

# Shtetl - the life and death of a small town and the world of Polish Jews

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PS - this book needs an index Unique view of history Eva Hoffman here offers a careful and unique perspective on the history of Jews in Poland, from centuries back until World War II. She attributes this state of moral confusion to the extreme perversity of the Nazis, who encouraged cruelty and penalized common human decency. So one star lost there.

## The Summit Times

Detailed analysis of legal documents and urban inventories showed that there were areas within the town bounds which were reserved for the Christian communities active there. After reading through hundreds of years of sporadic violence, natural disaster, invasions and mundane persistence and co-existence, the Holocaust as a completely external event, as a happening of pure evil that came with an invading army and moral chaos, sort of felt like an act of God.

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Russian Jewish policy often veered between a desire to change the Jews—through—and a determination to curb their contacts with the native Russian population. Before the war Bransk's population was more than 50 percent Jewish. For example, Claude Lanzmann's Shoah, generally considered the most powerful recent film about the Holocaust, is laced with a hatred of Poles and a certainty of their anti-Semitism.

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But the repression of memory was greatly aided and abetted by the falsifications of Communist history and by the fact that under its aegis, discussion of many politically charged issues was stifled. During the Nazi occupation they were annexed to Third Reich and its new province Warthegau.

### **Shtetl**

I've always craved this kind of glimpse into day-to-day life. These were cared for by various community institutions as well as special associations see *hevrah*.

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