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Published in Poland after World War II, this collection of concentration camp stories shows atrocious war crimes becoming an unremarkable part of a daily routine. Prisoners eat, work, sleep, and fall in love a few yards from where other prisoners are systematically slaughtered. The will to survive overrides compassion, and the line between the normal and the abnormal wavers, then vanishes. Acrowski, a concentration camp victim himself, understood what human beings will do to endure the unendurable.

Together, these stories constitute a masterpiece of world literature and stand as cruel testimony to the level of inhumanity of which man is capable.

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*"In Borowski's Auschwitz stories, the difference between executioner and victim is stripped of all greatness and pathos; it is brutally reduced to a second bowl of soup, an extra blanket, or the luxury of a silk shirt and shoes with thick soles. . . ."*

*—from the Introduction*



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