

La Rosa Dai Tredici Petali

Memoirs of a Jew, born in 1928 in Fiume (now Rijeka, in Croatia), relating her experiences in the Holocaust. From 1938 the family suffered the consequences of the Racial Laws. Weiss's brother immigrated to Eretz Israel in 1939. When Italy entered the war, her father, a Hungarian national, was deported to southern Italy. Her mother took care of the family business until the Nazi occupation in September 1943. Then Weiss, with her mother and two sisters, found refuge in a village in Emilia-Romagna. In April 1944, together with other Jews, they tried to reach the Swiss border but they were detained by fascist policemen who handed them over to the Nazis. They were interned at the Fossoli di Carpi camp and then deported to Auschwitz. Weiss and an older sister survived until the liberation in January 1945. They returned to Italy and were reunited with their father. In 1948 Weiss immigrated to Israel; her sister followed in 1954, and her father in 1969.

Pacifici (born 1931) describes his experiences as a child in 1938-45 in Genoa and Torino under the fascist and Nazi regimes in Italy. Includes references to the racial laws and discrimination and to the German occupation. The appendix (pp. 89-109) contains three testimonies on the anti-Jewish persecution (e.g. in the Ferramonti camp).

Kabbalah has always been considered an occult, mystery science and known only to a few initiates. But the Kabbalah is life, it describes life, what we live every day and penetrates into it making it fascinating and clear in our footsteps. And then, can life, ours, be dark, mysterious and known only to a select few? I guess not! Those who seek, seek until they find. When they find, they will be moved (Gospel of Thomas 2). This book is an introduction to Kabbalah through the experiences we have every day, in all their facets and in all their unpredictabilities. Page after page, we will realize that Kabbalah is not a world distant from us or a science distant from us, but close to us. Because it is we who are science and world and the foundation of Kabbalah itself. And therefore everyone is a living Kabbalah, even if he does not know or believe it. Notes that Primo Levi considered the testimonies of survivors of concentration camps, including his own, as incomplete and unable to grasp and transmit the true nature of that experience. In Levi's view, only those who did not survive might have been able to understand and communicate the true dimension of what happened. In spite of this, until his suicide in 1987, Levi made an effort to convey his experience to others. Speculates that, before the suicide, Levi lost hope concerning the usefulness of his writing in a context of growing indifference to the Holocaust and Holocaust revisionism.

Pp. 63-150 deal with the fate of the Jews of Firenze between 1938-44. The historical narration is interwoven with testimonies of members of outstanding Jewish families from Firenze, such as the Cassutos, Varadis, and Cassins. In un mondo che corre veloce, spesso ci manca il fiato e ci sentiamo fuori luogo. Avvertiamo la mancanza di tempo per metabolizzare ciò che accade così repentinamente, e l'angoscia e la vertigine di non essere al passo con i tempi ci assale. E luce sia sia! è il tempo che ritorna tempo a nostro servizio; è aiutare la nostra mente, soprattutto il nostro corpo,

a metabolizzare il tutto e a renderlo cibo prelibato per la nostra interiorità. Una interiorità felice è un corpo e una mente felice.

«Nel mondo di oggi, dove gli specialisti spendono l'intera carriera analizzando uno o due versi della Bibbia, un professore che osa riassumere la Cristianità in 50 pagine può essere visto come un folle. Ma per i suoi tempi Smith stava facendo qualcosa di rivoluzionario». Newsweek «Intelligente, scritto in modo straordinariamente chiaro... rivela lo spirito di ciascuna fede». The New York Times «Il miglior libro, in unico volume, sulle religioni del mondo rimane Le religioni del mondo di Huston Smith» Library Journal

Memoirs of a young Jew from Ferrara (Emilia Romagna) of racial persecution, war and terror, then of the affirmation of a Jewish identity, of militance in the Zionist movement and preparation for the departure for Israel and a new life.

Discusses the development, structure, and functioning of Nazi concentration and extermination camps. Pp. 67-162 describe the various stages Jews passed through from arrest to death in a camp.

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