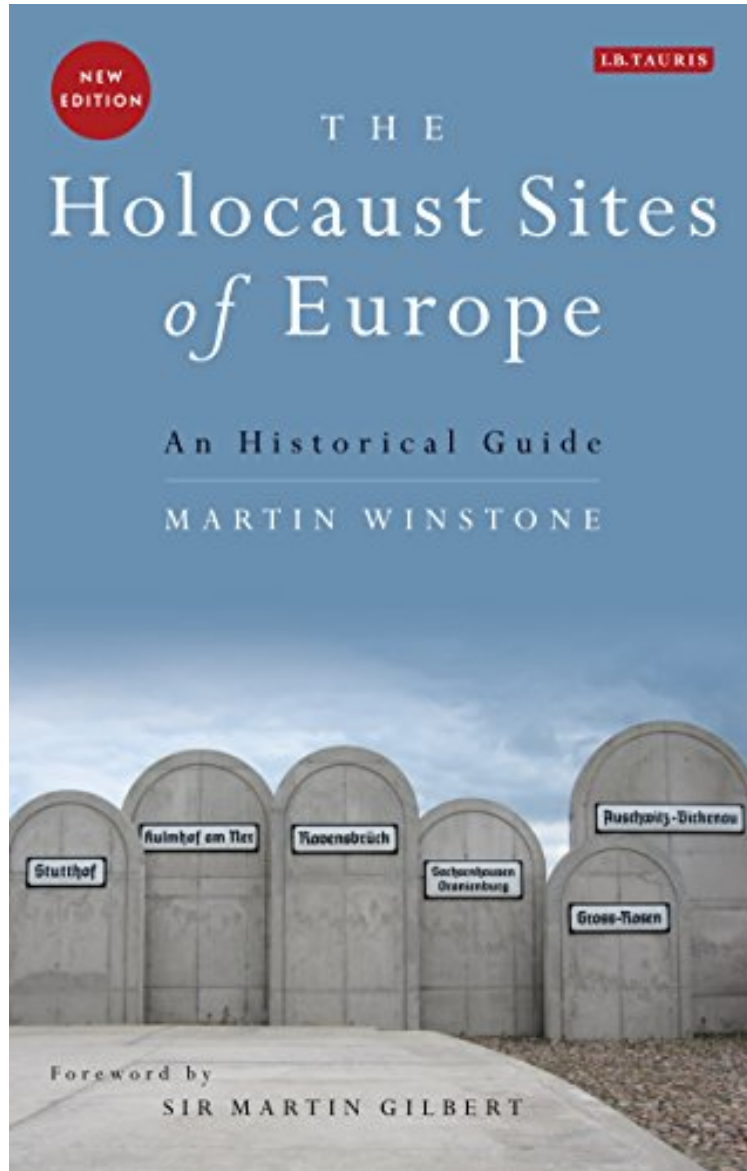


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Martin Winstone : The Holocaust Sites of Europe: An Historical Guide before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Holocaust Sites of Europe: An Historical Guide:

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Very useful book! By Daniel Kester I took this book with me on a recent (May 2013) trip to Poland. My main interest was visiting Holocaust sites, and this book was invaluable. It covers all the major camps (Auschwitz, Treblinka, Belzec, Sobibor, Majdanek) as well as many lesser known ones

such as Chelmno, Trawniki, and Izbica. In addition to the camps, it covers many of the cities that were important Jewish population centers: Warsaw, Krakow, Lodz, Lublin, Zamosc, among others. For each site the author discusses the history of the place, what happened there, travel information (i.e. how to get there, hours, website), and what to see when there. He includes a level of detail that would be hard to find elsewhere. For example, in the city of Lublin I was able to find the building, now a school, where the administration of the Holocaust in Poland took place, the building where the railroad offices were (from where bureaucrats arranged to send a couple million people to death camps), and even found out that my hotel had been the headquarters of the German civil administration. This is in addition to the major pre-war Jewish sites. I found a similar level of detail in the many other places that I visited. Since many of the Holocaust related places in Poland have little or no posted information, this book became my "tour guide." I have not found any other in-print book that focuses on travel to Holocaust sites. So for anyone interested in this, this book is definitely worth getting. My only complaint is that the book could have used more maps. For many places directions are given through text, where a map would have been much more useful. On my Poland trip I also had along Martin Gilbert's excellent book, *Holocaust Journey*, which describes a trip he took through Poland, the Czech Republic, and Germany. The Gilbert book had many more maps, plus it included many smaller places not covered by Winstone. However it only includes places that Gilbert visited; the Winstone book is far more complete, plus it covers all of Europe. But for visiting Poland, I would highly recommend having both books along.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Review By Julia A Couch I am very pleased with my order. This book will make an excellent reference book to go along with all of my books that are about the Holocaust.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. 5 stars By So Many Books I used this book to assist in the writing of my master's thesis. Very informative and highly readable. This book not only mentions the major Holocaust sites like Auschwitz, it also mentions some of the lesser known sites.

To better understand the true significance of the Holocaust, its scale and magnitude, millions of people each year now travel to the former camps, ghettos, and other settings for the atrocities. *The Holocaust Sites of Europe* offers the first comprehensive guide to these sites, including much practical information as well as the historical context. It serves as an indispensable guide for anyone seeking to add another layer to their understanding of the Holocaust by visiting these important sites for themselves.

Martin Winstone has done a service to all those interested in the Holocaust...this book is both a history and a travel guide, combining a wealth of historical detail with the practical information needed by the visitor. Sir Martin Gilbert

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