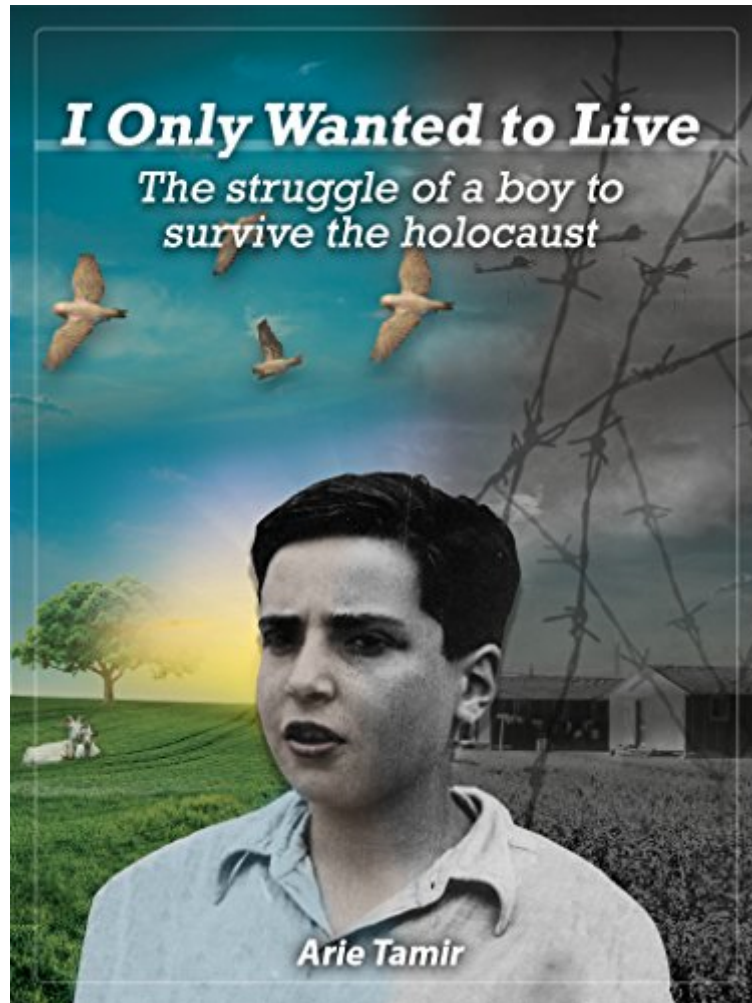


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in Poland by Arie Tamir. He was just a young boy of eleven when he entered the nightmare of the Holocaust. He and three cousins were the only ones of an extended family to survive. The book is one of the few written by children survivors and he is one of the very few to survive at or under the age of 12 from the camps. Arie was born to Wilhelm Wismisner and Eva Dorf. They had met in Vienna at the University. They talked German to each other and Polish to their children so children grew up knowing both which would be a godsend to Arie in the camps. Mother was born in Krakow and they lived there. Mother's parents were Orthodox Jews; but Arie's family was not. Mother ran the house and was socially active. They were wealthy so Mother had help at home. Zosia was the nanny and she became very close to the children and in the process of bringing them up, taught him about Jesus. Their Aunt Rosia, Mother's sister, taught him about God and God's love. Father was half owner of a wholesale textile business and was very good at his job. He traveled a lot and wasn't home much. Even though he wasn't there physically, he still had an influence on their upbringing. Although wealthy, Wilhelm and Eva made sure their children were not spoiled but well brought up and well disciplined. Good manners and good behavior were expected. His sister Gizia was three years older than he was and was born about 1930. Arie was born about 1933 and adored his sister. When she learned something, he learned it from her and later they were taught together. They were very close. Little sister Serenka was born when he was five (1938).

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