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Survival

The book *Night* by Elie Wiesel is a book about Elie's experience during the holocaust as a Jew. It shows how Elie finds ways to survive in the concentration camps. Elie had found ways to survive by lying about his age, by obeying the Germans who were running the camps, and by not worrying about anything.

In the beginning of the book Elie and his father are separated from his mother and sisters, and they had separated the reception center of Auschwitz. When Elie and his father were there, they were told to lie about their ages. Elie was fifteen years old at the time and was told to say he was eighteen, and his father was around fifty and was told to say he was forty. The reason for this was because if they were too young they would have died immediately and if they were told they would have died immediately too, the Germans did this so they could work at the camps. When Elie was at the reception center another Jew walked up to him and said, "Hey kid, how old are you?" Elie had then said, "I am not quite fifteen yet." The man then said, "No eighteen if you want to survive."

Elie had never really disobeyed the orders he was given by the officers. Elie was only beaten on main time and that was when he walked in on the officer, who was supposed to be watching them work at the electrical house, sleeping with a girl. The officer then said, "This will

be our little secret, want it?" Elie would obey even better after he was beat. Elie never got beat again; he went ahead and did his work.

Elie was not one of the people that would kill for food. One day while they were being deported to a new camp he remembers a son killing a father for a piece of bread and then the son died and they lied next to each other dead. A couple years later he is on a cruise and a lady throws a coin over to a native kind. Elie then says, "The people fighting for the coin end up drowning themselves, and it reminded me of that day on the train."

In conclusion, Elie Wiesel went through a hard time in the concentration camps. He showed people what it truly means to want to keep moving and never stop. Elie had even found ways to survive in the camps by lying about stuff, obeying the officers, and staying calm and not worrying about stuff.