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HERO OR TRAITOR?

Rezső Kasztner's story reflects the moral struggle that war forces everyone to face.

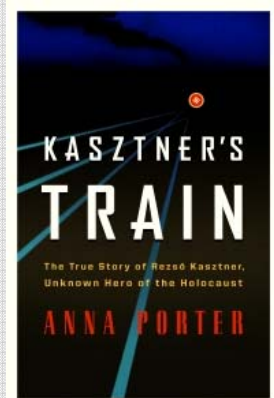
War is the catalyst for untold drama: acts of cowardice and acts of inspired bravery can be indistinguishable to some.

The train would carry 1,685 passengers out of German-occupied wartime Hungary. They were a motley group: industrialists and Orthodox rabbis, Zionists and anti-Zionists, Polish and Slovak refugees from pogroms and concentration camps, the oldest 85, the youngest a month old. The wealthy Jews of Budapest paid an average of \$1,500 for each family member to be included; the poor paid nothing. The selection process was arduous.

Its memory is deeply distressing to those whose relatives did not survive the Holocaust. And it was a deal that would haunt Rezső Kasztner to the end of his life. To this day his public legacy is still hotly contested; his eventual assassination in Israel and the ongoing debate over his recently released private archives furthering the discussion.

Kasztner's Train is the true, heart-wrenching tale of Hungary's own Oskar Schindler, a lawyer and journalist named Rezső Kasztner who rescued thousands of Hungarian Jews during the last chaotic days of World War II—and the ultimate price he paid. Part political thriller, part love story and part legal drama, Anna Porter's account explores the nature of Kasztner—the hero, the cool politician, the proud Zionist, the romantic lover, the man who believed that promises, even to diehard Nazis, had to be kept. The deals he made raise questions about moral choices that continue to haunt the world today.

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