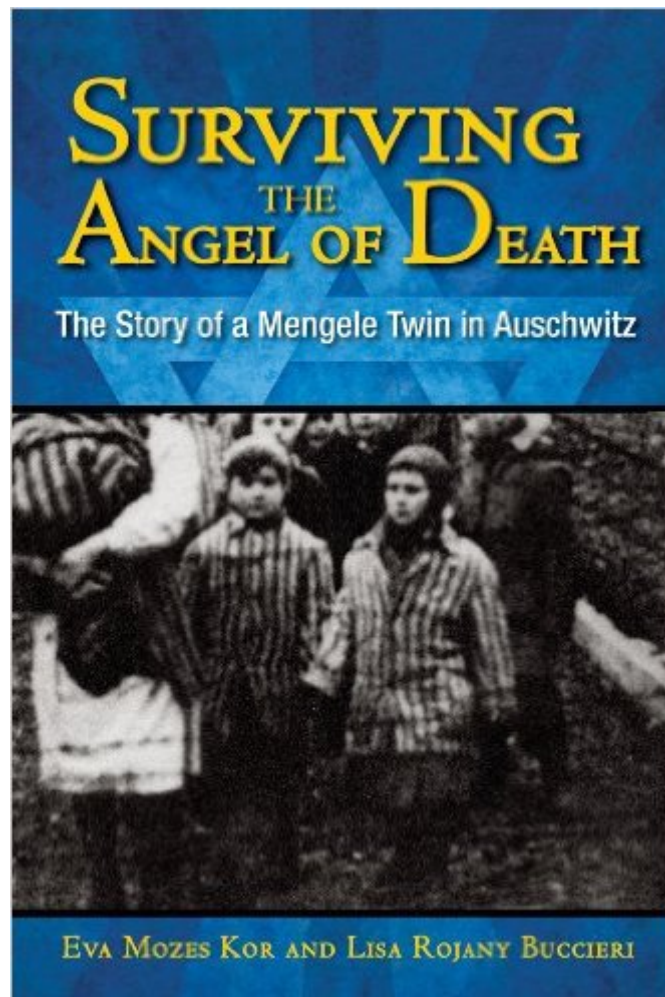


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# Surviving The Angel Of Death: The Story Of A Mengele Twin In Auschwitz



## Synopsis

Eva Mozes Kor was 10 years old when she arrived in Auschwitz. While her parents and two older sisters were taken to the gas chambers, she and her twin, Miriam, were herded into the care of the man known as the Angel of Death, Dr. Josef Mengele. Mengele's twins were granted the privileges of keeping their own clothes and hair, but they were also subjected to sadistic medical experiments and forced to fight daily for their own survival, as most of the twins died as a result of the experiments or from the disease and hunger pervasive in the camp. In a narrative told with emotion and restraint, readers will learn of a child's endurance and survival in the face of truly extraordinary evil. The book also includes an epilogue on Eva's recovery from this experience and her remarkable decision to publicly forgive the Nazis. Through her museum and her lectures, she has dedicated her life to giving testimony on the Holocaust, providing a message of hope for people who have suffered, and working toward goals of forgiveness, peace, and the elimination of hatred and prejudice in the world.

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Surviving the Angel of Death: The Story of a Mengele Twin in Auschwitz is adapted from Eva Mozes Kor's self-published memoir, Echoes From Auschwitz: Dr. Mengele's Twins, The Story Of Eva And

Miriam Mozes. This first-person account is intended for readers in grade six and up. On January 31, 1934, Eva and Miriam Mozes entered the world as identical twin sisters. The twin girls, along with their parents and older sisters Edit and Aliz, lived in the village of Portz in Transylvania, Romania. As the only Jewish family in the community, they increasingly became more and more aware of the growing anti-Semitism pervading the culture. When Eva and her sister began school in 1940, two new teachers were brought into the city by the Nazis. With them, they brought books containing caricatures of Jews and propaganda films. Their classmates began to see them as "Dirty Jews" and turned against them. Things progressively got worse until finally, in 1943, their father decided it was time to try to leave their home and escape to the safety of Romania. Unfortunately, they were too late. The Hungarian Nazi youth had been stationed outside their home to make sure they did not escape. The year that Eva and Miriam turned ten, they, along with the rest of their family, were transported in a cattle car to Auschwitz. Dressed identically since birth, the girls were quickly identified in their matching dresses. With a flick of Dr. Mengele's baton, they were separated from the rest of their family. Because they were identical twins, they were of particular interest to Dr. Mengele. Dr. Mengele wanted to learn how to create perfect Aryan babies and interred twins, along with giants, dwarfs, the handicapped and gypsies became his human guinea pigs.

Surviving the Angle of Death is an astonishing book about twin ten year old girls who are torn away from their family at Auschwitz in 1940's Germany. Because they were twins they were kept alive so that they could be experimented on by the angle of death, Dr. Josef Mengele. His purpose was to create a blond haired, blue eyed army for Germany. Mengele used his twins to continue his anthropological studies as well as research genetics using the prisoners in Auschwitz for human experimentation. Mengele was interested in people with heterochromia iridium (eyes of two different colors), dwarfs, people with physical abnormalities, and identical twins. This is where Eva and Miriam met Dr. Mengele. Twins were examined and measured weekly to document their physical characteristics by Mengele or one of his assistants. Some of Mengele's experiments included unnecessary amputation of limbs, intentionally infecting one twin with any number of diseases, and transfusing the blood of one twin into the other. Many of the victims died while undergoing these procedures, Eva herself almost falling victim to his form of science. If one twin died, Mengele would kill the other with a coliform injection to the heart so that comparative post-mortem reports could be filed. Eva Mozes Kor's story inspires people to never give up even in the hardest of times. Not many people lived through her experience long enough to pass their story along. Everyone, whether or not they want to admit it, has heard of the Holocaust. Personally, I had never heard of a story

similar to Eva's. This fact itself is tragic because in order for this never happen again we need to know the horror of this mass genocide. Eva and her sister Miriam's story is heart wrenching in a way that so many could never understand.

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