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include: an overview of reasons for Danish resistance and rescue, the history of Jews in Nazi-occupied Denmark, and a rabbiâ [™]s history of Jews in Denmark in the 20th century. Five personal narratives of desperate flight plans and imprisonment are recounted by Jews of various ages: a teenage boy, an actor, and student. Creative means of resistance and sabotage were carried to an art form by democracy-loving Danes, who are praised for their moral courage which is unparalleled in all Europe. This fascinating volume concludes with a summary by Editor (and contributor) Leo Goldberger of the five major factors which resulted in the spontaneous underground uprising to rescue the Jews in Denmark. Excellent non-fiction about one of the darkest hours in modern history--which provides an opportunity for the light of humanitarian valor to shine.

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