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Michael Berenbaum : **In Memory's Kitchen: A Legacy from the Women of Terezin** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised In Memory's Kitchen: A Legacy from the Women of Terezin:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Amazing Story of Women and the Anthropology of CookingBy sclairerWhat we eat and cook for our families is of such elemental importance to our survival and our history. Recipes say so much about a cook's culture and life. To me, there seems to be something in cooking (and in textiles) that

relates deeply to women, particularly to women who have cooked for their families. There is love of food, love of the people you feed. In this book, starving women in the Terezin Nazi Concentration Camp remembered the foods they'd cooked for their families and wrote down the recipes on scraps of paper, on onion skins, anything they could find. The book was smuggled out but only decades later did the person who had them find the daughter of the woman who'd gathered them together. The book is in Czech and English. I'm not sure I'll ever make anything from this book, but it's a treasure to have. It's a treasure to share something so important to these women. 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. A Treasure Trove of Hope By JKI gave this book as a gift to friend and immediately asked to borrow it so I could read it. The strength and fortitude of the women of Terezin is nothing short of immutable and awe-inspiring. To find the strength to recount such memories of tradition, love and family in the face of incomprehensible and dire circumstances is a true testament to the human spirit. Of all of the stories to survive the Holocaust, this is certainly one of the most inspiring. That any of this survived is a miracle, and a sincere honor to the women who wrote these recipes, poems and stories. You may never cook a single recipe from this book, but you'll definitely hand it down with your other family recipes. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful Book By S. CUSTOMER This is a beautiful book which remembers those that suffered in Theresienstadt concentration camp. While starving under the Nazi regime, a group of women tried to add normalcy in their lives by discussing recipes and cooking with their mouths in absence of real food and kitchens. These women wrote a cookbook for one of the ladies' daughters but the lady died before she could give it to her. A lot of people did not want this book published but it is beautiful. Nothing can change what happened but this little book might serve as a substitute for millions of little books like this that were denied to young women. The culture should pass on to future generations. Some of the recipes are usable. You can find a recreation from the book if you google: "kisses from a concentration camp".

The sheets of paper are as brittle as fallen leaves; the faltering handwriting changes from page to page; the words, a faded brown, are almost indecipherable. The pages are filled with recipes. Each is a memory, a fantasy, a hope for the future. Written by undernourished and starving women in the Czechoslovakian ghetto/concentration camp of Terezn (also known as Theresienstadt), the recipes give instructions for making beloved dishes in the rich, robust Czech tradition. Sometimes steps or ingredients are missing, the gaps a painful illustration of the condition and situation in which the authors lived. Reprinting the contents of the original hand-sewn copybook, *In Memory's Kitchen: A Legacy from the Women of Terezn* is a beautiful memorial to the brave women who defied Hitler by preserving a part of their heritage and a part of themselves. Despite the harsh conditions in the Nazis' "model" ghetto - which in reality was a way station to Auschwitz and other death camps - cultural, intellectual, and artistic life did exist within the walls of the ghetto. Like the heart-breaking book *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, which contains the poetry and drawings of the children of Terezn, the handwritten cookbook is proof that the Nazis could not break the spirit of the Jewish people.