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The Search: The Birkenau Boys



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Important Holocaust memoir by writer with a track record.

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`Search for the Birkenau Boys' development and ending was not anticipated. The first question that came to mind was, `why?' What was the purpose in searching for the boys, and why have them relive the experience? To my surprise, it concerned me when the author, and others, began asking (in earnest) this unsettled question during the interviews. I got the distinct feeling of being rushed through the boys' experiences, relayed in a way that acknowledged other accounts already written on the Holocaust. Or perhaps it was relayed in this hurried fashion to spare `the boys', now men, from reliving the experience. Or just maybe it was me... possibly misinterpreting parts of the account lost through translation. All of these thoughts came to mind as Gerhard drove on, clearly determined to answer `why'. Aside from chronicling (forty years later) `individual' before, during, and after experiences of boys who survived Birkenau's Concentration Camp--in a range of coalescing views and memories--the `why' does get addressed... and addressed in a most respectable satisfying fashion.

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