



reading

P O L A N D

BOOKS & ARTICLES ABOUT POLAND

Academic Sources: Books

Davies, Norman. (2005). *God's Playground: A History of Poland: 1795-present. Vol. I & II.* Oxford University Press.

The best available academic source on Polish history, from 1795 to the contemporary period.

Dylewski, Adam. (2010). *Polish Jews and Their Culture: An Illustrated Guide.* Bielsko-Biala.

An excellent serious study with suggested routes for touring purposes.

Gutman, Yisrael. (1982). *The Jews of Warsaw 1939-1943: Ghetto, Underground, Revolt.* Indiana University Press.

The most important source on the Warsaw Ghetto by an Israeli academic who lived in Warsaw at the time.

Kagan, Joram. (2001). *Poland's Jewish Landmarks: A Travel Guide.* New York.

A readable handbook covering the whole of Poland.

Zimmerman, Joshua (Ed.). (2003). *Contested Memories. Poles and Jews During the Holocaust and its Aftermath.* Rutgers University.

A collection of essays reassessing the historiography of Polish-Jewish relations before, during and after World War II, and challenging the commonly held views on both sides.

Academic Sources: Articles

Michlic, Joanna Beata & Melchior, Malgorzata. (2013). "The Memory of the Holocaust in Post-1989 Poland: Renewal – Its Accomplishments and Its Powerlessness". In: John Paul Himka and Joanna Beata Michlic (Eds.). *Bringing the Dark Past to Light.* University of Nebraska. Pp. 403-450.

Valley Eli. (1999). "Warsaw: City of Monuments". *The Great Jewish Cities of Central and Eastern Europe.* New Jersey. Pp. 149-255.

Valley, Eli. (1999). "Cracow: The City of Legends". *The Great Jewish Cities of Central and Eastern Europe.* New Jersey. Pp. 259-371.

Young, James Eduard. (1993). "The Rhetoric of Ruins: The memorial Camps at Majdanek and Auschwitz". *The Texture of Memory.* New Haven. Pp. 119-154.

Literature

Aharon Applefeld. (2006). *Katerina.*

A fictional story of a Polish housekeeper who worked for Jewish families before World War II in an environment of increasing anti-Semitism.

Halina Birenbaum. (1967). *Hope is the Last to Die.*

The book tells the story of the author, growing up in the Warsaw Ghetto, her deportation and her survival of the death camps.

Jan Gross. (2001). *Neighbors: The Destruction of the Jewish Community in Jedwabne, Poland.*

A controversial book that suggests that the Poles initiated the murder of the local Jews.

Primo Levi. (1958). *If This is a Man.*

The book describes the author's arrest as a member of the Italian anti-fascist resistance during World War II and his deportation to Auschwitz concentration Camp.

Eli Valley. (1999). *The Great Jewish Cities.*

A travel guide and resource book to Prague, Warsaw, Cracow and Budapest, covering all aspects of Jewish history and contemporary life.