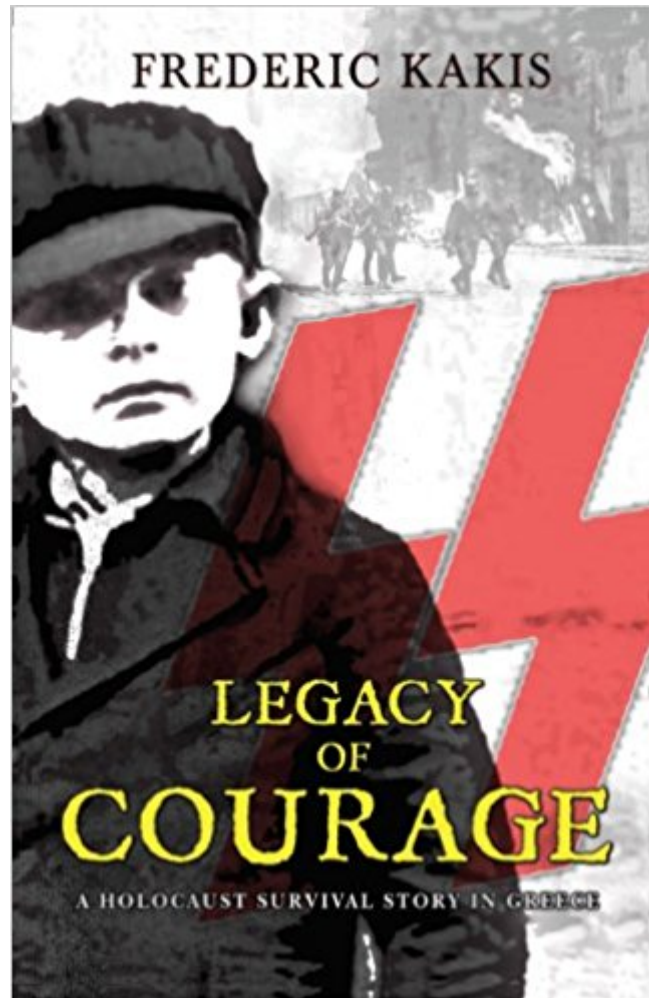




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Most Holocaust survival stories are based on characters that, by the grace of God, survived the horrors of the Death Camps and were able to describe the brutality and torture they had endured as well as the fate of millions of other innocent victims that died in the gas chambers. This book describes a very different survival story. It is the tale of a Jewish family during the German occupation of Greece, who decided, early on, that the best way to escape deportation and ultimately survive was to resist. This is a tale of defiance, courage and stubborn refusal to obey the German directives that were designed to lead an entire Jewish population like lambs to the slaughter. It is a compelling story as seen through the eyes of a young boy that was suddenly snatched from a life of comfort and forced to assume roles that no one had prepared him for and to become a thief, a saboteur, a black marketer and a resistance fighter. The heroine of this story is the mother, who became a widow at the age of 41 after her husband was killed fighting for the Greek resistance. Despite her aristocratic background and affluent parents she was able to adapt to the dire circumstances of the German occupation take the reins and lead the family through an extraordinary voyage of constant danger, starvation, hiding and resistance. This long journey involved many close calls and narrow escapes. Her ability to remain calm and not cave in when facing the most dangerous challenges and situations was a major factor in our successfully eluding capture and ultimately survive. It is a story of intrigue, courage and adventure, at times humorous, at times sad but always interesting and exciting.

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The author is native of Greece where during WWII, at a very early age, was forced to abandon his home and flee to avoid capture by the Germans and deportation to the death camps. The family managed to survive and narrowly escape capture by defying the German orders and ultimately joining the resistance movement. This book is a detailed account of the trials and tribulations the family went through in order to survive. At the end of the war the author migrated to the United States and enrolled at City College of New York graduating 'Magna Cum Laude' and Phi Beta Kappa. He pursued graduate studies at Stanford University and earned a PhD. He then joined the faculty and administration of Chapman University where he served as a professor of Chemistry, Chairman of the chemistry department, Chairman of the Division of Natural Sciences and associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. In 1970-71 he was on sabbatical as a visiting Professor at the Ecole Polytechnique in Paris, France. Dr. Kakis is a popular speaker and a prolific writer. He has written many scientific papers and contributed numerous articles to National and International Journals and publications. For a number of years he had his own Forensic Column in a magazine entitled Claims People. Dr. Kakis received numerous honors and awards including a Senior Fulbright Fellowship and Citations from NASA and the American Institute of Chemists. His biography is listed in American Men of Science and most major 'Who's Who' Directories.

This book is a Personal history of a Greek family's world war II experience. I found it to provide the historical information in an interesting manner. It is easy to read. This family suffered and stayed very brave and strong in the resistance movement. .

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