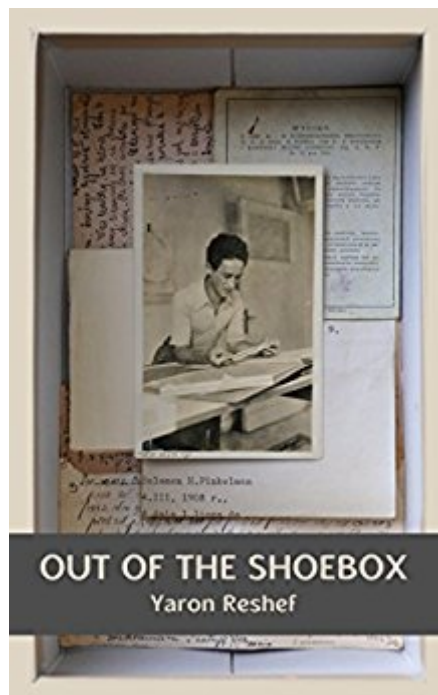




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Did you ever get a phone call that changed your life? That is what happened to author of this book. A mysterious unexpected phone call hurls Yaron Reshef into an intensive two-year journey, during which he has to solve a mystery that took shape in the 1930s and gradually unfolded in the present. A mysterious lot, a forgotten bank account, a people long gone along with their memory which were obliterated during the Holocaust. All of these rise to the surface, bearing with them memories and emotions previously hidden away in the shoebox. Out of the Shoebox is a fascinating journal that reads like a detective story, comes across as an imaginative quest into the past, yet is the true personal story of the writer, Yaron Reshef. I had no intention of writing a book. I had no need to write a story in general nor a story about my family and the Holocaust in particular. But life being what it is, sometimes things happen in mysterious, even surprising ways. Stuff that used to take center stage moves to the background, and background stuff moves downstage and center. That's what happened in my case. • Yaron Reshef \*\*\* I read this fascinating book as a "quest story" and couldn't stop reading it even for one moment. It is the story of the children of holocaust victims •. Rose Finkelman Together with its literary values, Yaron Reshef's book, • Out of the Shoebox •, can be used as a textbook or a model for anyone who believes in Intuitive Methods of information search •. A. Panini It's a long time since I enjoyed so much reading a historical story. It is an optimistic novel that tells us about the nature of reconciliation and acceptance •. Moses Bari Out of the shoebox reads absolutely like a detective story. When I read Yaron's book I felt like I was hearing the author voice reading me the story •. It was a spiritual experience for me. Ruth Levine Scroll up and grab a copy today.

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I admit, in order for me to read a book, if my attention is not grabbed within the first few pages, chances are I will not finish it. When I read, *Out of the Shoebox*, by Yaron Reshef, my instincts told me that I was in for a real treat. By the time I finished this ebook, my initial impression was confirmed. *Out of the Shoebox* is a compelling and heartfelt true story about a man's quest to find answers regarding his family's past. Yaron relays the facts and journey that he sets out on to find new stories, solve mysteries and come to terms with the struggles his family faced during the Holocaust. I will not say too much regarding the actual events and answers found, as I do not want to give any information away, but I will say that the reader finds themselves immersed in the story and shares in the emotional rollercoaster during his travels and investigation. Yaron does a great job at setting up the mental image and you almost feel as if you are a part of the ride as more clues are revealed. The author also includes excerpts and pictures throughout the story which makes his reality all the more understandable. In the entire ebook, characters are explained in exact detail so the story is easy to follow and you know who Yaron is referring to and how they fit into the puzzle. I could go on and on about the raw emotions and coincidences (or fate) that take place during the story, but I will just say that if you are a reader who enjoys reading nonfiction and/or books written from the heart, especially regarding the victims of the horrific Holocaust, then *Out of the Shoebox* by Yaron Reshef is a must read. I received this ebook in exchange for a review involving my honest opinion.

I found this to be quite an interesting story about one man's journey into his family's past. I cannot even imagine the emotional pain, yet even victory (for lack of a better word) in finding out who his father really was and the fate of so many family members whom were murdered in the Holocaust. I applaud this author for sharing his story. Let no man, woman, nor child forget the horrendous price

paid for being Jewish during that time.

I really enjoyed this book. At the start, I'm not sure what drew me towards this book in particular, but I felt I was on the journey along with the author! In this regard he leaves in my heart a desire to look back at my family line and become familiar with those who came before me, for without them I would not be who I am nor where I am. I am really grateful that he did indeed listen to his friends and make a record of his journey back into his family's history! Sadly his family were directly and horribly affected by the holocaust but this is a very different story and experience than others I have read and therefore I found it added another layer to my level of understanding, compassion and desire to hold closer family ties etc. I would really recommend this book!

This is a documented report made by a second generation holocaust victim. The author accidentally got involved with doing research on his family who lived in Chortkow, Poland during the German occupation in the late 1930's through 1945. Chortkow is now in the Ukraine. I have studied the stories of holocaust victims as part of my job while in the army in the mid-1950's to the mid-1970's and heard similar stories from German Jews. I found this book to be particularly interesting to me because it was about the atrocities that occurred in Poland. I did not know, until the author mentioned it that Ukrainians do not offer compensation and/or return of property to the Jews that were persecuted there. I also learned that a much larger percentage of Jews were exterminated in Chortkow than any other city under German control. I soon realized what I was reading was a rare perspective of what happened in Poland at that time. You will find no details of the day to day life of the Jews in Chortkow, since the author had not been born at that time and his mother had never told her story to him. Nevertheless, the author was still able to reconstruct some of horror that occurred. Anyone wanting more information about the Holocaust should read this. It is a short read that makes a good story as well as a report.

I finished your book from a previous freebie day. I so enjoyed it. Sad in so many ways of the hardships Yaron's past family had to endure. But intriguing the way he keeps the person interested in his finds! I loved the way he described his adventures of each step taken. Thanks again Reshef Yaron. There was a paragraph in the book that meant so much to me...I am always a stickler of talking "memories"... And this was his comment as he felt memories were fading away....("Memories should be nurtured. That's the only way to preserve them. And nurturing them is done through a story that breathes life and validity into them. You relate the memories, and they return

the favor by growing stonger and finding a safe, permanent spot in your consciousness, until they become a part of you." ) TRUE...TRUE words, memories...we wouldn't have some of our genealogy stories if not for memories. God Bless him and his family and hope many take advantage of his free offer today!

I couldn't put this book down. The writer has a good style and he doesn't waste time taking you through his story. I did wonder about certain things as I read the book, but when I thought the book should end, the very diary I was so curious about was the next part of the book. And then, new revelations extend the story further. It seems a tale of such divine providence that one marvels that it is true. And yet, I don't doubt that it is true. This is one of those one of a kind reads that has no formula to follow or to use to compare to other books or stories. It is NOT a genealogical story but a true mystery. I did find it interesting that there are family trees at the end of the book. I would have preferred them to be at the beginning as I have trouble in every book remembering who is who.

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