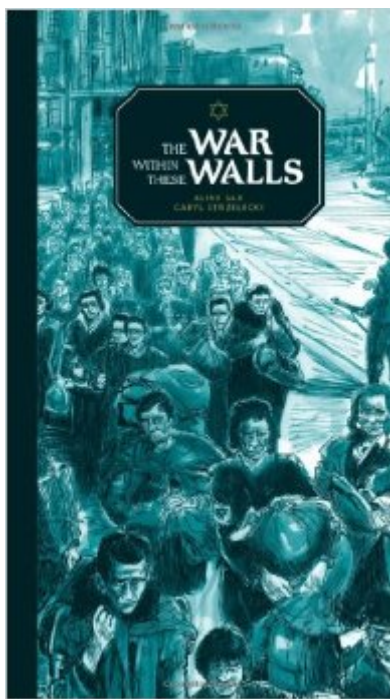


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# The War Within These Walls



## Synopsis

It's World War II, and Misha's family, like the rest of the Jews living in Warsaw, has been moved by the Nazis into a single crowded ghetto. Conditions are appalling: every day more people die from disease, starvation, and deportations. Misha does his best to help his family survive, even crawling through the sewers to smuggle food. When conditions worsen, Misha joins a handful of other Jews who decide to make a final, desperate stand against the Nazis. Heavily illustrated with sober blue-and-white drawings, this powerful novel dramatically captures the brutal reality of a tragic historical event.

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Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. The book is told in a lyrical prose that isn't really poetry but flows nonetheless. There is a certain kind of rhythm in the story that makes it more than memorable. At certain points in the book, I would find myself repeating a sentence over and over again, running it through my mind and tasting the words on my tongue. The beauty of the writing style is a chilling contrast to the story it is telling, a story filled with anguish, death and hopelessness. The illustrations created by Caryl Strzelecki are stark and vivid, found on every page.

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