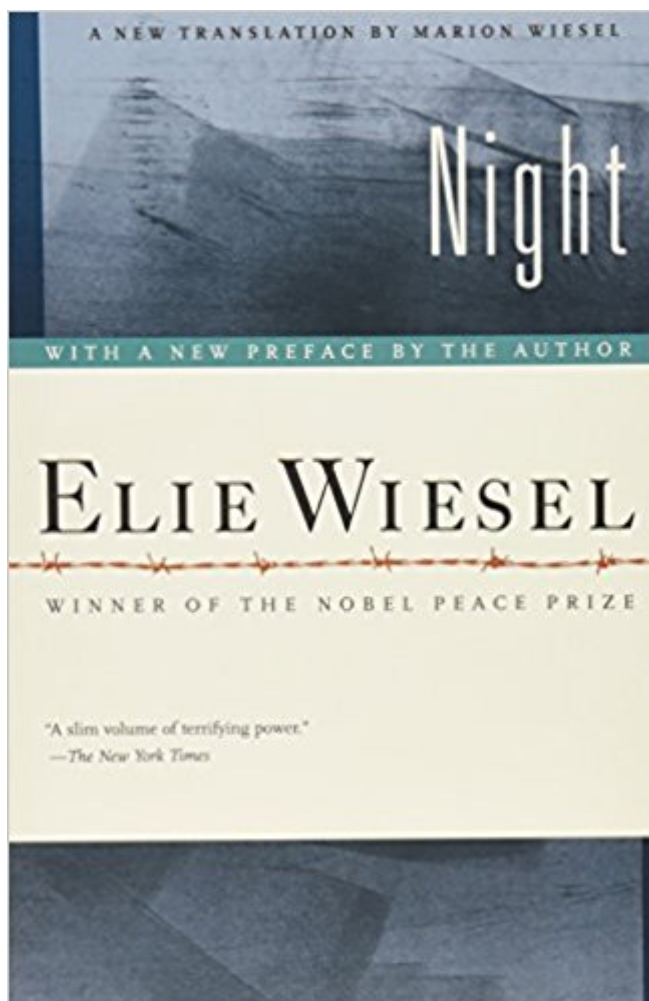




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This....I lack words. Mr. Wiesel has woven a tale of such epic proportions, describing in all too vivid detail the horrors of the holocaust. There is a REASON this book ranks up there with The Diary of Anne Frank as one of the definitive works for this subject matter. I was saddened to hear of Mr. Wiesel's passing. When it came time for my son to study the holocaust in school, I decided to add this book to his learning experience. This book captures the gravity of the situation, and explains the horrors, perhaps not adequately, because how could one convey that level of horror to anyone who hasn't lived it, but as well as I think is possible on paper. This is always, ALWAYS my first recommendation when the topic of holocaust literature is broached.

it is one of the must read books on the tragedy of the Holocaust. thanks to Fairfax county, it is a recommended reading for English 10 HN. The narration is do captivating that prompted my son to urge me to take him to the DC Holocaust museum. #neveragain

If you are interested in the holocaust or WW2 then read this novel. It is a quick read but leaves you breathless at the end. Elie Wiesel gives a terrifyingly read first hand account on his experience in the holocaust. This story is gripping, sad and so real. His writing makes you feel as if you are standing next to him as it all happens, we become invested in his life as we turn each page and yet it's over so quick. Even if you are not interested in the holocaust, this novel is worth checking out, it will leave you breathless and open your eyes to the horrors of humanity.

Bought it to help me teach the book to Sophomore English classes. The book was an excellent personal memoir of what happened to a 15 year old Jewish boy, his family, and their community during the last year and a half or so of WWII. The book was difficult to read emotionally as you are made aware of the incredible inhumanity of the Nazis to the Jewish people, but it is a true and accurate story of a survivor that took the sheer historical numbers that are so large that while they shock you, the enormity of it all makes it more difficult to appreciate just how cruel and insensitive the systematic effort was. With this story, you see that horror from the eyes, heart, and soul of one Jewish boy as he endures and survives things that are incomprehensible to almost any human being with even a slight bit of compassion and empathy. As a 69 year old student of history, I have a much deeper understanding and appreciation of just how evil the holocaust truly was. I highly recommend this book.

An Excellent read that I will never forget. This book will be read again. Thank God my family and relatives left Germany before WWII.

Elie Wiesel gave up everything except the love he had for his Father and that's what kept him going. His story reminds me why evil must be fought at all costs starting with the evil that resides within oneself. If you join in the violence, even while violence is being perpetrated against you, the evil wins. One act of selfishness or revenge begets another and another in an endless cycle. This does not mean there should not be justice. But justice should not be confused with violence and vice versa. I saw myself in this book and my reflection was not pretty. I don't think for a moment that I could have endured what he did and come out of it nearly as well. I pray for the repose of Mr. Wiesel's soul and that the God whom he questioned so much blesses him richly for ever. Amen.

I have read numerous books written by Holocaust survivors. They were all excellent. But I had never heard of Mr. Wiesel and his book "Night" until he died on July 2, 2016 at age 87. Someone on the internet said this was the best book about what happened so of course I bought it and I just finished reading it. I expected it to be a masterpiece and I was not disappointed. This is a book everyone must read. One thing I learned that I didn't know from the other books: After children arrived at the concentration camp after a terrible journey in a cattle car train, they were thrown into a burning ditch while they were still alive. These are little kids being murdered in the worst possible way. It's something I would expect from the Islamic State terrorists but even they wouldn't do this to children.

This is the 3rd, Night: With Connections I've bought. I lent the first two copies but I wanted to read it again when Arlie Weisel died. It is so compelling that I read it in a few hours. He walks you through the smells, horror and desperate people in the camps. It is made more compelling by the political mess we are living through now. As it was in the 1930's when there still was time to leave, many thought it would never happen to them. It did! This is why it is so important to "remember and never forget". We must remember to fight racism and prejudice, hate and discrimination, right now in 2016, by not supporting fascists !

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