

# General Books about NC Holocaust Survivors

[Witness to the Horror: North Carolinians Remember the Holocaust](#) by Cecile Holmes White. North Carolina Council on the Holocaust, 1987

This book is a collection of survivor and liberator testimonies from the Holocaust, offering a raw and deeply personal account of the atrocities that took place during World War II. The author has meticulously gathered these stories, providing a poignant insight into the deeply human experiences of both victims and perpetrators. Through their vivid and compelling narratives, the witnesses expose the horrors of the concentration camps and the aftermath of the war, exploring the profound impact it had on their lives. The book delves into themes of survival, loss, resilience, and the haunting legacy of the Holocaust, shedding light on the darkest chapters of human history and the enduring power of human resilience in the face of unspeakable suffering.

[They Fled Hitler's Germany and Found Refuge in North Carolina](#), Edited by Henry Landsberger and Christoph Schweitzer

This book tells the extraordinary stories of German scholars and artists who fled Nazi Germany and found refuge in North Carolina during the 1930s and 1940s. The author explores the personal journeys of these individuals, their struggles to adapt to a new culture and language, and the challenges they faced in rebuilding their careers and lives. The book also sheds light on the role of North Carolina universities and individuals in welcoming and supporting these refugees, highlighting the humanitarian spirit that prevailed in some segments of American society during a time of great upheaval. The book paints a vivid picture of the impact these individuals had on North Carolina's intellectual and artistic landscape, demonstrating the lasting legacy of their contributions to the state's rich cultural heritage. This book offers a unique and inspiring glimpse into a largely overlooked chapter in North Carolina's history, providing valuable insights into the experiences of refugees and the complexities of assimilation.

[The Holocaust: A North Carolina Teacher's Resource \(NC DPI\)](#)

The North Carolina Council on the Holocaust is pleased to present its revised and expanded teacher's guide, *The Holocaust: A North Carolina Teacher's Resource*, which features the narratives of 21 Holocaust survivors who became North Carolina residents.

Each chapter presents a historical overview, survivor narratives, and a lesson based on the narratives. Online resources are recommended throughout the guide, which also contains a section of Supplemental Materials.

[Van Eeden](#) by Susan Taylor Block

The book describes how Alvin Johnson and Hugh McRae attempted to rescue as many Jews as possible from Germany and settle them in the farming community of Van Eeden, just outside of Wilmington, during the early days of World War II. The book also details the families that settled in Van Eeden and their lives there. Issued as vol. 40, no. 1 of the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society Bulletin.

# Individual NC Survivor Memoirs

## **Hank Brodt**

[A Candle and a Promise](#)

## **Susan Cerntak-Spatz**

Book – [Protective Custody: Prisoner 34042](#) by Susan Cernyak-Spatz; ed. Joel Shatzky. N & S Publishers. New York, 2005.

Book (Theater/Drama) - [Protective Custody Prisoner 34042](#) by Charles LaBorde, Independently Published, 2021.

## **Kaja Finkler**

[Lives Lived and Lost: East European History Before, During, and After World War II as Experienced by an Anthropologist and Her Mother](#) by Kaja Finkler

## **Walter Friedman**

[“Our Friedman Families: A Memoir of German Jews Who Escaped from the Nazis to Achieve International Success”](#) by Wally Friedman

## **Ilona Fuchs**

[Legacy of Rescue: A Daughter’s Tribute](#) by Marta Fuchs. Lulu Books, Csaladnak Press, 2012. Note – This book is primarily the story of the author’s father (Morton Fuchs) but some sections focus on her mother, Ilona Fuchs.

[Fragments of a Family: Remembering Hungary, the Holocaust, and Emigration to a New World](#) by Marta Fuchs and Henry Fuchs.

*Note – This book contains the story of Ilona Fuchs and her husband, Morton Fuchs.*

## **Lillian Furst**

[Autobiography - Here is Somewhere Else: Autobiography in Two Voices](#)

## **Rena Kornreich Gelissen**

[“Rena's Promise: A Story of Sisters in Auschwitz”](#) by Rena Kornreich Gelissen and Heather Dune McAdam.

Book - [999: The Extraordinary Young Women of the First Official Jewish Transport to Auschwitz](#) by Heather Dune MacAdam) (*Note: Rena was on this transport*)

## **Morris Glass**

[Chosen for Destruction](#) by Morris Glass and Carolyn Murray Happer

## **Rebecca Hauser**

[My Simple Life in Greece...Destroyed by the Holocaust](#) by Rebecca Yomtov Hauser, Lulu Books, 2012.

