

Auschwitz: History, Place, and People. An Academic Guide to the Camp Complex.



Almost a million Jews were deported to Auschwitz to be murdered. But Auschwitz was also a concentration camp and a vast industrial complex where thousands of inmates of different ethnicities were compelled to undertake murderous slave labour.

Auschwitz: History, Place and People makes an important contribution to what is known and understood about this enormous camp complex. The book explains the role of Auschwitz in the history of the Holocaust and the German occupation of eastern Europe during World War II.

This is not a chronological history of Auschwitz. Instead, information about the camp complex is presented on a topical basis. Each chapter focuses on a particular aspect of Auschwitz. The essays are written in a clear and often compelling manner.

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An engaging, clearly written, logically organized, and pedagogically sound book. *Auschwitz: History, Place and People* provides well-documented information and dispels some widely circulating myths.

The essays engage readers in a comprehensive discussion of important aspects of the camp. They offer a deeper understanding of the workings of Auschwitz and the fate of different people affected by its existence: prisoners, guards, the people who lived nearby, businessmen who benefited from slave labor, etc.

The book's message goes beyond providing its audiences with historical facts. It fosters civic engagement with the topic of the Holocaust and its wider implications. After all, for many, Auschwitz remains not only a memorial and a symbol, but also a shorthand for genocide.

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