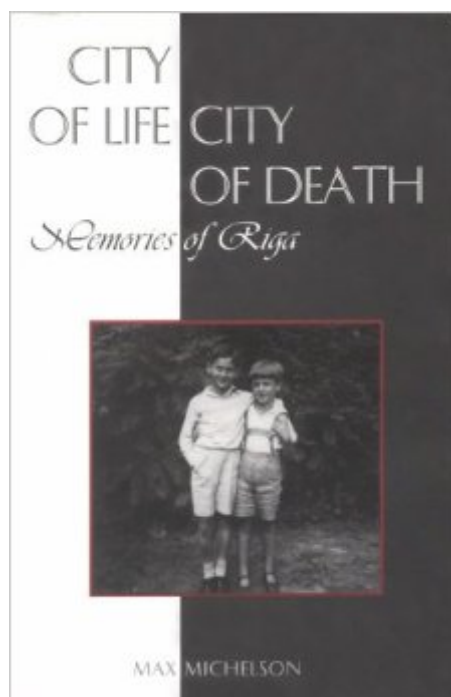


The book was found

# City Of Life, City Of Death: Memories Of Riga



## Synopsis

This is a stirring and haunting personal account of the Soviet and German occupations of Latvia and of the Holocaust. Michelson had a serene boyhood in an upper middle-class Jewish family in Riga, Latvia (45) at least until 1940, when the fifteen-year old Michelson witnessed the annexation of Latvia by the Soviet Union. Private properties were nationalised, and Stalin's terror spread to Soviet Latvia. Soon after, Michelson's family was torn apart by the 1941 Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union. He quickly lost his entire family, while witnessing the unspeakable brutalities of war and genocide. Michelson's memoir is an ode to his lost family.

## Book Information

Hardcover: 171 pages

Publisher: University Press of Colorado; First Edition edition (May 2001)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 087081642X

ISBN-13: 978-0870816420

Product Dimensions: 9.4 x 6.4 x 0.7 inches

Shipping Weight: 1 pounds

Average Customer Review: 3.8 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (4 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #2,005,546 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #176 in [Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Historical > Holocaust](#) #3722 in [Books > History > World > Jewish > Holocaust](#) #10293 in [Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Historical > Europe](#)

## Customer Reviews

Max Michelson's chronicle of his life in the ghetto in Riga, Latvia during the Nazi occupation is an incredible tale that can't be told by anybody else, because most people died. The story is told so simply that the miracle of his survival lives outside the pages in what we know of history and what we realize from the few statistics he gives. Everyone should read this book. It is the actual, human story that those of us who haven't faced death at the hands of an evil power have tried to create in our own heads to understand. Considering world events today the kind of education that Max Michelson provides is just the kind we need.

In addition to providing a detailed account of the Holocaust in Riga, Latvia, this book is an excellent description of pre-WWII Jewish life and culture in Latvia. Due to the lack of survivors, there are relatively few accounts of the Holocaust in Latvia. The author is an engineer, and he understands

the importance of detail. I found the description of his family life very interesting from a cultural standpoint. Overall, I think this an excellent account, especially interesting for someone who is interested in how the Holocaust affected people in different countries and the the kinds of people and cultures that disappeared.

I thought this memoir only average, and quite self-indulgent. Fully half of the book is about the author's genealogy and his life before the war began. He devoted a chapter to each of his relatives. This section should have been cut by two-thirds. Things got more exciting when he finally started talking about the Nazi invasion, but I wish he would have written more about his feelings during that time and how he was able to survive when so many died. Meh.

This is a very wordy description of one Jewish family and its various branches. The first 80 pages could have been done in 30. After the first part it becomes an interesting description of one person's view of survival. Good book if you are studying the Holocaust.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

City of Life, City of Death: Memories of Riga J. D. Robb CD Collection 2: Rapture in Death, Ceremony in Death, Vengeance in Death (In Death Series) Popular Christmas Memories, Bk 1: 9 Early Intermediate to Intermediate Piano Arrangements of the Season's Most Popular Songs (Memories Series) Life After Death and Modern Day Miracles: Over 50 True Accounts of Life After Death, Modern Miracles, and Angelic Visitations Hannibal: Bluff City Memories (MO) (Images of America) The Death of Money: How to Survive in Economic Collapse and to Start a New Debt Free Life (dollar collapse, prepping, death of dollar, debt free, how to ... how to make money online, shtf Book 1) Home Life Memories: A Therapeutic Colouring & Activity Book for Older Adults Remembering Franz Liszt: Life and Liszt, My Memories of Liszt The View from the Bridge: Memories of Star Trek and a Life in Hollywood Death Punch'd: Surviving Five Finger Death Punch's Metal Mayhem Apprentice in Death: In Death Series, Book 43 Seduction in Death: In Death, Book 13 Kindred in Death: In Death, Book 29 Brotherhood in Death: In Death Series, Book 42 Devoted in Death: In Death, Book 41 Portrait in Death: In Death, book 16 Japanese Death Poems: Written by Zen Monks and Haiku Poets on the Verge of Death Science and the Near-Death Experience: How Consciousness Survives Death Death Valley Trivia: The Most Incredible, Unbelievable, Wild, Weird, Fun, Fascinating, and True Facts About Death Valley! Ethnic Variations in Dying, Death and Grief: Diversity in Universality (Death Education, Aging and Health Care)

[Dmca](#)