PERSONAL NARRATIVES OF SURVIVORS OF NAZI DEATH CAMPS

The concentration camps established by the Nazis during World War II, where prisoners were subjected to unimaginable terrors from the moment they arrived in the camps; it was a dehumanizing existence that involved a struggle for survival against a system designed to annihilate them.

The following listing of memoirs and personal narratives compiled by survivors recount grim stories of death and heroism in the face of inhumane treatment during daily life in the Nazi concentration camps are in the Newton Free Library collection. Other titles may be found in other Minuteman Network libraries. The home country of the narrator is listed along with the place of confinement following each book title.


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