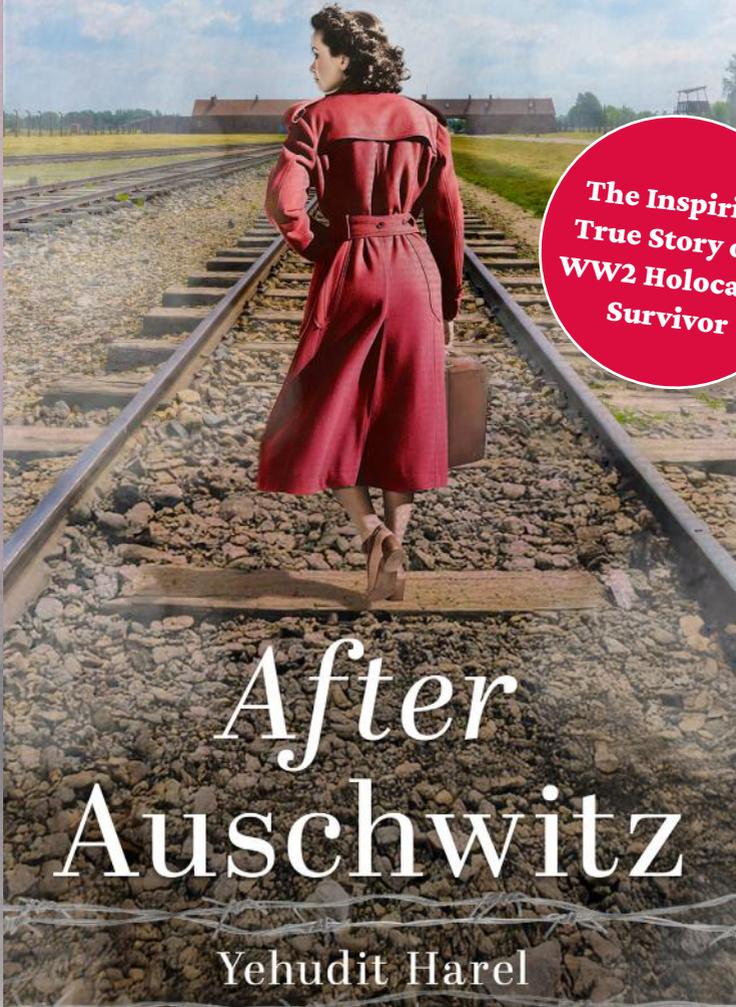


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# *After Auschwitz*

Yehudit Harel

**After surviving the worst war in history,  
Vera is not afraid to fight another.  
An inspiring testament to the power of hope,  
family, and perseverance in times of strife.**

## *About the Book*

1944. Czechoslovakia. Vera "Verushka" Roth is thirteen years old when she is torn away from her happy and comfortable life and sent to Auschwitz. At the camp's gates, she is advised by prisoners to lie about her age, a little lie that saves her from certain death.

Not knowing the fate of the rest of her family, Vera holds on to her mother, relying on her love and protection to survive the camp's horrifying and inhumane conditions. When the two are finally released at the end of the war, they set off to pick up the broken pieces of their lives.

Trying to find meaning in life after total devastation, Vera joins Hashomer Hatzair, a Jewish youth movement helping survivors in the aftermath of the war. Empowered by their optimistic vision of revival, she chooses to go by her Hebrew name, Yehudit, and is determined to start anew in Israel.

But even though she survived the worst atrocities in history, Vera is on her own and must face extreme challenges in an unknown and volatile land. As war erupts in Israel and her new home comes under constant fire, Vera must prove she has what it takes to fight for her new life.

### **Target Audiences**

- Holocaust literature and WWII historical nonfiction readers.
- memoir and true story enthusiasts.
- readers interested in Israel's founding and War of Independence.
- those drawn to stories of resilience and family bonds.
- educational institutions and Holocaust studies programs.

## Key Themes

- Survival and resilience through unimaginable horror.
- Mother-daughter bond as lifeline through trauma.
- Finding meaning and purpose after total devastation.
- Building new life and identity in Israel.
- Facing challenges with courage despite past suffering

## *About the Author*

Yehudit Harel was born in 1931 in Munkacs, Czechoslovakia (now part of Ukraine). In 1944, Yehudit was sent with her mother, father, and other family members to Auschwitz. After Yehudit and her mother were liberated from the camp, Yehudit went to Budapest, joined the Hashomer Hatzair youth movement, and prepared with them to immigrate to Israel. There she also met her future husband, Menachem Harel.

On the way to Israel in 1948, they were arrested by the British and sent to a detention camp in Cyprus for six months. Finally, Yehudit arrived with a group to Kibbutz Negba at the age of 17. Shortly after their arrival, the War of Independence broke out, and Yehudit took part in defending the kibbutz.

After the war, she married Menachem and they had three children: Orna, who suffered from a mental illness from the age of 17; Zeevi; and Sigal, who was born with Down syndrome. At the request of her grandchildren, Yehudit began writing this book. In January 2024, she finished working on her book, and in February, Yehudit passed away after suffering from pancreatic cancer.

## Market Position

- Authentic firsthand Holocaust testimony written by survivor.
- Rare narrative covering both Holocaust survival and Israel's founding.
- Universal themes of trauma, recovery, and building new life.
- Educational value for Holocaust studies and history courses.
- Emotional depth appealing to multiple generations.



## From The Author

*"This book was written at the request of my grandchildren, who were curious about my life experiences, which I never talked about. I started working on the book at the age of 91 after the passing of my second life-partner, and thought writing would keep me busy. However, returning to the dark times and memories was also very difficult for me."*



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