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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Diary of Dawid Sierakowiak : Five Notebooks from the Lodz Ghetto:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. One of the better Holocaust memoirsBy Name Not FoundOne of the better Holocaust memoirs, because Dawid Sierakowiak wrote seemingly every day. The entries are generally brief, personal comments about the situation in the Lodz ghetto, yet the desperate hunger and the injustice of the ghetto administration is hauntingly clear. It's a shame that some of the notebooks were burned in efforts to supply the desperate need for fuel, and more of a shame that the Communist government suppressed publication of the diaries -- ironically, as Dawid considered himself a communist and wrote at length about the appalling discrepancy between the "haves" and "have-nots" within the Jewish ghetto. His journals will undoubtedly be compared to "The Diary of Anne Frank," yet Sierakowiak wrote from a more mature perspective and from that of someone who lived directly under Nazi control rather than in hiding so the two had very different experiences during the time they were able to record their thoughts and insights.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Another troubling story of the HolocaustBy CustomerThis book is a diary of the author's daily Jewish life in the Lodz ghetto for the first 4 years of WWII. The narrative is broken in places (diary books missing), and is told from the point of view of a young man (age 15 when he started, age 19 when he died from starvation and tuberculosis).I found myself drawn into the life of pestilence, especially during the last year of his life. Constant suffering from starvation, lice, scabies itching, freezing temperatures, a father who stole food from his children, the loss of his mother, tens of thousands of people being

deported to their deaths -- what a hard life. Let me never complain about being hungry ever again -- I will think of this story, and be grateful for my current life. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to learn more about the ghetto hardships and the Holocaust. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Not to talk down Anne Frank, but...By Raizel A teenager's almost day-to-day account of life in the d ghetto. Not to talk down Anne Frank, but her diary doesn't touch what it was like physically under Nazi oppression, just mentally and emotionally, and focuses more on family strife and pain. This book, a collection of several of young Dawid's diaries begun shortly before his town was occupied, deals with survival in the ghetto (spoiler, but not really: Dawid himself died in d), fighting for food, the Jewish Council under the ruthless and tyrannical Chaim Rukowski. It offers an almost unparalleled insight into ghetto life (not the Tupac kind) and though it may be tough to get through sometimes, the knowledge of Dawid's experience is worth every cringing turn of the page.

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