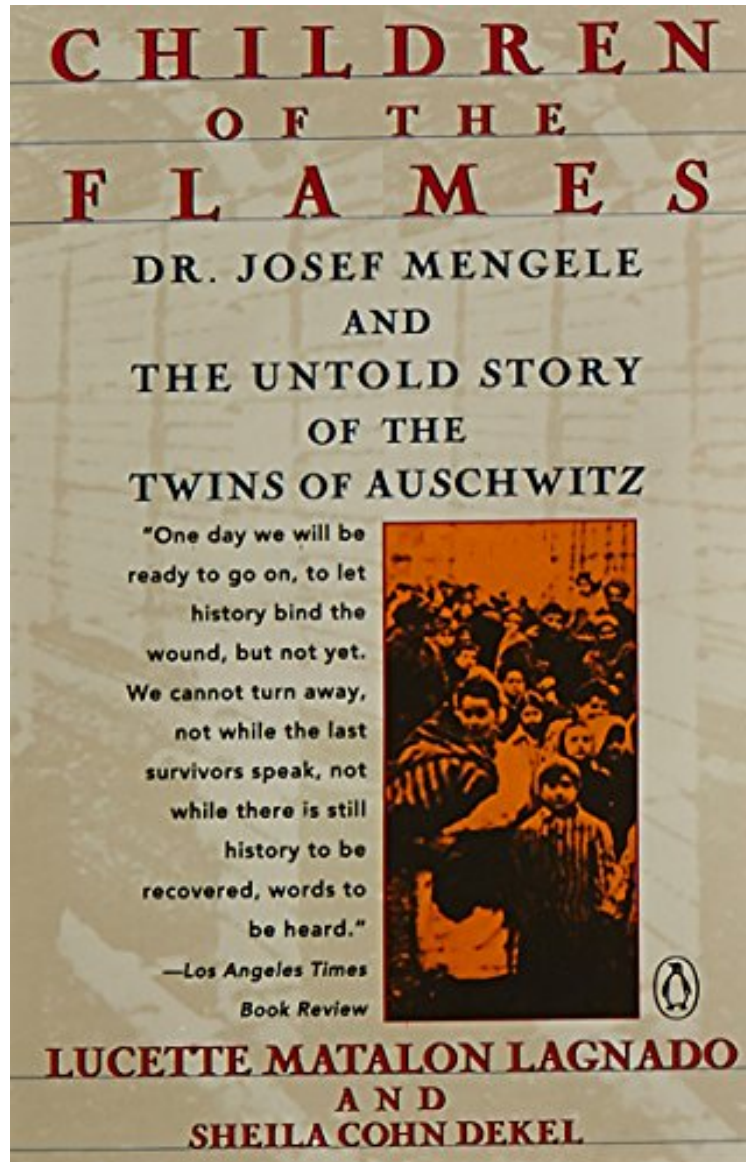


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During World War II, Nazi doctor Josef Mengele subjected some 3,000 twins to medical experiments of unspeakable horror; only 160 survived. In this remarkable narrative, the life of Auschwitz's Angel of Death is told in counterpoint to the lives of the survivors, who until now have kept silent about their heinous death-camp ordeals.

From Publishers WeeklyOnly 160 of 3000 twins subjected to genetic experimentation by Mengele survived until 1945. The reprint of this important addition to Holocaust literature is scheduled to coincide with Holocaust Remembrance Day, April 30. Photos. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.From School Library JournalYA-- A horrifying yet spellbinding account. Although Mengele was a mediocre doctor, he was encouraged in his pursuit of "genetic research" to create a "master Aryan race" with the concentration camp at Auschwitz providing an ample supply of specimens for his unscientific, poorly documented experiments. Twins were his fixation, and this book interviews some of the estimated 100 survivors from an initial sample of 3000 young people. The fascination of this book is that it follows the lives of both Mengele and the twins in their readjustment to life away from the camps. This gripping tale is extremely readable and well documented, offering another facet to the human tragedy of the Holocaust.- Pam Spencer, Thomas Jefferson Sci-Tech, Fairfax County, VACopyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.From Library JournalThe children of the title are the surviving twins of Auschwitz whom Mengele saved from death in order to use them for his research on "Biology As Destiny," his fixation to create a racially pure German people. But the book is more accurately the story of Mengele as culled from his writings, official documents, and fiction. The twins' stories, moving and upsetting, are framework and background to the portrait of Mengele as Victor Frankenstein. Their anguished recollections of Auschwitz and attempts to create a life after such a traumatic experience alternate in different print with the Mengele biography, right up to his recorded--but never confirmed--death in 1985. This is a well-written and well-researched book, enhanced by a scholarly list of sources on the ghoulish Mengele and his life. For a book on the Romanian Holocaust, see Siegfried Jagendorf's Jagendorf's Foundry: Memoir of the Romanian Holocaust, 1941-1944 , reviewed in this issue, p. 98.--Ed.-Gerda Haas, Holocaust Human Rights Ctr. of Maine, AugustaCopyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.