Vengeance of the Swallows: Memoir of a Polish Family's Ordeal Under Soviet Aggression, Ukrainian Ethnic Cleansing and Nazi Enslavement, and Their Emigration to America by Tadeusz Piotrowski

Tells The Truth About The Ukrainian Genocide Of The Poles

Forced to endure occupation by both the Soviets and the Nazis, the authors family also faced the terror of Ukrainian ethnic cleansing by nationalist forces. The horror of the Nazi forced-labor camps wherein millions of Europeans were enslaved by the Third Reich is vividly recounted, as is the family's time in displaced persons (DP) camps. The authors family along with hundreds of thousands of refugees, unable or unwilling to return to their countries of origin, waited for their opportunity to emigrate in these camps under the American Occupation Forces.

Piotrowski also details their subsequent immigration to America. The author based his research on family memories and recorded accounts; U.S. interviews and European published oral histories; informal discussions; published English, Polish, Ukrainian, German and Russian sources; U.N. documents and Nuremberg testimonies; and recent information from Warsaw.

My Personal Review:
When reading this book, I had the impression that I was there, sitting with the author at the kitchen table, or living room, as he recounted his experiences in the last war. Just like I would stay up all night listening to the author talk, I found I could not put the book down. At times I found myself in shock. At times, horrified. Yet, I also found myself rejoicing as they made their way to a new life in the United States. It's part of the Second World War that seems to be missed or forgotten, yet a part that should not be forgotten, and it must be told. Those people experienced
horror unimaginable, and unthinkable. At times, almost unbelievable. This is a must have for anyone who wants to know more of what happened in the occupied territories of Poland.

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