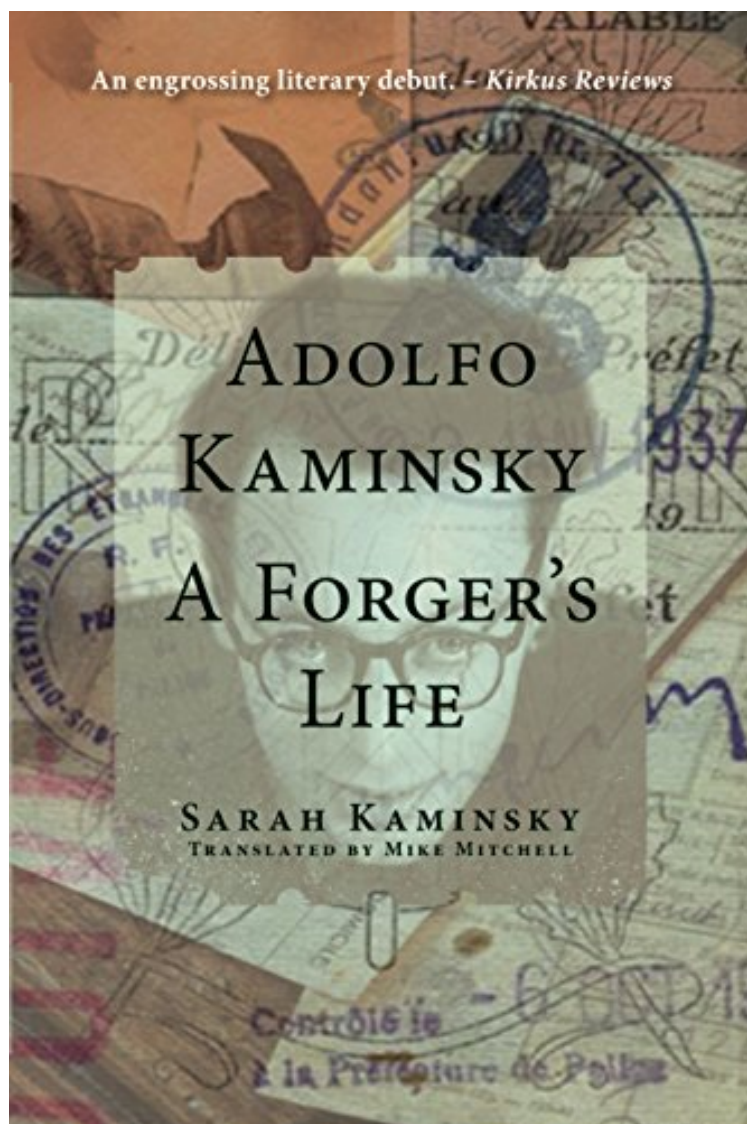


Adolfo Kaminsky: A Forger's Life

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Reader's Choice Award ndash; Elle Magazine, France Wall Street Journal's Top 10 Most Anticipated Non-Fiction: Fall Books 2016 Subject of The New York Times video "The Forger," winner of a World Press Photo Award for long-form documentary. Best-selling author Sarah Kaminsky takes readers through her father Adolfo Kaminsky's perilous and clandestine career as a real-life forger for the French Resistance, the FLN, and numerous other freedom movements of the twentieth century. Recruited as a young Jewish teenager for his knowledge of dyes, Kaminsky became the primary forger for the French Resistance during the Nazi occupation of Paris. Then, as a professional photographer, Kaminsky spent the next twenty-five years clandestinely producing thousands of counterfeit documents for immigrants, exiles, underground political operatives, and pacifists across the globe. Kaminsky kept his past cloaked in secrecy well into his eighties, until his daughter convinced him to share the details of the life-threatening work he did on behalf of people fighting for justice and peace throughout the world.

