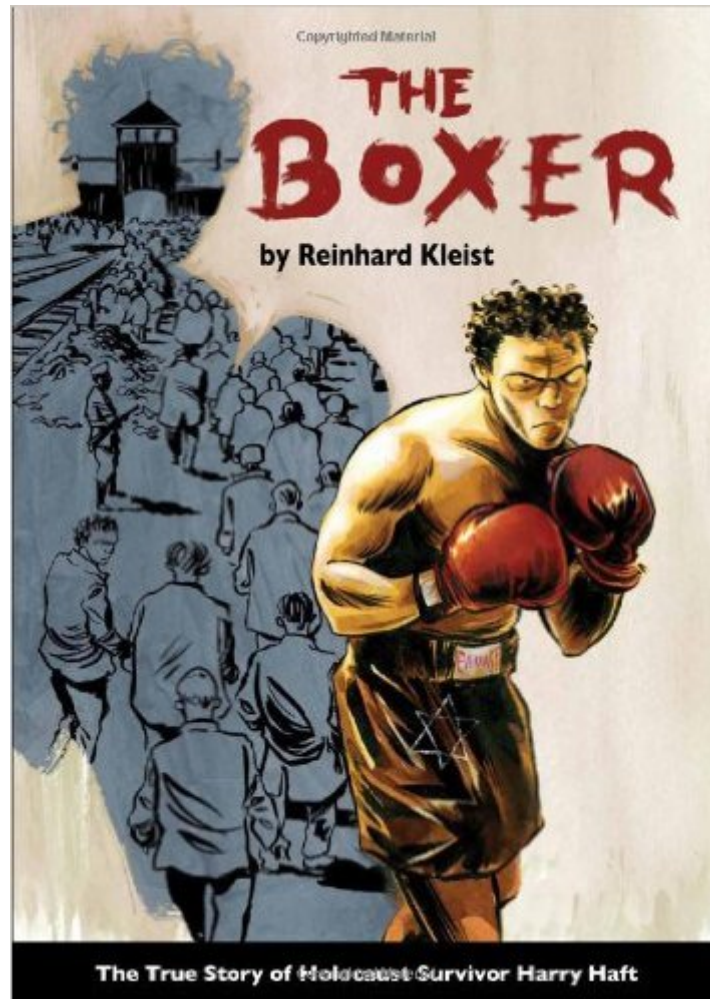


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# The Boxer: The True Story Of Holocaust Survivor Harry Haft



## Synopsis

Poland, 1941. Sixteen-year-old Harry Haft is sent to Auschwitz. When he is forced to fight against other inmates for the amusement of the SS officers, Haft shows extraordinary strength and courage, and a determination to survive. As the Soviet Army advances in April 1945, he makes a daring escape from the Nazis. After negotiating the turmoil of postwar Poland, Haft immigrates to the United States and establishes himself as a professional prizefighter, remaining undefeated until he faces heavy-weight champion Rocky Marciano in 1949. In *The Boxer*, Reinhard Kleist reveals another side to the steely Harry Haft: a man struggling to escape the memories of the fiancée he left behind in Poland. This is a powerful and moving graphic novel about love and the will to survive.

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World War 2 contained some of the most extraordinary stories in human history. The conflict encompassed so much of our planet and involved so many people that 70 years later it's possible to still discover new and stunning stories about people from that time. One of those people is Hertzko's "Harry" Haft, a Polish Jew, who at 16 was sent to Auschwitz in 1941. He was one of the few who survived and inexplicably during his time there got his start in a career that would make him famous in America after the war: boxing. During his time at Auschwitz, an SS officer noticed Haft's strength and toughness and made him take part in life or death boxing matches for the

SS's entertainment. Haft was put in a makeshift ring and forced to fight up to 20 nearly dead fellow prisoners at a time who were then executed after being beaten; if Haft lost, he would be executed. Somehow Haft managed to survive these numerous trials and, in the closing stages of the war, during a retreat from the advancing Allied armies, he was able to break free of the death march and escape. He was picked up by some American GIs and, shortly after the war ended, was able to emigrate to America where he decided to become a professional boxer. His career would peak in 1949 when he fought Rocky Marciano, but threw the fight due to pressure from Marciano's mob connections who told him they'd kill him if he beat the future heavyweight champion. But underneath it all, what kept Haft going through everything was the love of his fiancée Leah whom he didn't see for years once the Nazis took him prisoner. The only thing he knew about her was that she'd left Europe and was probably in America.

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