## **Francis Hirshfeld**

[Sweet Noise: Love in War Time](#) by Max Hirshfeld (Website). American photographer Max Hirshfeld tells his parents’ (Juliana and Frances) Nazi-era love story through photographs and hundreds of post-war letters.

### **Julian Hirshfeld**

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### **Fred Emil Katz**

[Ordinary People and Extraordinary Evil](#) (Book written by Fred Hertz)

[Confronting Evil: Two Journeys](#) (Book written by Fred Hertz)

### **Raya (Rachel) Kizhnerman**

Graphic Novel – "[The Holocaust in the Ukraine](#)" (Centropa)

### **Madelaine Lang**

"[DIARY of a young Jewish girl - World War II Hungary 1941-1946](#)" by Madelaine Lang.

### **Esther Gutman Gutman**

[Hiding For our Lives: The Wartime Memoirs of Esther Gutman Lederman and Eziel Lederman](#) by Esther Gutman Lederman (BookSurge Publishing, 2007)

### **Lily Gluck Lerner**

[The Silence](#) by Lily Gluck Lerner

### **Simon Lewenberg**

[Simon Says](#) by Simon Lewenberg

### **Marianne Lieberman**

[Aftershocks](#) by Marianne Lieberman. Small Batch Books, NY, 2014

### **Barbara Lederman Rodbell**

[The Last Bridge](#) by Wendy Kesselman

Note – Drama based on the Life of Barbara Lederman Rodbell

### **Margot Lobree**

[The Light Between the Rails: Escaping the Darkness of Nazi Europe on the Kindertransport](#) by Margot Lobree and Laurie Schaefer (Note: PDF downloadable from NC Council on the Holocaust website)

### **Fritz London**

[Fritz London: A Scientific Biography](#) by Kostas Gavroglu

### **Ann Girshon Schorr**

[Finding a Place in the World: A Memoir](#) by Ann Girshon Schorr. Copyright 2014.

### **Sidney Shachnow**

[Hope and Honor: A Memoir of a Soldier's Courage and Survival](#) (Autobiography by Sidney Shachnow)

**Lex Silbiger**

[Our Great Escape: The Story of a Dutch Family's Flight from Persecution \(1942-1943\)](#)

**George Somjen**

[A Train Near Magdeburg: A Teacher's Journey into the Holocaust, and the Reuniting of Survivors and Their Liberators, 70 Years On](#) (Note – Book recounting the liberation of Robert Spitz, George Somjen, and others)

**Sven Sonnenberg**

[A Two-Step Journey to Hell](#) (Autobiography by Sven Sonnenberg)

**George Spitz**

[A Train Near Magdeburg: A Teacher's Journey into the Holocaust, and the Reuniting of Survivors and Their Liberators, 70 Years On](#) (Note – Book recounting the liberation of Robert Spitz, George Somjen, and others)

**Morris Stein**

[“Reflections on Hell”](#) – Autobiography (Digital but Unpublished)

**Peter Stein**

[A Boy's Journey: From Nazi-Occupied Prague to Freedom in America](#) by Peter Stein

**Bernard Szabo**

[A History of Temple Emanu-El: An Extended Family - Weldon, NC](#) by Leonard Rogoff (Internet Archive Searchable Digital Edition. *Note: Several mentions of Bernard are in the book.*)

**Henry Zvi Ucko**

Book - [The Triumph and Other Stories](#) by Henry Zvi Ucko

Book - [Traces of Sephardi Presence in the Dominican Republic](#) by Tineke Sjenitzer (with contributions by Henry Zvi Ucko). (Note; Academia free PDF download)

**Frieda E. Roos-Van Hessen**

[Life in the Shadow of the Swastika](#) by Frieda E. Roos-van Hessen, Harvest Day Books, 2006.

[From Singer to Survivor: Freida Roos-Van Hessen \(A Book bt Me\)](#) by Daniel Gittleman, CreateSpace Independent Publishing, 2015.

**Shelly Weiner**

Graphic Novel – [“The Holocaust in the Ukraine”](#) (Centropa)

**Walter Ziffer**

[Confronting the Silence: A Holocaust Survivor's Search for God](#) by Walter Ziffer

