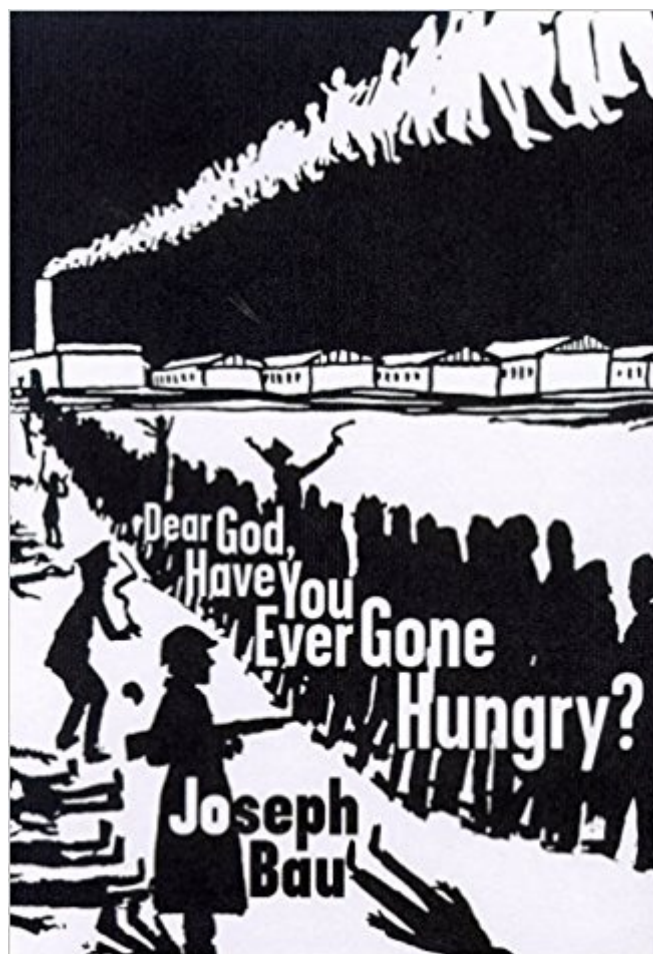


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# Dear God, Have You Ever Gone Hungry?



## Synopsis

In a heartwarming scene in *SCHINDLER'S LIST*, viewers the world over witnessed the miracle of two Jews in the Plaszow concentration camp being married clandestinely. The two were Joseph and Rebecca Bau. Available for the first time in English, this is Joseph's reckoning of a time of horrors, but also of beauty and wonder. 50 drawings by Joseph Bau.

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## Customer Reviews

Bau, an Israeli artist and animator, met his future wife, Rebecca, in the German concentration camp of Plaszow, on the outskirts of Krakow, Poland, where they married in secrecy—a scene depicted in the film *Schindler's List*. His searing, powerful Holocaust memoir, illustrated with his nimble black-and-white documentary drawings, will move readers especially deeply for his account is also a testament to the resilient human spirit. Rebecca, allowed to add one name to the list of Jewish slave laborers whom Oscar Schindler would take with him to his factory in Czechoslovakia, added Joseph's name instead of her own. She was sent to Auschwitz, where she survived, and the couple was reunited after the war. Bau's parents, deported with him to Plaszow from Krakow's Jewish ghetto, were not so fortunate. His father was murdered in Plaszow by an SS officer (against whom Bau testified in Vienna in 1971), and his mother perished in Bergen-Belsen. Both in the early chapters describing his harrowing escapes in the German-occupied Krakow ghetto and in his re-creation of the hell of the camps, Bau combines an understated tone, quiet irony and a pointed existential questioning of the God he feels abandoned his people. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Available for the first time in English, Bau's emotional memoir recounts the love story depicted so movingly in the film *Schindler's List*. Bau fell in love with and married Rebecca Tannenbaum in the Plaszow concentration camp in Poland during World War II. Anxious to save her husband at whatever cost, Rebecca placed Joseph's name on the list of Jews that Oskar Schindler would be allowed to take with him to his new factory in Brinnlitz, Czechoslovakia. She herself was sent to Auschwitz, where she was selected for the gas chamber three times but each time managed to elude death. Amazingly, both survived the Holocaust. Although Bau lost both parents in the camps and a brother in the Krakow ghetto, he and his wife were miraculously reunited after the war. They emigrated to Israel, where he became a well-known animator and graphic artist. Here, Bau uses drawings, poems, and stories to tell the tale. Also of special interest is his account of the trial in Vienna of SS guard Franz Gruen, at which both he and his wife were called to testify. Sensitive and highly readable, this is an important addition to the literature of the Holocaust. ?Marie Marmo Mullaney, Caldwell Coll., Livingston, NJ Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Joseph Bau pulls on his actual experiences as a Jew during World War II in Germany. His ability to make you feel as though you are actually there with him experiencing things the way he did. It's hard to portray uncomprehending experiences, yet he finds a way to pull you into the book. It took me longer than usual to read this book because of all of the hardships endured and the idea that a whole country could treat a group of people the way they did just because of their beliefs. Bau does a fantastic job at making such a horrific event so real and makes you feel. I would highly recommend this memoir to anyone who enjoys a good read.

Book itself is humorous, enlightening and inspiring. Joseph uses humor and art to cope with one of the most horrific episodes in history. His wife Rebecca is nothing short of heroic, constantly defying death and demons like the infamous Dr. Mengela. Against all odds, Joseph and Rebecca find each other in a Polish concentration camp. (Their marriage and efforts were featured in the Spielberg film "Schindler's List." Not only do they survive but thrive in Tel Aviv, living long enough to testify at the Nazi war trials in Vienna. Joseph, later known as the "Walt Disney of Israel," became an invaluable component in the beginning of Mossad, helping to bring more Nazi criminals to justice.

I had the pleasure of taking several of my students to see Schindler's Factory in Europe last summer, and we met the daughter of the author of this book. I finally bought the book last week and

read it on the way to another trip with students. They all made a list of who gets to read it next since they asked me about it and I told them how great it was. This book brings the horrors of the Holocaust to life in a very personal way. An easy read for students and adults...it is hard to put down. I really recommend this book, and not just because I am a history teacher.

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The heartwarming classic by Joseph Bau.. I couldn't put it down... Bau was also a great Israeli artist...

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