Brothers in Arms tells the extraordinary story of a heroic partisan brigade formed by three Jewish brothers in the Belorussian forest that helped more than 1200 Jews to survive Nazi persecution.

After witnessing the execution of their parents and siblings, Tuvia, Asael and Zus Bielski took to their horses and fled to the vast forests near their home. They sent out the word that anyone who made it to the woods would find a safe haven there. Over time,they gathered more than 1200 Jews who lived and fought as partisans in the Belorussian forest and who managed to establish a real community there, which included a temple, bath, a general store and even a theatre. For two and a half years at the height of World War II, they found ways to elude the Nazis who, almost miraculously, never uncovered the Bielski community.

The historical role of the Bielski Brothers in saving Jewish lives from the Holocaust has never been told. Dramatic, heartfelt and beautifully written, *Brothers in Arms* is a fascinating look at a long forgotten facet in the history of World War II partisans, and a magnificent testament to the strength and courage of three brothers in the face of the Holocaust's terrible and utter annihilation.

Of the three brothers, one served later in the Russian army and was killed, two of them emigrated to the United States and lived in New York until their recent deaths. They are survived by their widows and children all of whom have actively cooperated in the author's research for this book.

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