

The Boy On The Wooden Box

Leon Leyson

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For those of you that like true stories, I am certain that this will be one you will enjoy. Leon Leyson tells his account of the silent hero who saved so many lives from an unfortunate result during the Holocaust. *The Boy On The Wooden Box* provides a new perspective on a well-known part of history.

Leib Lejxon was a young boy growing up in a village in northern Poland. He was a small, scrawny boy who lived a simple life. He didn't stand a chance for survival once the Nazi's invaded Poland. He witnessed his life as he knew it be turned upside and his city brought in to turmoil. He moved into a ghetto and witnessed what life was like there. He received a position and a chance to survive from Oskar Schindler. *The Boy On The Wooden Box* is his true account of life as a Jew during the Holocaust.

This book was one that I thoroughly enjoyed. It created a new view for me about the Holocaust, one that I had never experienced before. Seeing how these boys were affected from a different viewpoint than those in concentration camps gave me a better picture on how many people were affected by the Holocaust, despite their religious denomination. I believe that this book will also open your eyes to the widespread impacts of the Holocaust and Schindler's factory.

I would recommend this book to those ages 11-13 due to the nature of the story and the difficult situations that are presented in the book. This is one of those books that I personally would love to own. This is a nonfiction novel, written like a story, if you enjoy nonfiction, then this one's for you.

Books to read after *The Boy On The Wooden Box*:

The Diary of Anne Frank by: Anne Frank

Night by: Elie Wiesel

Number the Stars by: Lois Lowry