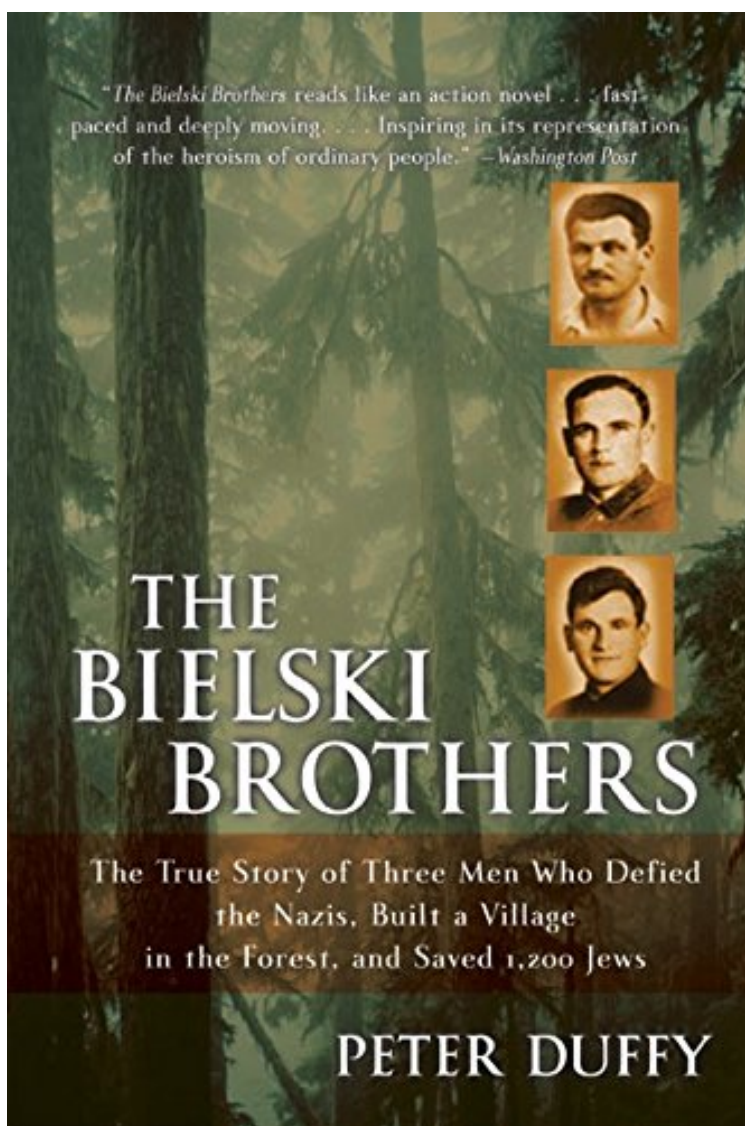


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Story/Good BookBy KJAGThe story of these brothers and their plight, along with those they sheltered, and that of the Jewish populace in the region, is more fantastic than even the movie could convey. The hardships and threats to the group's survival were even greater to the brothers and their group than indicated in the movie. The book covers in detail the mass killings and attacks that took two of the brother's wives, a child, their parents, and two other brothers, and the brothers' efforts to convince and assist Jews in escaping their captors. What is also not in the movie: they actually were forced to move their camp many times to escape the Germans; the population was often separated into two or three different camps at a time; their existence was threatened not only by the Germans, but also the local police working for the Germans, many local peasants (some of who were rewarded for turning in Jews), Polish partisans, and Russian partisans. Some malcontents in the camp tried to convince the Russians the Bielski brothers were not loyal to their cause. It was only Tuvia's diplomatic skills and efforts that kept them shielded from Russian efforts to strip the group of their fighters and leave the old, young, weak, and the women to fend for themselves, and the Russians from carrying out an execution order on one of the brothers. The book is informative and well-written, but I did not find it engrossing. It is written more in the fashion of "this is what occurred," vs. "you are there," which the best authors are able to do to make it more of an emotional experience. Nevertheless, a good, informative, balanced book by this first-time author, and I recommend it. I just wish some reviewers would stick to reviewing the book itself, not their story or the movie.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. and it makes the story drawn out and rather boring. I wanted to read this book because the ...By jackpennIt is a complicated story, and doesn't really tell much of how the Jews lived in the forest. It is filled with names of people in the story that most people couldn't even pronounce, and it makes the story drawn out and rather boring. I wanted to read this book because the movie Defiance was excellent and I thought the book would go into more detail, but it didn't. Normally, I will read a book that holds my interest in about three days, but I have been laboring through this book for three weeks already.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Bielsky BookBy J.RiveraAfter seeing the movie "Defiance" which is about the Bielsky Brothers that saved approximately 1200 Jews during the Nazi regime, I had to read the story. It is a triumphant story that takes you through the hardships and survivor techniques that they used. It is a heart wrenching story that allows one to feel weak and helpless. Through their perseverance and will to survive, makes this story a must read. I would encourage everyone and anyone to read about the Bielski Brothers. It is a shame that they were never acknowledged for their resistance.

In 1941, three brothers witnessed their parents and two other siblings being led away to their eventual murders. It was a grim scene that would, of course, be repeated endlessly throughout the war. Instead of running or giving in to despair, these brothers -- Tuvia, Zus, and Asael Bielski -- fought back, waging a guerrilla war of wits against the Nazis. By using their intimate knowledge of the dense forests surrounding the Belarusan towns of Novogrudok and Lida, the Bielskis evaded the Nazis and established a hidden base camp, then set about convincing other Jews to join their ranks. As more and more Jews arrived each day, a robust community began to emerge, a "Jerusalem in the woods." After two and a half years in the woods, in July 1944, the Bielskis learned that the Germans, overrun by the Red Army, were retreating back toward Berlin. More than one thousand Bielski Jews emerged -- alive -- on that final, triumphant exit from the woods.

Captivating...a welcome story of bold, determined, and successful resistance....[An] unjustly neglected story. (San Francisco Chronicle)As amazing as Schindler's List. (People)This remarkable story would make a terrific movie. A story about heroes, and Duffy does a masterful job. (Publishers Weekly (starred review))Fast-paced and deeply moving...inspiring in its representation of the heroism of ordinary people. (Washington Post)An engrossing, inspiring narrative ... of an incredible victory amid an immeasurable tragedy. (Dallas Morning News)A haunting book...with the grip of good fiction and the punch of hard truth. (Chicago Tribune)An extraordinary story of resistance. (Jonathan Mirsky, The Spectator (A Book of the Year))Powerful! The strength of the human spirit shines on in [this] beautifully written book. (Paula Zahn, CNN Live from the Headlines)Remarkable [and] surprising ... Duffys book is a gripping and overdue tribute to the brothers resourcefulness and courage. (London Times)A fascinating story! (The Economist)[A] dramatic and heartfelt story of unbelievable courage in the face of unspeakable adversity. (PW Daily)Uplifting....A powerful recounting of a little-known story. (Kirkus s)A wildly daring, untold tale of resistance ... inspiring and harrowing. (Jewish Bulletin)An exciting, well-paced story about honor, courage and duty. An inspiration. (Howard Blum, author of THE BRIGADE)About the AuthorPeter Duffy is the author of The Bielski Brothers. He lives in New York City with his wife and daughter.