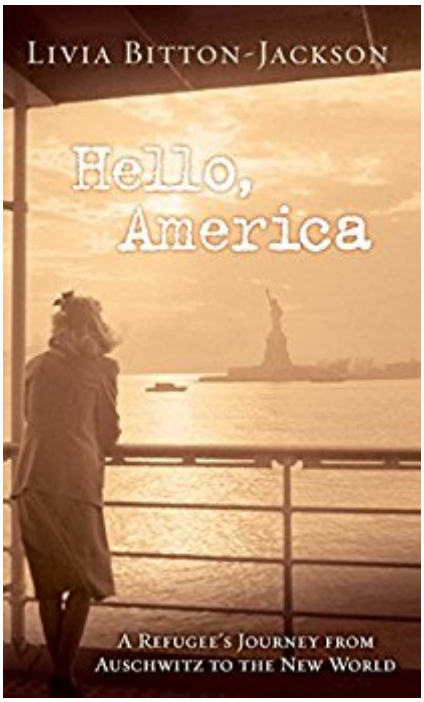
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Synopsis

The year is 1951 and eighteen-year-old Elli and her mother arrive in New York City. Finally they can leave behind bitter Holocaust memories and become real Americans! From office filing all day, to the challenge of night school, to interpreting the intentions of Alex, a handsome and persistent doctor, Elli soon finds learning English is only half as hard as "making it" in this new world.Against a backdrop of soda shops, skyscrapers, and subways, acclaimed author Livia Bitton-Jackson fuses old-world tradition and modern dreams, in this vivid kaleidoscope of immigrant America.

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Customer Reviews

This is an amazing account of the author’s life during the first few years in America. It is a sequel to her first book, I Have Lived a Thousand Years. A survivor of Auschwitz, she was able to come to the US when she was very young. Her experiences are fascinating and inspirational. As it happens, she became a teacher in a school where I once taught, tho not at the same time. A great read!

This book is very much an autobiography. It relates events and how the author felt about them quite adequately.However, the book flirts with several issues - sexuality, sexual harassment, poverty and charity, but, it doesn't really address any of them in any sort of depth. It is what I presume to be a faithful record of events, but, does not delve deeply into any of the topics broached.

I just love this book. I could not put it down, finished reading in a day. Very inspirational.

I very much enjoyed reading Hello, America by Livia Bitton-Jackson. I admire her courage coming to America as a Holocaust survivor, struggling to start a new life and adapt to a completely different culture. I also admired her courage in confronting prejudice and anti-semitism in her new country. What a shock to realize America isn't perfect either. A wonderful book which I thoroughly enjoyed reading.

This was an excellent true life story to read. It conveyed the difficulties and joys of learning to adapt and live in America in the 1950's. It puts the reader in touch with the challenges and emotional upheaval that was faced by Jewish post World War II concentration camp survivors. It was an interesting biography too of a woman with aspiration, motivation and dreams to become a teacher. In this story the reader sees the fruition of that dream.

The woman who wrote this book is still alive, and I was continually impressed by her courage and fortitude. The book is extremely gripping, and the story comes alive in your mind. There is a book prior to this, and , as I was so wrapped up in this woman and her story, I had to have this one, which continues on with her life in the states, where she resides now.

should be required reading in school. fantastically moving piece of work.

This is a true story, I am amazed at how much the author remembers. It is unbelievable what these people endured. You won't want to put the book down once you start it.

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