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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Memoir of two Polish Jews who fell in love while hiding out from the Nazis during WW II.

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Jack and Rochelle Sutin take turns narrating their harrowing story of the Holocaust, edited by their son, Larry, the author of *Divine Invasions: The Life of Philip K. Dick*. The couple first met briefly at a school dance in Stolpce, Poland, and then again in the winter of 1942-43 in a woods after making separate escapes from Nazi ghetto labor camps. In the woods they joined a Jewish partisan group, lived in inhuman conditions, and fell in love. German troops, Polish police, and Russian partisans--who hated the Jews--all made their survival arduous. In the summer of 1943, they joined a much larger partisan group (about 300 fellow Jews), and that August the Germans sent 20,000 troops into the forest to put down the resistance. Jack and Rochelle escaped into the swamps and were eventually liberated by Russian forces. The story has a happy ending; the Sutins were married and in 1949 emigrated to the U.S. *George Cohen*

Review

"Faithful inclusiveness, combined with a depth of feeling never minimized and never paraded, makes this strong, honest, affecting book a valuable addition to Holocaust literature." *The New York Times Book Review*

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