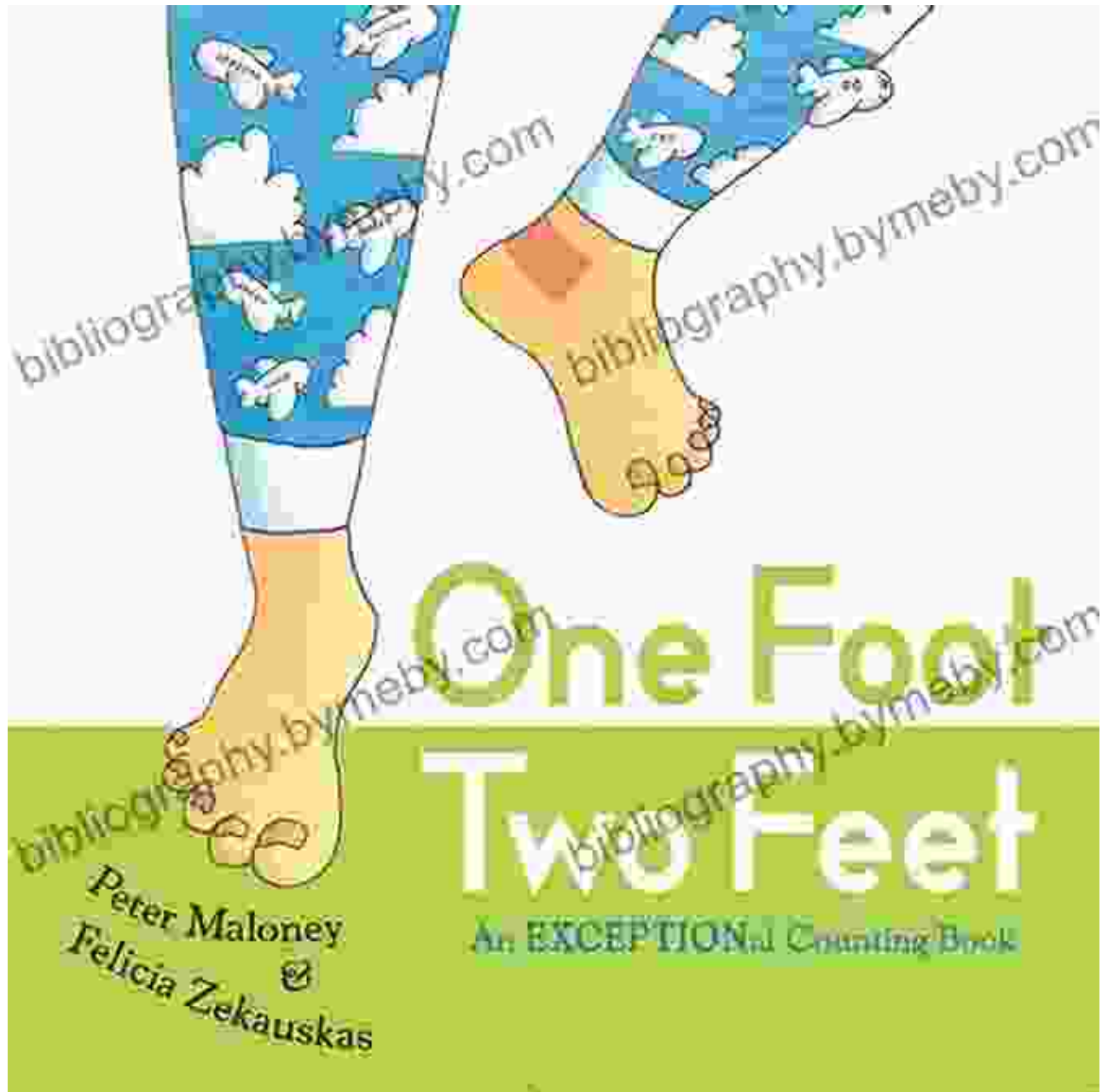


Fire at My Feet: A Journey Through the Holocaust



In his memoir, *Fire at My Feet*, Holocaust survivor Jacques Wieder shares his harrowing story of survival and the power of forgiveness.

Wieder was born in Antwerp, Belgium, in 1923. When he was 16 years old, the Nazis invaded Belgium. Wieder and his family were forced into hiding, but they were eventually captured and sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp.



Fire at My Feet: Five Years on the Line

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Wieder spent three years in Auschwitz, where he witnessed unspeakable horrors. He was forced to work in the camp's crematorium, where he saw the bodies of thousands of people being burned. He was also subjected to medical experiments and other forms of torture.

In 1945, Wieder was liberated from Auschwitz by the Soviet army. He weighed only 75 pounds and was suffering from typhus and other diseases. But he was alive.

After the war, Wieder returned to Belgium and began to rebuild his life. He married, had children, and started a successful business. But he never forgot his experiences in Auschwitz.

In the 1980s, Wieder began to speak out about the Holocaust. He shared his story with students, teachers, and community groups. He also worked with the Simon Wiesenthal Center to track down Nazi war criminals.

In 2005, Wieder published his memoir, *Fire at My Feet*. The book has been translated into more than 20 languages and has sold over 1 million copies worldwide.

Fire at My Feet is a powerful and moving account of one man's journey through the Holocaust. Wieder's story is a testament to the human spirit and the power of forgiveness.

Here is an excerpt from *Fire at My Feet*:



“I remember the first time I saw the flames. I was working in the crematorium, and I saw the bodies of thousands of people being burned. I couldn't believe my eyes. I had never seen anything so horrible in my life.

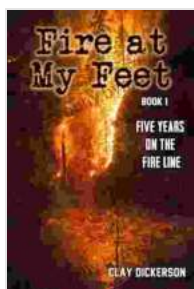
I worked in the crematorium for three years. I saw the bodies of men, women, and children being burned. I saw the bodies of my friends and family being burned. I saw the bodies of people I had known all my life being burned.

I never got used to the sight of the flames. I never got used to the smell of burning flesh. I never got used to the sound of the screams.

But I learned to survive. I learned to keep my head down and do what I was told. I learned to obey the rules and never ask questions.

I survived Auschwitz because I had to. I survived because I had a purpose. I survived because I had a story to tell. I survived because I had a fire at my feet."”

Jacques Wieder died in 2015 at the age of 92. He was a Holocaust survivor, a witness to history, and a voice for the voiceless. His story is a reminder of the darkness of the past and the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation.



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