

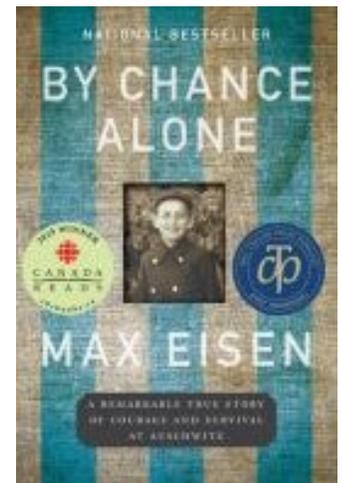


By Chance Alone: A Remarkable True Story of Courage and Survival at Auschwitz

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Discussion Questions

1. The title of the book suggests that luck played a huge role in the life and survival of the author, Max Eisen. How much of a role does luck play in your life?
2. The Hungarian government used propaganda to turn attitudes against Jewish people. Are there current examples of propaganda being used for similar purposes? Does it work?
3. Why is it important for readers to see the Eisen family happy and together before the Holocaust?
4. What are the connections between the Holocaust and acts of genocide that are happening currently or may happen in the future?
5. What factors prevent bystanders from becoming upstanders? What can be done to encourage more people to stand up for people being victimized by others?
6. Does the technology we have access to today make it easier to victimize others or easier to uncover and prevent victimization? Both? Neither?
7. Max Eisen travels across Canada as a Holocaust educator and writes "I recognize how important it is for survivors to tell their stories, and to honour and remember the people and human potential that was lost." What is the importance of intergenerational knowledge sharing and teaching?
8. Max Eisen starts the prologue of *By Chance Alone* by describing a field trip to Poland to participate in The March of the Living and tour historical sites with 150 students from Toronto. What is the importance of experiencing historical sites firsthand? How is your understanding of history enhanced through this direct experience?





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