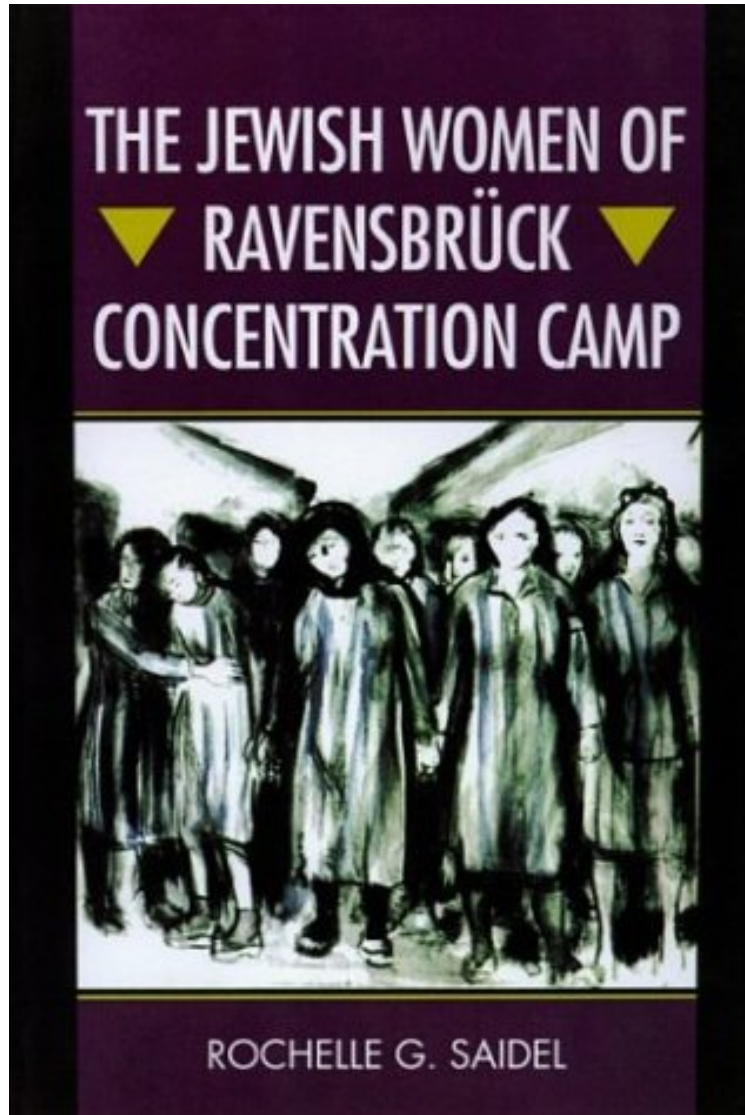


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Ravensbrck was the only major Nazi concentration camp for women. Located about fifty miles north of Berlin, the camp was the site of murder by slave labor, torture, starvation, shooting, lethal injection, "medical" experimentation, and gassing. While this camp was designed to hold 5,000 women, the actual figure was six times this number. Between 1939 and 1945, 132,000 women from twenty-three countries were imprisoned in Ravensbrck, including political prisoners, Jehovah's Witnesses, "asocials" (including Gypsies, prostitutes, and lesbians), criminals, and Jewish women (who made up about 20 percent of the population). Only 15,000 survived. Drawing upon more than sixty narratives and interviews of survivors in the United States, Israel, and Europe as well as unpublished testimonies, documents, and photographs from private archives, Rochelle Saidel provides a vivid collective and individual portrait of Ravensbrck's Jewish women prisoners. She worked for over twenty years to track down these women whose poignant testimonies deserve to be shared with a wider audience and future generations. Their memoirs provide new perspectives and information about satellite camps (there were about 70 slave labor sub-camps). Here is the story of real daily camp life with the women's thoughts about food, friendships, fear of rape and sexual abuse, hygiene issues, punishment, work, and resistance. Saidel includes accounts of the women's treatment, their daily struggles to survive, their hopes and fears, their friendships, their survival strategies, and the aftermath. On April 30, 1945, the Soviet Army liberated Ravensbrck. They found only 3,000 extremely ill women in the camp, because the Nazis had sent other remaining women on a death march. *The Jewish Women of Ravensbrck Concentration Camp* reclaims the lost voices of the victims and restores the personal accounts of the survivors.

"Saidel's goal is to make visible a previously ignored aspect of women's Holocaust history. . . . In bringing to light the experiences of the women of Ravensbrck concentration camp, Saidel adds to our knowledge of Jewish survival in the genocidal conditions created by the Nazis." Rochelle G. Ruthchild, *Women's of Books* "Thanks to Rochelle Saidel's sensitive interviews and meticulous research, together with the many previously unpublished photographs and haunting drawings by the inmates, this book will increase public recognition of Ravensbrck's victims and survivors. With this, *The Jewish Women of Ravensbrck Concentration Camp* takes its honorable place in the growing genre of gender study of the Holocaust." Eetta Prince-Gibson, *Jerusalem Post* From the Publisher Publication of this book is made possible in part by the support of the Five Millers Family Foundation, the Lucius N. Littauer Foundation, the Richard J. and Joan G. Terrace Books, a trade imprint of the University of Wisconsin Press. About the Author Rochelle Saidel is founder and executive director of the Remember the Women Institute in New York and senior scientific researcher at the Center for the Study of Women and Gender at the University of So Paulo. She is author of *Never Too Late to Remember: The Politics behind New York City's Holocaust Museum* and *The Outraged Conscience: Seekers of Justice for Nazi War Criminals in America*.