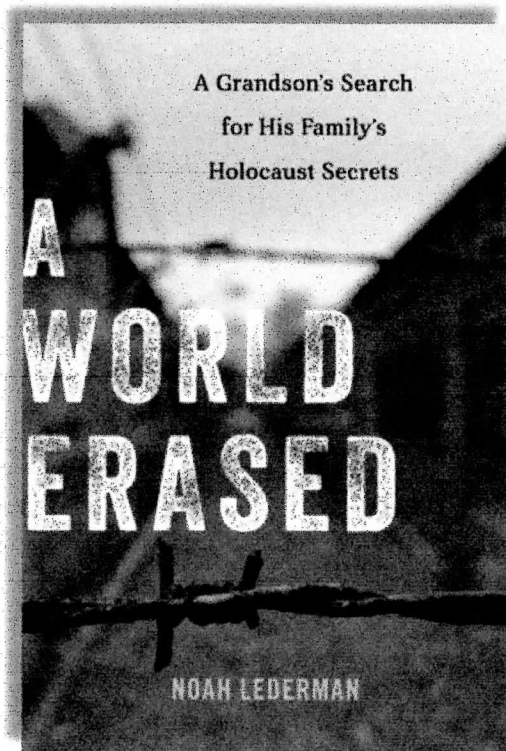


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A World Erased

*A Grandson's Search for His Family's
Holocaust Secrets*
By Noah Lederman

A Philadelphia Inquirer Best Read

“This is a wide-ranging memoir, covering the vibrant, prewar Jewish life in Poland, the Nazi-imposed Jewish ghetto and subsequent extermination camps, the postwar confinement in displaced person camps, and the move to America. . . . This is a vital contribution to Holocaust collections.”

—Jay Freeman, *Booklist*

About the Book

This moving memoir by the grandson of Holocaust survivors transports readers from Noah's grandmother's home in Brooklyn to World War II Poland. Together, they explore the memories—of Auschwitz and many other concentration camps, the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, and the displaced persons camps—that his family had long buried.

I was left with the stories—the ones that had been hidden, the ones that offered catharsis, the ones that gave me a second hero, the ones that resurrected a family, the ones that survived even death.

Their shared journey illuminates the power of never forgetting.

About the Author

Noah Lederman is an award-winning writer whose work has been published in *The Economist*, the *Boston Globe*, the *Miami Herald*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, the *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Slate*, *Salon*, the *New Republic*, *Tablet Magazine*, the *Jerusalem Post*, *Tikkun*, and elsewhere. He lives on Long Island.

Praise for the Book

“Lederman's dogged persistence in getting his grandparents to recount their memories of the Holocaust pays off brilliantly. In *A World Erased*, he rescues their stories—and the stories of so many who survived, and so many who didn't—and turns their experiences during the Holocaust into an enduring monument for his own generation and those to follow.”

—Wayne Hoffman, executive editor, *Tablet Magazine*; author of *Sweet Like Sugar* and *An Older Man*

“*A World Erased* is a book of dark tales that is suffused with tenderness on every page. As the number of Holocaust survivors dwindles, Lederman's journey of remembrance makes for urgent reading.”

—Sam Apple, author of *Schlepping through the Alps*

“This gripping book traces the evolution of a young man's quest to uncover the stories of his grandparents' harrowing past—a riveting journey through repressed memory, unspeakable trauma, and the landmarks of European genocide that lead the author to a fresh understanding of his family's wartime past and his own identity. A determined historian, dogged sleuth, and gifted storyteller, Lederman flecks his memoir with black humor and refreshing candor, illuminating how the horrors of the Holocaust are transmitted through the generations.”

—Andrew Jacobs, director of *Four Seasons Lodge*