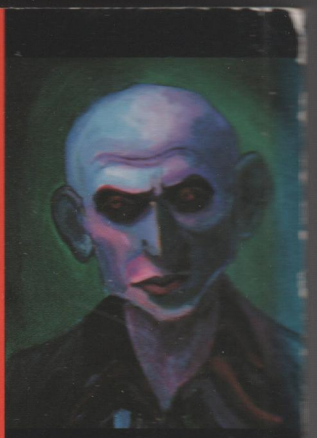
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When the German Army captured Lwow in 1941, Poland's third largest city contained a vibrant Jewish community of 160,000 people. It was one of the first areas to be subjected to the Nazis' "Final Solution" and its Jewish population came close to complete eradication. Mainly because so few lived through this persecution, it is a very poorly recorded aspect of the Holocaust.

Samuel Drix, a respected Lwow doctor, survived, but he lost every member of his large family, including his wife and two-year-old daughter, and almost all of his friends. He endured nearly a year in the infamous Janowska concentration camp, helping fellow prisoners to stay alive. Miraculously he escaped, and hid with a Polish farm couple until the Red Army arrived and the war ended.

Nazi anti-Semitism was replaced by the Russian kind. A broken man, Drix contemplated suicide until a woman's love gave him renewed hope. His story is a powerful and moving addition to Holocaust literature.



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