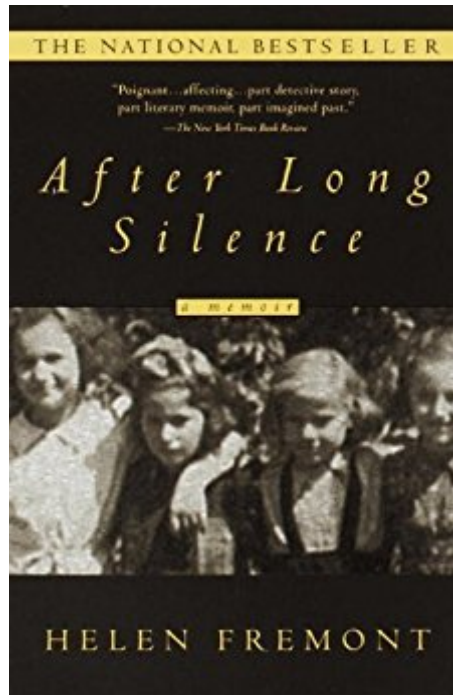




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After Long Silence: A Memoir



Synopsis

"To this day, I don't even know what my mother's real name is."Helen Fremont was raised as a Roman Catholic. It wasn't until she was an adult, practicing law in Boston, that she discovered her parents were Jewish--Holocaust survivors living invented lives. Not even their names were their own. In this powerful memoir, Helen Fremont delves into the secrets that held her family in a bond of silence for more than four decades, recounting with heartbreaking clarity a remarkable tale of survival, as vivid as fiction but with the resonance of truth.Driven to uncover their roots, Fremont and her sister pieced together an astonishing story: of Siberian Gulags and Italian royalty, of concentration camps and buried lives. After Long Silence is about the devastating price of hiding the truth; about families; about the steps we take, foolish or wise, to protect ourselves and our loved ones. No one who reads this book can be unmoved, or fail to understand the seductive, damaging power of secrets.What Fremont and her sister discover is an astonishing story: one of Siberian gulags and Italian royalty, of concentration camps and buried lives. AFTER LONG SILENCE is about the devastating price of hiding the truth; about families; about the steps we take, foolish or wise, to protect ourselves and our loved ones. No one who reads this book can be unmoved, or fail to understand the seductive, damaging power of secrets. -->From the Trade Paperback edition.

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I remained mesmerized by this book about two sisters trying to find out who they were. Their parents were victims of WWII who had recreated themselves to avoid remembering the atrocities of being Jewish. Every thing these girls were told and believed about themselves was not true, including being raised Catholic when they were Jewish. A real page turner that shows the overwhelming strength of the human spirit.

Sometimes this need to know is a quest like opening Pandora's Box. Although obtaining this knowledge is satisfying, one must ask, "Was the affect on others worth this knowledge?" Parents always want to protect their children. The means of protection changes in each generation.

I know of no survivor , who does not talk about surviving . Though they survive they un denied their background . A very hard book to read,yet I couldn't put it down

Fascinating story. And, because of the story, confusing and not made clearer by how it was written. Again, because of the story, I forced myself to finish it -

This is a must read for all. I could not put it down to see what new secret was unraveled about the author's ancestors. Such tragedy and triumph during the Holocaust.

This book is an incredible commentary on the longterm negative effects of bigotry, hatred, and war. Should be a wake up call to those who continue to promote divisions in our nation and world.

A heart wrenching and embolding story of how the next generation finds the truth of their past bringing back memories of horror to their parents while strengthening their love for one another.

description and analysis of the syndrome.Helen Fremont became a mouthpiece for many families struggling to understand very similar experience s

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