A thrilling book.A pointed, sober biography ... of one of the world's best forgers.Riveting.A fascinating description of Adolfo Kaminsky's secret life as a remarkable document forger. [hellip;] Simon Vance does an excellent job reading the exciting and emotional narrative. Highly recommended for biography and history collections of all libraries. (audio book edition)Penned in unassuming, unembellished language, perhaps as discreet as Adolfo's; self-effacing personality, and rendered in a smooth translation by Mike Mitchell, [hellip;] Sarah Kaminsky dons her father's; persona seamlessly by transcribing Adolfo's account to her in his own voice, so the book reads like a memoir. It is a powerful homage, written with a casual, if poignant, simplicity, often masking heartfelt conundrums.Technical prowess, creativity, and self-denial drive the plot in the incredibly lucky life of Adolfo Kaminsky narrated in this exciting historical document. 2010 Reader's Choice Award[An] engrossing literary debut. ... Writing in Adolfo's voice gives this suspenseful narrative candor and immediacy.Every resistance movement had its forgers,? but few have told their tales. Many, like? ?Kaminsky, were very young technicians and? ?chemists when they began their work. Sarah? ?Kaminsky's affectionate rendering of her?? ?father's; life, with all the intricacies of his trade,? ?is a book not just about a remarkable craftsman,? ?but a man who strove to save ldquo;every life? ?that? ?was? ?in danger??.rdquo;A detailed and touching story traversing a century in clandestine shadow crossings, where Adolfo's skill meant life... or death.Adolfo Kaminsky: A Forger's Life is "worthy of the best spy novels" and tells the story of Sarah Kaminsky's father, "the genius-forger who committed his know-how and convictions to serve the French Resistance during World War II, saving thousands of Jewish families, and many others over the course of 30 years for various causes around the world.Sarah Kaminsky has done a masterful job. A suspenseful, captivating, and thrilling account of an exceptionally brave and daring man. hellip; So absorbing that I read it in one sitting. (Don Messerschmidt Portland Book)While Adolfo, as the book's; narrator, remains center-stage, the story is filled with dozens of courageous, intriguing characters, cogs in the wheels of freedom fighting. From them Adolfo learns that ldquo;the line between lquo;resistance's; and lquo;terrorism's; is sometimes very fine, difficult to feel.rdquo; This necessary book provides unforgettable insights into hidden worlds of the Jews, intellectuals, and partisans who fought back.A thrilling, novelesque account of how a young man became a sought-after subversive force. [hellip;] A triumphant wartime biography, full of heroism and near-alchemistic craftiness.Kaminsky has lived, in the shadows, the brightest hours of the Resistance.If made into a film, the life of Adolfo Kaminsky would have the ingredients of suspense thriller, war movie, historical tragedy, intimate drama, romantic comedy and scenes of terror.At a moment when someone's; passport, or religion, can still mean the difference between life and death, Mr. Kaminsky's; story remains painfully relevant, but inspiring. -- Filmmakers Samantha Stark, Alexandra Garcia and Pamela DruckermanUndoubtedly one of the most captivating books of the season.From the Inside FlapAt the age of seventeen Adolfo Kaminsky had narrowly escaped deportation to Auschwitz and was living in Nazi occupied Paris, using forged documents to hide in plain sight. Due to his expert knowledge of dyes and his ability to masterfully re-produce official documents with an artistic eye, he was recruited to join the Jewish underground. He soon became the primary forger for the Resistance in Paris, working tirelessly with his network to create papers that would save an estimated 14,000 men, women and children from certain death.Upon the Liberation and for the next twenty-five years Kaminsky worked as a professional photographer. But, recognizing the fight for freedom had not ended with the defeat of the Nazis, and driven by his own harrowing experiences, he continued to secretly forge documents for thousands of refugees, exiles, immigrants, freedom fighters and pacifists. ldquo;My life as a forger is one long, uninterrupted resistancehellip; against inequality, segregation, racism, injustice,

fascism and dictatorships.” Kaminsky kept his past cloaked in secrecy well into his later life, until his daughter and biographer Sarah Kaminsky convinced him to share the details of the life-threatening work he did on behalf of people fighting for justice and peace throughout the world.