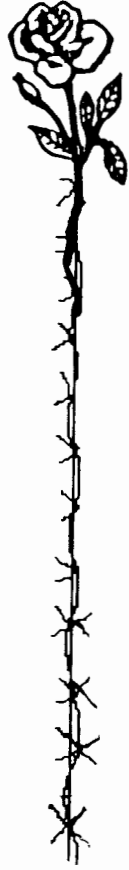


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Melbourne Child Survivors
Of The Holocaust

ANTHOLOGY

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**This book is dedicated to the memory of all the children
who perished during the Holocaust, and as a legacy to our
children, grandchildren and future generations.**

Banalities

Things happen which are everyday, and more horrendous as a result...

A young boy is told, in the centre of civilised Budapest, in the middle of a sunny day, by his parents to wait while they go with the “gentlemen” to buy some icecream. They do not come back. They are put eventually on a wagon to Auschwitz. Nobody notices. The little boy goes quietly home.

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Many years later the same boy grows up and needs an extension to his visa of one day, to make his visit to Auschwitz.

The secretary, a young blonde woman to whom lines of refugees kowtow in order to have their visas extended, so that they will not be returned to their own countries to be killed, informs the man that she will not extend his visa. He realises the fortitude of his parents, who protected him from a bureaucracy erected to slowly follow its regulations, and put him and his family to death. He is glad to be able to return to Australia.

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Many years later, a middle-aged man looks at the barracks of Birkenau. He is struck by the exactness, the economy of lines, the efficiency of the industry makes him shocked more than the turmoil of the millions killed there.

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