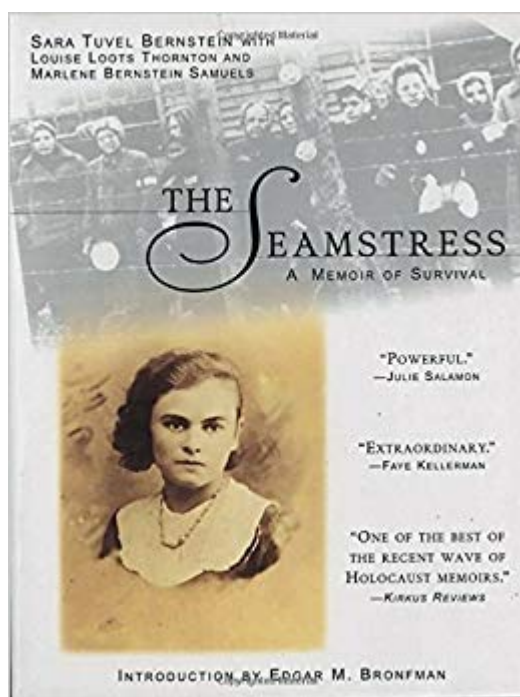


What I'm Reading: The Seamstress

I just finished up listening to [The Seamstress](#) by Sara Tuval Bernstein. I was hunting for a book on my on line library with the hopes that I might find something good. You can imagine why this one caught my eye, right? It's Holocaust literature...the title is "The Seamstress". It's sewing related. Of course I was going to read it.



The book was very good. I expected there to be many references to sewing but there really aren't a lot. As with many Holocaust books, this book tells a lot about the war and atrocities during the war, then quickly sends the reader through a very fast life after liberation. The story takes place mostly in Romania. Of the Holocaust books I've read, few have been Romanian based.

Here's what Amazon had to say: *"From its opening pages, in which she recounts her own premature birth, triggered by terrifying rumors of an incipient pogrom, **Bernstein**'s tale is clearly not a typical memoir of the Holocaust. She was born*

into a large family in rural Romania and grew up feisty and willing to fight back physically against anti-Semitism from other schoolchildren. She defied her father's orders to turn down a scholarship that took her to Bucharest, and got herself expelled from that school when she responded to a priest/teacher's vicious diatribe against the Jews by hurling a bottle of ink at him? After a series of incidents that ranged from dramatic escapes to a year in a forced labor detachment, Sara ended up in Ravensbruck, a women's concentration camp, and managed to survive? she tells this story with style and power."

Amazon readers give the book 4.6 stars. I admire the story and recommend it. I'd give it 4.4 stars.