



*Night* by Elie Wiesel  
Reviewed by Allie



Memoir, Historical

### **Give a summary without spoilers!**

Night is an autobiography that takes the readers through Elie Wiesel's experience and survival during his time as a teenager in the Holocaust in the 1940s. Elie is just 15 years old when him and his family are deported to Auschwitz and forced into the dehumanization the Nazi officers put him and the other Jewish prisoners through. Elie lost most, if not all of his emotions during these awful months that he was not even phased when his father was sick and dying in the same room. Elie meets many people along the way that not only push him through these unthinkable times, but also people that lead him to lose hope in any future outside of the concentration camps. After facing starvation, demanding labor, exhaustion, and even questioning his faith in God, by the time Elie is freed from the imprisonment, he does not even recognize himself.

### **What drew you to this book?**

This book reminded me of the book Prisoner B-3087 I read two years prior to reading Night. Both books follow a young boy and his experience as a Jewish person during the Holocaust. Both books take place inside Nazi Concentration Camps and go through the awful punishments and dehumanization they had to endure. The protagonists of both novels actually experience very similar experiences of death marches, starvation and long trips in overcrowded cattle cars.

### **Did it remind you of something that you've previously read?**

I would recommend this book to anyone with a strong interest in non-fiction historical books that are written from the point of view of the person that experienced the major event. I would also strongly recommend this book to anyone who does not know much about the Holocaust because since the story is told by someone who lived during it, the facts are very accurate and easy to understand.

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**Overall, did you like it and would you recommend it to others?**

I really enjoyed this book, especially because the author took the audience through his emotions during this time and made his story very easy to follow. I would strongly recommend this book because it is suspenseful and hard to put down, even for someone that does not know much about this historical event. It is also important to acknowledge and spread awareness to the lives affected by the Holocaust including the families of the millions of lives that were lost.

**Anything else that you would like to add to this review? What made you choose it? Did you like the cover? Was it recommended to you? Did you find it at the library?**

I thought the author did a very good job representing the struggles that Jewish people faced during this time period. I also think the cover is very simple while also giving the readers some foreshadowing of the darkness that is to come while reading the novel.