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**Dan Kurzman : The Bravest Battle: The Twenty-eight Days Of The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Bravest Battle: The Twenty-eight Days Of The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Bravest Battle By Charlottekrn Bookfair Dan Kurzman's non-fiction epic details the twenty-eight day battle, of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Kurzman includes a detailed bibliography, complete with notes and also snippets of Jewish history in Poland, before WWII. The book is explicit and graphic in detail, depicting a realistic view of life in the ghetto, of the atrocities committed by the Germans and an account of each individual day of the twenty-eight day battle that took place between the highly organized, highly trained Germans and the poorly equipped, starving, exhausted Jews. Very few of the brave men and women of the Warsaw Ghetto fighters survived. The book includes pictures of the fighters, of the ghetto, and of confrontations with German soldiers. Recommended.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. waste of money By E. Nelson This book is terrible. I was hoping to learn about the famous 'Warsaw Uprising' but this book is of no use. This reads like a poorly organized novel, full of fictionalized conversations (that obviously are made up and were not recorded at the time, yet are in quotations in the book). Rather than a historical text about what happened, who was involved, etc, this is just an incoherent rambling of endless names of people, conversations they had ..... with nothing put into context, and very disorganized. I read half way and gave up, I will need to try another book to learn more about what actually happened during the famous uprising. Very disappointed.

17 of 18 people found the following review helpful. Riveting By Mr. Chips I was inspired to pick up this book after seeing Polanski's "The Pianist." This book is an overview of the Warsaw Uprising (the first one occurring in the Jewish Ghetto in 1943). Through what must have been exhaustive interviews with the survivors, many of whom may no longer be alive, Kurzman meticulously provides the details of the inspiring 28-day uprising, but in such a way as to absolutely captivate the reader. There may be biases or omissions of which I am not aware, but there was enough to give me a broad background on the uprising and its context -- and to keep me riveted on the struggle. One disappointment was the production values of the 1993 Da Capo Press edition, which is a republication of Putnam's 1976 edition. From the look of the type and photos, it appears they may have actually shot the plates for the present edition from a printed copy of the original edition! -- the photos especially are of unforgivably poor quality. But this doesn't detract from the tale of the uprising, which is told with compassion, and absorbed me totally for the better part of the 2 days it took to finish.

In October 1940 Nazis forced all the Jews in the Polish city of Warsaw to live in the cramped squalor of a small ghetto. Despite the starvation and disease that claimed 50,000 lives per year, the Jews were not dying swiftly enough to suit Heinrich Himmler, who ordered in 1942 that the Warsaw Ghetto be dismantled and the 450,000 inhabitants be deported to the gas chambers at Treblinka. On April 19, 1943, the first day of Passover, two thousand German troops, singing confidently, marched into the ghetto to round up the remnant of remaining Jews. Suddenly, a fifteen-year-old girl tossed a grenade in their midst. Within minutes the German army had been routed. The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising had begun. This is the first full-scale, step-by-step account of the climatic twenty-eight-day struggle of the poorly armed Jews against their Nazi exterminators. The Bravest Battle took more than two years to write and involved interviewing more than 500 people, including most of the surviving fighters. This moving history cannot be matched for its authenticity and drama. The Bravest Battle is a testament to the Warsaw Jews, who fought for survival with dignity and courage.

From Library Journal LJ 's reviewer stated that this was "the first nonfiction attempt at a daily account of one of the most stirring battles in history" ( LJ 10/1/76). Kurzman reconstructs the events through interviews, documents, and diaries to present a firsthand accounting. The popularity of the film Schindler's List will no doubt generate renewed interest in all aspects of the Holocaust. For most libraries. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. From the Back Cover This is the first full-scale, step-by-step account of the climatic 28-day struggle of the poorly armed Jews against their Nazi exterminators. About the Author Dan Kurzman, former foreign correspondent for the Washington Post, is the award-winning author of sixteen highly acclaimed books, including Fatal Voyage and Bravest Battle. He lives in New Jersey.