

Sissel Green

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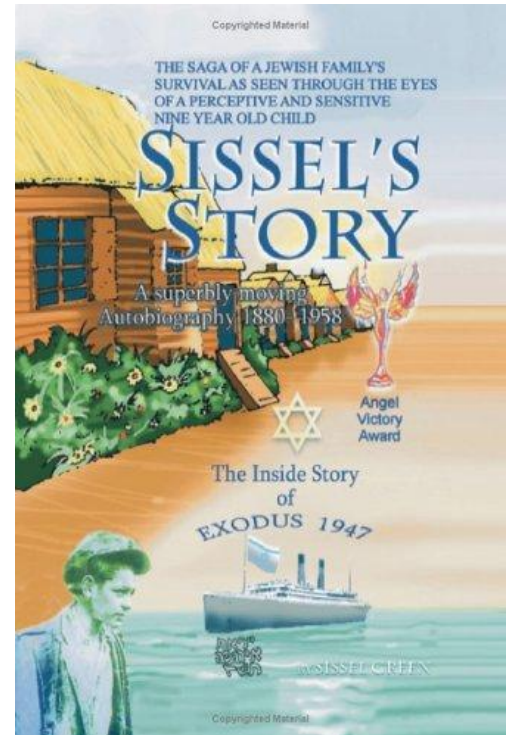
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Note: those cities/towns/camps underlined are those which are most central to the narrative.

Genre: Memoir

Key events/experiences: Jewish refugee; Soviet occupation; child survivor.



Sissel's Story is the memoir of Polish child survivor Sissel Green, which documents the epic journey of her family from Warsaw to Tajikistan in flight from the Nazis. It is the revised edition of her previous memoir *The Deprivation of Cili Duman*, which was self-published in Sydney in 1994 (see entry).

Pages 1-80 tell the story of the author's mother, Lola Perlman, who was passed between caregivers in Poland after her family's emigration to Scotland, before being orphaned at seven. She survived on the streets before marrying Yosl Duman when aged fifteen. Pages 81-150 describe Lola and Yosl's marriage, the birth of their children and the author's childhood. Pages 151-86 recount the onset of the Second World War and the family's flight from Warsaw to Rovno. Pages 187-225 document their flight from Rovno to Central Asia following the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union in June 1941. Pages 226-68 describe the family's return to Poland and life in a German DP camp. It also recounts the family's experiences aboard the *Exodus 1947* – a freight ship carrying 4,500 Holocaust survivors which was turned back by the British whilst enroute to Palestine – as well as their later arrival in Israel.

The narrative is largely identical with the first edition titled *The Deprivation of Cili Duman* except for minor editorial changes. For reasons unexplained, the names of the author's parents have been changed from Cili and Yosl Duman to Lola and Yosl Raich. The memoir is published on-demand by Trafford Publishing in British Columbia, Canada and Bloomington, Indiana.