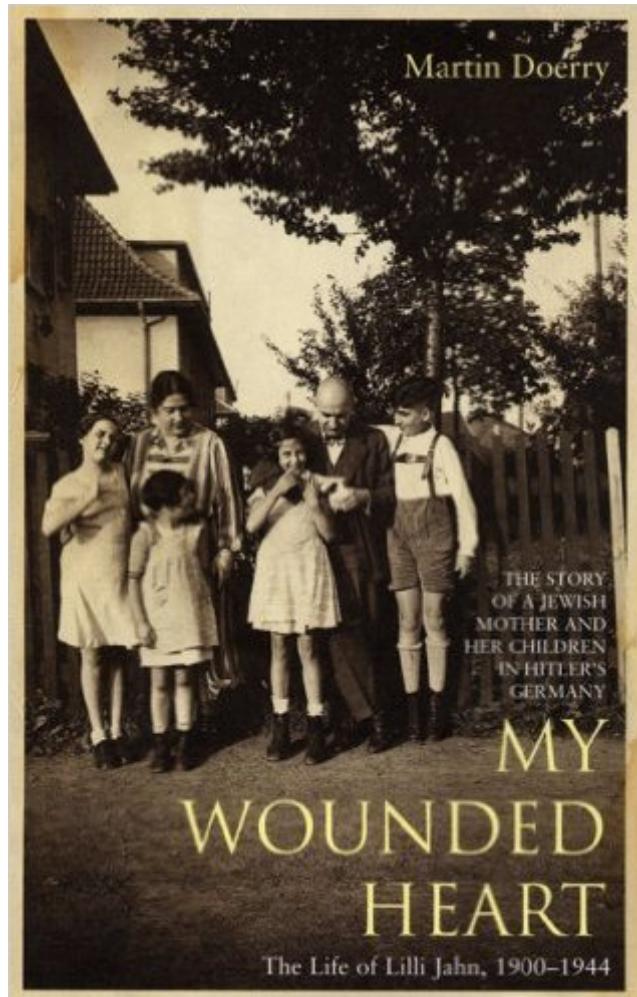


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Synopsis

A series of letters offer an incredible and tragic insight into the life of an ordinary Jewish woman under persecution in the Nazi regime. This is the heart-breaking story of a gifted Jewish doctor, the mother of five children, who, after being divorced by her Aryan husband, is arrested on an absurd charge and sent to a corrective labor camp in 1942. Lilli was a prolific letter writer and miraculously almost all her letters to her children and friends, together with a huge number of their letters to her (smuggled out of the camp at Breitenau before she was sent to Auschwitz), survived World War II and only came to light on the death of her son in 1998. In the letters and in Martin Doerry's superb commentary, we see the deterioration of a whole country through the eyes of an ordinary family driven asunder by pressure from the Nazi regime. We see Lilli's initial optimism and love of her husband begin to crack. We see her trying to support and run the family home from Breitenau camp, but relying totally on her 12-year-old daughter, Ilse. And we see the difficulties for the children of living with their father's mistress, now his wife, after a bombing raid destroys the family home. And perhaps most moving of all, we see Ilse's heroic attempts to meet her mother, even though it means going into the labor camp itself, and Lilli's courage in the face of her inevitable end.

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I did a review for this book some while ago,dont know where its gone?ANY ANSWERS ,how long do you keep reviews???All i can repeat is as before,SUPERB BUT VERY SAD,made me tearful in the morning and tearful again at night[read in bed] when i thought of what this poor lady and her children went through.If there is any one book about the Holocaust you want to read THIS IS IT,A

MUST,of all my numerous books i own and have read about the Holocaust,believe me i have read them all,150+ and still reading,one cannot get a true picture of this horrendous time unless you read a various selection,this is one of my most treasured,unforgettable true facts of that unimaginable incomprehensible time.I do not want to say to much about the book just to add,this just shows how diabolically unfairly the Jews were treated by the Nazis to individual members of one family I have purposely rewritten this review as i see there are no others,i feel this book needs to be reconized and read by many for the heart-felt love alone in the letters written from mother and children.WHAT MORE CAN I SAY,please read,i do not think you will be disappionted.

Lilli came to life through these precious letters. Sometimes periods of human history contain cruelty on such a vast scale that it can be diminished in scope. The life story of Dr. Lilli Jahn is powerful and devastating; the letters are achingly beautiful and telling. They bear witness to searing evil and love and relentless hope. Highly recommended reading.

I am at the end of the book and as the othet reader says, so very painful. You can feel this in Lilli Jahn and how from the start she went after a horrible man who didn't love her from the beginning.

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