As Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel has observed, “The Holocaust must never be studied exclusively from the perspective of the perpetrators. Each survivor’s story is unique, and adds to our understanding of the Holocaust and the understanding of future generations.”

Yad Vashem and the Holocaust Survivors’ Memoirs Project, with the World Federation of Bergen-Belsen Associations’ assistance, have embarked on a mission to publish Holocaust survivor memoirs in English. With a grant from Random House, this joint project hopes to publish several memoirs annually over the next few years. Our goal is to collect, preserve, and make available to interested readers the autobiographical accounts of Holocaust survivors.

**By the Grace of Strangers**
*Two Boys’ Rescue During the Holocaust*
Gabriel Mermall; Norbert Yasharoff
Includes two father-son rescue stories. Mermall’s diary relates his story as a slave laborer in the Hungarian military’s Labor Service and his rescue in 1944 together with his son. Eleven-year-old Yasharoff was forced to move with his family into the Sofia ghetto, an experience that inspired him to express himself through poetry.

**Days of Rain**
*Enzo Tayar*
Drawing on the diary that he kept in 1943, Enzo Tayar recounts the impact on his family and friends of the increasingly severe anti-Jewish measures instituted by Italy after the German invasion. Tayar fled Florence taking refuge on a succession of farms throughout Tuscany. The family was reunited after the liberation.

**Escaping Hell in Treblinka**
*Israel Cymlich; Oskar Strawczynski*
Two remarkable documents written by two survivors of that hellish darkness while the authors were still in hiding, unsure if they would succeed in evading the Nazis. Cymlich’s memoir provides a rare insight into the Treblinka I forced labor camp’s brutal daily life. Strawczynski’s memoir is one of the earliest written eyewitness accounts of the August 2, 1943 uprising in Treblinka.

**Fighting for Survival**
*E. H. (Dan) Kampelmacher*
The author left his family and fled his native Vienna to Holland. There he was imprisoned in the state prison at Veenhuizen, where he wrote a diary relating his experiences in 1938. The book goes on to tell of his survival during the war working on Dutch farms, acquiring forged documents from the underground, and in hiding.
Flora, I Was But a Child
Flora M. Singer
(2007, 180 pp.) ISBN: 0-9760739-8-6, Cat. No. 466
This is the gripping story of a young girl hidden with her two little sisters in convents in Belgium during the Holocaust. Their mother’s remarkable intuition and initiative, together with the selfless assistance and vigilance of two Righteous Among the Nations, George Ranson and Père (Father) Bruno, helped save them.

Guarded by Angels
How My Father and Uncle Survived Hitler and Cheated Stalin
Alan Elsner
The story of two Jewish brothers forced to flee Poland in 1939. Arrested by Soviet authorities, they were transported to Arctic labor camps, where they nearly starved to death. Released 18 months later, they traveled thousands of miles across the USSR. They survived, were drafted into the Red Army, and participated in the Soviet advance through Poland and into Germany.

In the Struggle
Memoirs from Grodno and the Forests
Leib Reizer
(2009)
A memoir of Grodno, and Reizer’s successful escape to the forests with his wife and young daughter, where they survived with partisans and in family camps. In riveting prose, he describes ghetto life in Grodno and in Minsk, the liquidation and his family’s escape after he stole guns and ammunition for the partisans in the forests.

Memoirs of an Unfortunate Person
The Diary of Moty Stromer
Moty Stromer
Marek (Moty) Stromer lived with his entire family in Kamionka until the outbreak of WWII. His memoirs recount his experiences in the Lemberg ghetto, the vicious treatment he suffered at the hands of local Ukrainians, his imprisonment in the Janowska forced labor camp, his escape from a deportation transport to the Belzec death camp, and ultimate rescue in the barn of his Christian neighbor.

On the Fields of Loneliness
Hersch Altman
The remarkable memoir of a young boy, who survived the murder of his family and the destruction of his town, while evading his pursuers. He vividly depicts his early years in Brzeżany, and the hardships of the Soviet occupation. He relates the brutality of the Nazi occupation, the intolerable life in the ghetto and the ingeniously constructed bunker that eluded the Nazi soldiers.

Path of Hope
Menachem Katz
Menachem Katz relates his escape from the mowing down of the last Jews of Brzeżany at the cemetery in 1943 through his experiences hiding in a bunker with seven other people. He describes life in hiding in detail, as well as the relationship with a family of Poles who assisted them in survival.

Stolen Youth
Five Women’s Survival in the Holocaust
Isabelle Choko-Sztrauch-Galewska; Frances Irwin; Lotti Kahana Aufleger; Margit Raab Kalina; Jane Lipski
Includes the memoirs of five young women. The paths of some of them crossed, whether in Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen, or elsewhere. Each woman tells the story of her own survival and the fate of her family, from Poland, Transnistria, Czech Silesia, prison in the Soviet Union, Slovakia and other countries, to liberation.

Yesterday: My Story
Hadassah Rosensaft
Dr. Rosensaft, imprisoned in Auschwitz-Birkenau and Bergen-Belsen, kept 149 Jewish children alive until liberation, and then served as administrator of the camp’s hospital. She was a leader of the Jewish DPs in the British Zone of Germany, was one of the witnesses at the first trial of Nazi war criminals, and played a pivotal role in the creation of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum.