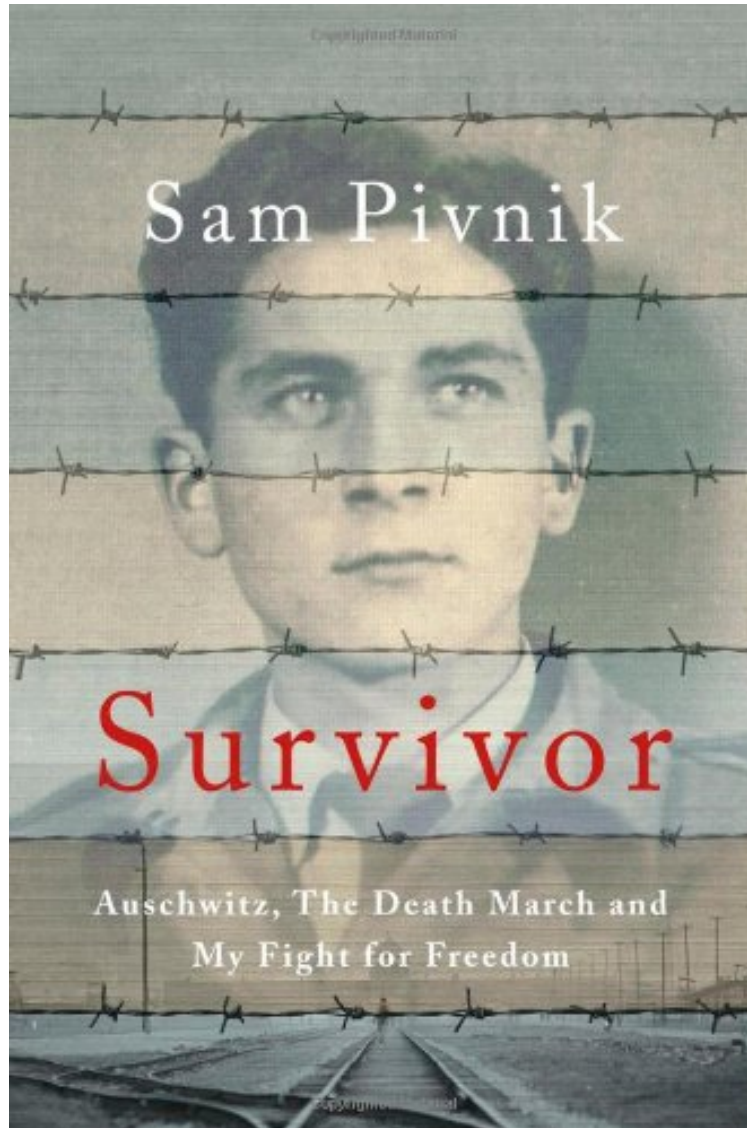


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Now in his eighties, Sam Pivnik tells for the first time the extraordinary story of how he survived the HolocaustSam Pivnik is the ultimate survivor from a world that no longer exists. On fourteen occasions he should have been killed, but luck, his physical strength, and his determination not to die all played a part in Sam Pivnik living to tell his extraordinary story.In 1939, on his thirteenth birthday, Pivnik's life changed forever when the Nazis invaded Poland. He survived the two ghettos set up in his home town of Bedzin and six months on Auschwitz's notorious Rampe Kommando where prisoners were either taken away for entry to the camp or gassing. After this harrowing experience he was sent to work at the brutal Frstengrube mining camp. He could have died on the Death March' that took him west as the Third Reich collapsed and he was one of only a handful of people who swam to safety when the Royal Air Force sank the prison ship Cap Arcona in 1945, mistakenly believing it to be carrying fleeing members of the SS.He eventually made his way to London where he found people too preoccupied with their own wartime experiences on the Home Front to be interested in what had happened to him.Now in his eighties, Sam Pivnik tells for the first time the story of his life, a true tale of survival against the most extraordinary odds.

From BooklistCertainly there are those who think there are enough memoirs by concentration-camp survivors. The cruelty and executions have been recorded. But each story has a unique slant, its own dark moments, and each makes an impression on the reader about survival under the most dire circumstances. Pivnik's life changed on his thirteenth birthday, when Germany invaded Poland. His older brother went missing, his family (grandmother, mother and father, and younger siblings) were surely killed, but he managed to stave off death at several concentration and work camps. The prose can be workmanlike at times, but his story is absorbing and often riveting. Pivnik, now in his eighties, tells his experiences with the assistance of writer M. J. Trow. Pivnik has excellent recall and, through his accounting, provides another worthy addition to the books on the horrors of Nazi occupation. Highly recommended. --Jay FreemanAbout the AuthorSAM PIVNIK was born in Poland in 1926. In 1943 his family was sent to Auschwitz II where Pivnik's parents and five siblings were murdered. After many brushes with death, Pivnik was liberated by the British Army in 1945. He now shares his memories through lectures and talks.M J TROW is the author of many books on historical subjects, including War Crimes: Underworld Britain in the Second World War. He studied military history at King's College, London.