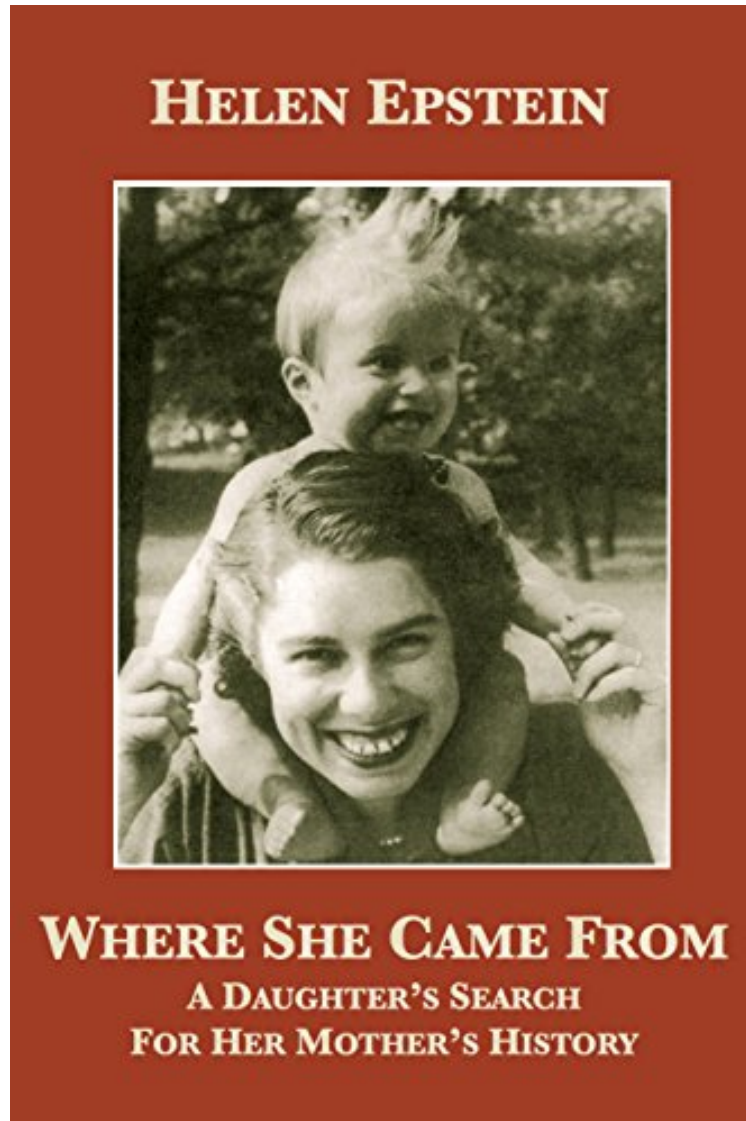


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**Von Helen Epstein : Where She Came From: A Daughter's Search For Her Mother's History (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Where She Came From: A Daughter's Search For Her Mother's History (English Edition):

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Holocaust, although it haunts every page. But it is a book which does suggest to me the way the Holocaust shattered people's lives on every level. It slammed a curtain down on people's lives, between the time before the war and after it. Part of its effect was to obliterate the past, perhaps because nothing in the past could have prepared Helen Epstein's parents for what they would experience in the camps. What I admire about this book is that Epstein manages to piece together a picture of her family's past despite history's best efforts to annihilate it. What's even more cheering is that this story is not all unbearable tragedy; it is a story of gutsy, neurotic women who did the best they could with their lives-- something which transcends their ethnicity, and something which will hopefully transcend time.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A moving and memorable account. Von msilverman@paulweiss.com Many Americans are curious about their roots but are frustrated that family history died with their ancestors. Helen Epstein has done what so many of us fantasize about: She went back to where she came from and learned her family history. The story of her discovery is fascinating, but not as fascinating as the history itself. She tells of three generations of women who moved from tradition to assimilation to conversion and then to Auschwitz. Perhaps the single most gripping image in the book is the woman in the concentration camp bunk above Ms. Epstein's mother regularly saying her Catholic prayers, although she was where she was because to the Nazis she was a Jew not a Catholic. Ms. Epstein writes simply and effectively. Her book is very readable and very moving.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Every daughter should read this book Von ewoll@mediaone.net We read Helen Epstein's "Where She Came From" for our book group, and I cannot recommend it highly enough. The book has so many threads: Wonderful characters you wish you could meet in person; A view of the history of eastern Europe that is colorful and compelling; The chilling face of centuries of European anti-Semitism; Helen's personal story of discovery. It reads like a mystery at times and a love letter at others. The writing style is very clear and pleasant to read - the best of personal journalism. Having read the library's copy, I bought one of my own to share with my own family and friends.

Kurzbeschreibung A sequel to her groundbreaking book, *Children of the Holocaust*, *Where She Came From* is a daughters memoir of her mothers family. Drawing on her journalistic training, the author demonstrates how documentary research can unearth family history and bridge the historical chasm of the Shoah. This book is at once a memoir, a family history and a social history of Central European Jews of the 19th and 20th centuries. The three generations of women she portrays are dressmakers; the fashion salon, a refuge and a rare institution where women could speak. In the guise of a family memoir, she brilliantly evokes Jewish life in the Czech lands... Epstein is unsparing, and unlike many family biographers, who are in thrall to their characters, she steps out of the frame to observe herself. -- New York Times Book , Ruth Gay In Epstein's expert and sensitive hands, truth becomes not only stranger than fiction, but more magnetic, wise and powerful. -- Gloria Steinem Helen Epstein's literary pilgrimage to her past will enrich our quest for memory and understanding. Written with her superb talent of storytelling, her tale is profoundly human. -- Elie Wiesel. de Along with millions of lives, the Holocaust stripped away the official records and family mementos that anchor personal histories. In 1989, after both the opening of Czechoslovakia to the outside world and the death of her mother Frances, a concentration-camp survivor, journalist Helen Epstein made her first tentative efforts to uncover her own history. Armed only with a 12-page letter written by her mother, she retraced family footsteps from the provincial town of Brtnice to Vienna, where her great-grandmother Josephine had killed herself in despair. In Prague, her spirited grandmother Pepi, who had been orphaned at age 8 and left in poverty, rose from those ashes to run a fashionable dressmaking salon. Pepi married a man who repudiated Judaism so completely that their daughter Frances learned of her background only as the Nazis rose to power. Epstein's meticulous research beautifully conjures the drama of their lives and times, carving out the surrounding culture until these three women stand against it in stark relief. Pressestimmen "In the guise of a family memoir, she brilliantly evokes Jewish life in the Czech lands... Epstein in unsparing in her examination of the trials of transplantation and unlike many family biographers who are in thrall to their characters, she steps out of the frame to examine herself". The New York Times Book "