: War in the Shadow of Auschwitz (Religion, Theology and the Holocaust) By John Wiernicki**