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Little Amy never knew her father. One dark night, when she was only a baby, the Soviet secret police forcefully arrested Amy's father...and condemned him to the frigid wastelands of Siberia. Then as World War II began, the armies of the Third Reich invaded her small Russian village. Amy, a tender seven-year-old child, was taken by cattle car to a slave labor camp and witnessed firsthand the horrors of Hitler's Germany. As the war ends, Amy and her mother make a daring escape, with execution the likely verdict if they are captured. Over the years Amy wondered about her father. Was he still alive? Would she ever see him again? A true story, Goodbye Is Not Forever serves as a vivid confirmation of God's never-ending grace in the lives of his children

## **Goodbye Is Not Forever Details**


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## **From Reader Review Goodbye Is Not Forever for online ebook**

### **Danise Lodwig says**

Loved this book!

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### **Madalyn says**

Found the story interesting -- haven't read much before about non-Jewish Russians who were caught up in World War II. Could have done without the evangelical Christian altar call at the end of the book, though.

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### **Jaclynn says**

The story of a young Ukranian girl, Amy and her family before, during, and after WW2. This book is a fairly detailed story of what happened in her life including the horrors she and her loved ones experienced along with the small joys and hope that kept them going. It has a happy ending with the reunion of her father as a 40 yr. old woman and the chance to share the love of Christ with him. This was a book I found it hard to put down!

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### **Leigh Ann says**

This is a VERY good autobiography of a lady who lived through WWII as a child, in Russia, and the many things that happened to her family, including her father being in prison for many years and her mom having to scrape by with odd jobs. It is a quick read because once you start it you can't put it down!

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### **Michael W. Boleware says**

Very interesting firsthand account of the hard life behind the iron curtain and swIM Germany and post-war Germany. Also inspirational and thought provoking without being preachy. Have the tissues handy.

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### **Lucy De Jongh says**

A very inspiring real story of struggle and survival. How God's Grace and Power brought all things together for good to those who love Him.

Tears come easily while reading this story.

## **Doris says**

An amazing true story! I've read it three times and I usually don't read a book twice!

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## **Blackkit10 says**

I did like the first ¾ of the book. The story of Amy's family and life living in the Ukraine was interesting and unbelievably sad at the same time. I liked both her parents and felt horrible for her poor father being brutally imprisoned for years even though he never committed any crime. The mother was incredibly strong during their life in Russia, alone keeping her children alive, having her husband imprisoned, being black balled by the government, during the German occupation of Ukraine, forced into slave labor camps in Germany, and defecting at the end of the war.

Amy's older sister was equally strong and I believe her connections are what actually saved the family. No one would have survived were it not for Amy's mother and sister.

A couple of odd things stood out to me the first being that both Amy and her family claimed they never knew during the entire war and once released what was happening to the Jewish people. They never heard about them being rounded up and murdered, never heard of any death camps. I found it strange the German people never discussed it or acknowledged it amongst themselves. It just wasn't discussed. Secondly, I would have thought once they escaped the mother or older sister would have immediately tried to find out about their husband/father's fate back in Russia. They had many relatives but never once tried to contact any of them until several years later.

I only gave the book three stars because the last quarter of the book for me went astray with her new found Christianity. From chapter 18 – 21 I started skipping whole paragraphs at a time with her constant preaching about God, non-stop quoting of scriptures, hymens and worst of all after finally meeting her father converting him to the same belief, even going so far as telling him God was with him his entire life and these things happened that way because it's God's plan and he was just making him strong for his traumatic life, and unending suffering. I thought it was a horrible thing to say to either of her parents and I find it very naïve and almost egotistical. I'm an atheist and didn't appreciate her trying to wrap her parents horrors and lost lives in a pretty neat package via God's will. I thought it was shameful. I am however thankful the family did make it out alive and that her parents had some sort of peace in the end.

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## **Ann Marie says**

Have read many Holocaust books, but this one was different coming from a Ukrainian author. Was there no end to the misery? How hard for Amy to find her father at last and still not be able to see him because of the Cold War. When they finally are able to meet again, it is only for three weeks. Can't fathom such hardship.

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## **Lee Anne says**

Another holocaust survival story from WWII. So many of them lately! Never knew that the Germans also enslaved the Russian peasants they overthrew. The Germans came out a little better in this autobiography

than the Russians due to those Germans who ended up assisting the struggling protagonist family.

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### **Darla says**

I really enjoyed Amy Georges' life story in this book. I didnt care for the end of the book too much though.

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### **Susan says**

This is the true story of Amy George, born in Drushkovka (a village in Ukraine) Russia shortly before World War II. When she was only a baby, the Soviet secret police forcefully arrested her father, Fyodor, and sent him to the frozen wastelands of Siberia. When World War II erupted, Hitler's armies eventually invaded her small Russian village. Amy, her older brother Tarasik, and her mother, Maria were taken by cattle car to work in a slave labor camp within Germany where they toiled under dire conditions. Once the war was over, Amy and her mother made a daring escape from the Russian officers who were ordered to bring the Russian prisoners back to Soviet Russia (where they were likely to be executed as traitors if they did return). All the while, Amy wondered whether her father might still be alive and if he was, would she ever see him again? This book shares "a vivid reminder that God's grace is at work in our lives long before we know Him..." This is a very inspiring story! I really enjoyed it!

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### **Susan says**

A non-Jewish memoir from World War II, Amy George records life and its hardships for her family during their time in the Soviet Union and Germany. After reading Holocaust literature, you quickly notice the different tenor of labor camps vs. concentration camps, of racism toward Jews vs. racism toward everyone else.

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### **Marxist Lapin says**

haunting. rife with prose, it is also naked with the fear and hunger of desperate people trapped in wartime. it lacks the vague beauty of corrie ten boom's 'the hiding place,' or the cold science of leo uris' 'QB VII.' instead, it wraps all the horror, pain, tragedy, and hopelessness of WW11's atrocities into a bloody package and hurls it directly into the reader's face with the patently cruel bleakness that i've come to expect only from stephen king.

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### **Joanna Jennings says**

Wow, what a story! A Russian family is torn apart by the Soviets, deported by Germans, delivered by Americans... an amazing story of God's mercy. Written more as a memoir than a narrative story. The best part was when Amy's father showed up in Chicago! Highly recommend.

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