

ADVANCED PRAISE FOR RENA'S PROMISE

“The most important book of the modern age.”

—Neil Lavon, *Voice of America*

On our first night together, one of our monks share a simple message of love from Rena to us. Her message changed our lives.”

—Peter Mathiessen, author of *The Snow Leopard* and *In Paradise*

“Through her actions during and after the Shoah, Rena Kornreich Gelissen ensured that out of the darkest night, the light of the survivors and their memory remained. Faced with destruction, she and the Jewish people survived.” —Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

“Without resorting to unnecessary pathos, Heather Dune Macadam awakens in us both interest and often profound shock.”

—Dr. Piotr Setkiewicz, *Head of Research, Panstowe Muzeum Auschwitz-Birkenau*

“The story of Rena Kornreich Gelissen, brought to life again by her writing partner Heather Dune Macadam, shows how a remarkable woman—one of the earliest transported to Auschwitz—resisted the Holocaust and gave life-affirming testimony of lasting value. This book is a gift, one to be received with awe and gratitude.”

—Dr. John K. Roth, *Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Claremont McKenna College*

“Rena’s Promise is written with simplicity and grace. There are sections describing such intense cruelty that it is difficult to go on reading, but cruelty is not the most memorable aspect of this book. Instead, the overwhelming feeling upon finishing is one of triumph: It is still possible to find selflessness and human connection among people living in a place of relentless horror.”

—*Los Angeles Times Book Review, USA*

“One of the most accurate accounts and the only account of the first women's camp in Auschwitz. This is a book historians will refer to for years to come.”

—Irena Strezlecka, *Director, Auschwitz Museum of Women, Oświęcim, Poland*

“*Rena's Promise* is the number one favorite book of all of my students - and they read five books in their senior year, including *Night*, *In My Hands*, *In Cold Blood*, and *In the Lake of the Woods*, as well as *Othello*!”

—Jill Van Alstyne, *Wyoming School System*

“Essential Reading!” —*Time Out, UK*

“The amazing story of one of Auschwitz's longest survivors.... The number on her arm, 1716, was so low that guards were disbelieving, thinking nobody could have lived that long.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*