



A PRAYER FOR KATERINA HOROVITZOVA

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Arnošt Lustig

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- It was written by czech jewish writer Arnošt Lustig.
- It took Arnošt Lustig only twelve days to write this psychological novel, it was published in 1964.
- He was inspired by the story of a woman named Francesca Mann
- Main characters of the story:
 - Katerina Horovitzova – She doesn't get much space, but she represents a biblical and psychological theme in the book.
 - Bedřich Brenske – nacistic officer, he was a manipulator
 - Herman Cohen – a spokesperson of the jews



Francesca Mann



Arnošt Lustig

Modlitba pro Kateřinu Horovitzovou

I ten nejslabší může udělit bezprávní lekci

Mladá fronta

The story in a nutshell

The story is about group of rich jews, that saved them selfs from nazis by escaping to USA. But they returned to Italy and they were arrested by nazis. After that they were sent to prison camp and there they meet Bedřich Brenske, he is trying to get money from them. He also promised them to deport them back to USA. The spokesperson Herman Cohen pitied a girl named Katerina and her family, all of them are transported to Auschwitz. They thought that money could save them, but no. They ended up in gas chamber.

Katerina was told to dance for one of the soldiers, but she took him a gun and she shoots at two soldiers.

Then Brenske tells her to kill others.



Arnošt Lustig

- He was born 21. December 1926 in Prague and died 26. February 2011
- 13. November 1942 he was sent to Terezín, he also in Auschwitz and Buchenwald. Miracle happened and he escaped from the „ transport of death“. Only his sister and mother survived the Holocaust
- He was hidden in Prague until the end of war and in 1970 he settled down in USA. After the velvet revolution he went back to Czech Republic
- His work rarely strayed from the topic of Holocaust
Another books : Noc a Naděje – stories about Terezín ghetto

Dita Saxová – story about a girl that comes back from concentration camp



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Dita Saxová

Příběh dívky, která přežila válku ale ne mír...

Oceněno Židovskou národní knižní cenou USA



Francesca Mann

- She was a Polish Jewish ballet dancer
- She is known for killing a Nazi soldier Josef Shillinger, while being a prisoner in Auschwitz
- Her actions inspired a fellow female Jewish prisoners to uprising before she herself was killed.
- In the most popular version, she used her heels to kill the soldier while she performed a striptease for the Nazis.

Resources

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franceska_Mann

https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arnošt_Lustig

https://rozbor-dila.cz/modlitba-pro-katerinu-horovitzovou-rozbor-dila-3/#google_vignette