

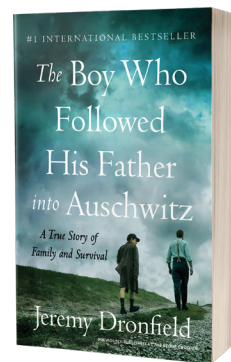
The Boy Who Followed His Father into Auschwitz

by Jeremy Dronfield

READING GROUP GUIDE

Use these questions to guide your book club's discussion of *The Boy Who Followed His Father Into Auschwitz* by Jeremy Dronfield.

1. If you have read other books about the Holocaust – *Night*, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl* – how are they similar to the Kleinmanns' story and how are they different?
2. The people who perpetrated the Holocaust – the guards, soldiers, and police – were they evil monsters, or could ordinary people do things like that?
3. The Kleinmanns were betrayed to the Nazis by their friends and neighbours. What might motivate such a betrayal?
4. Does the Kleinmann family's story change your view of the part the United States played during the Holocaust?
5. Why do you think Gustav and Fritz survive when so many did not? Was it courage, ingenuity, or just luck?
6. Fritz decided to go with his father to Auschwitz because he would rather die than be without him. How big a part do you think the deportation – and likely death – of his mother and sister a few months earlier played in his decision?
7. Gustav, who wasn't originally a very religious man, wrote many times that he believed God would help get him through. But Fritz lost whatever religious faith he had possessed before the Holocaust. What do you make of that difference?
8. What feelings do you take away from this book? Hope? Anger? Faith in humanity?
9. Has reading this book affected the way you think about things happening in the world right now?
10. The author has said that he learned a lot from researching this book – things that surprised him. Did you learn anything new from reading it? If so, what stands out?



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