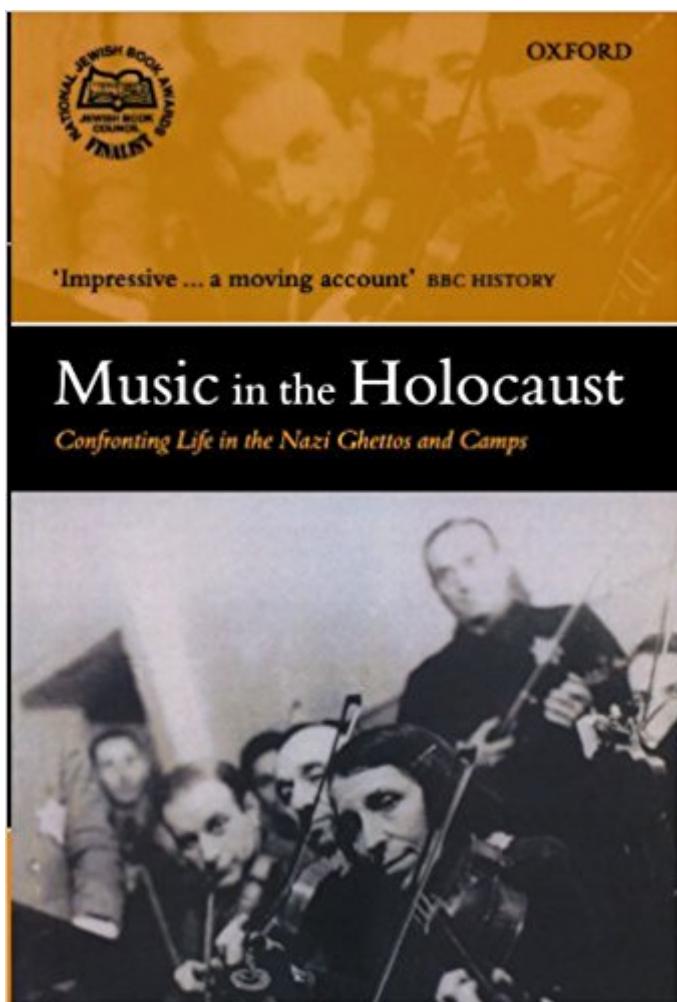


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# Music In The Holocaust: Confronting Life In The Nazi Ghettos And Camps (Oxford Historical Monographs)



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Shirli Gilbert is Assistant Professor of History at the University of Michigan.

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