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No. No. Absolutely not. <https://t.co/akW4dGz1V3>

I read "Maus" when I was nine years old and it changed my life. It made me a better person, a more empathetic and compassionate person. I think "Maus" should be as widely read as possible.

Yes, the Holocaust was neither wise, nor healthy. And yet. <https://t.co/7772evbabc>

Tony Allman- I understand all that, but being in the schools, educators and stuff we don't need to enable or somewhat promote this stuff. It shows people hanging, it shows them killing kids, why does the educational system promote this kind of stuff, it is not wise or healthy.

The meeting minutes are here: <https://t.co/R9tJAFnSR3>

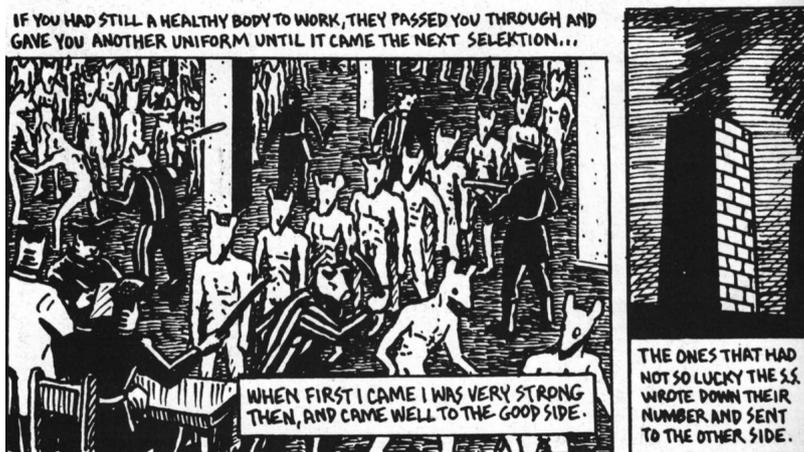
As far as I can tell, somehow the biggest problem in the book "Maus" is that the words "damn" and "bitch" are used and that there is... mouse nudity? <https://t.co/pNHuCdDHYZ>

Tony Allman- I am not denying it was horrible, brutal, and cruel. It's like when you're watching tv and a cuss word or nude scene comes on it would be the same movie without it. Well, this would be the same book without it. I may be wrong, but this guy that created the artwork used to do the graphics for Playboy. You can look at his history, and we're letting him do graphics in books for students in elementary school. If I had a child in the eighth grade, this ain't happening. If I had to move him out and homeschool him or put him somewhere else, this is not happening.

<https://t.co/Bpwo9kiJTa>

We don't need this stuff to teach kids history. We can teach them history and we can teach them graphic history. We can tell them exactly what happened, but we don't need all the nakedness and all the other stuff. It's not like this is the only book that comes up. Again, every two to three months I get

I'd like to note here that this is what the "nudity" in "Maus" looks like. <https://t.co/JrJfDKEpxx>

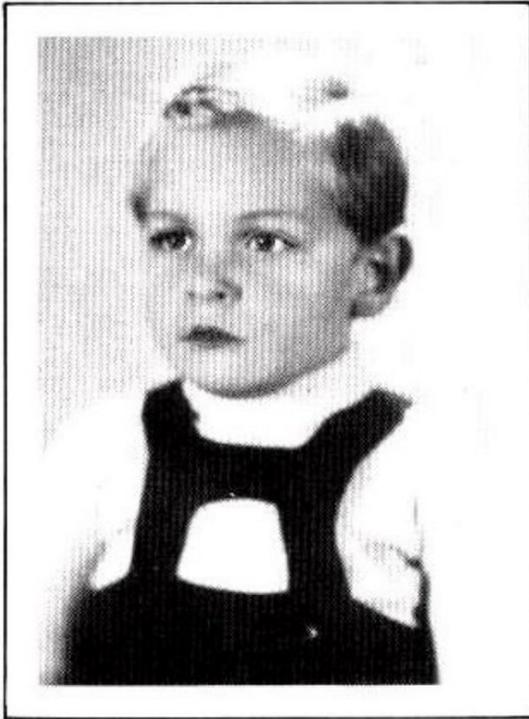


There's a part of Book 1 in which Art's father (Vladek) finds a comic Art drew about coming to terms with his mother's death by suicide. In one panel, you see a small drawing of his mother in the bathtub after her death.

That's it.

The book is dedicated to Art's brother, and to his mother. Art's brother died when his caretaker gave him poison, and took poison herself, rather than going to Auschwitz. <https://t.co/w8Bo9RcsWM>

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I just went through both books trying to see what these people apparently did. I can't find it. Maybe because it isn't there.

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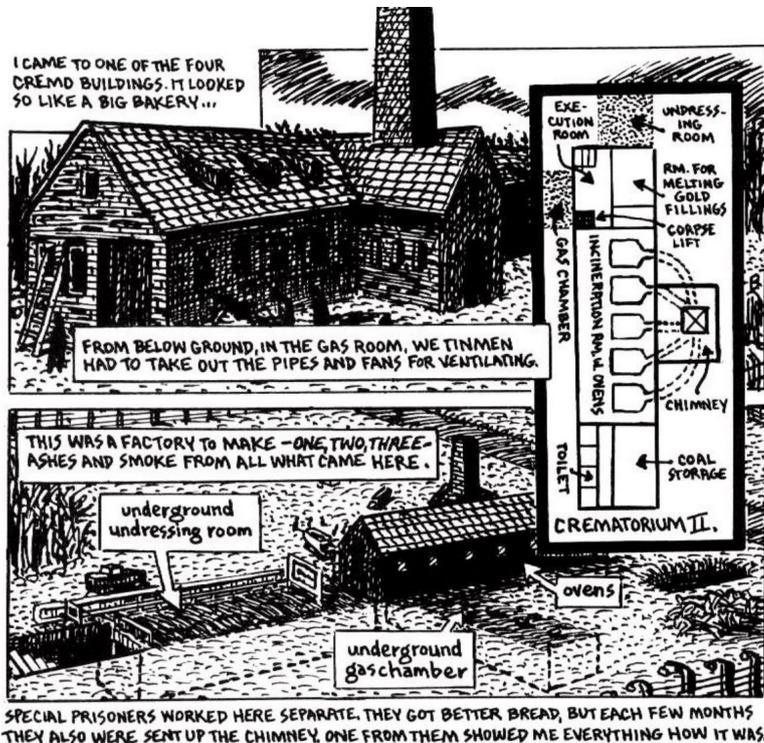


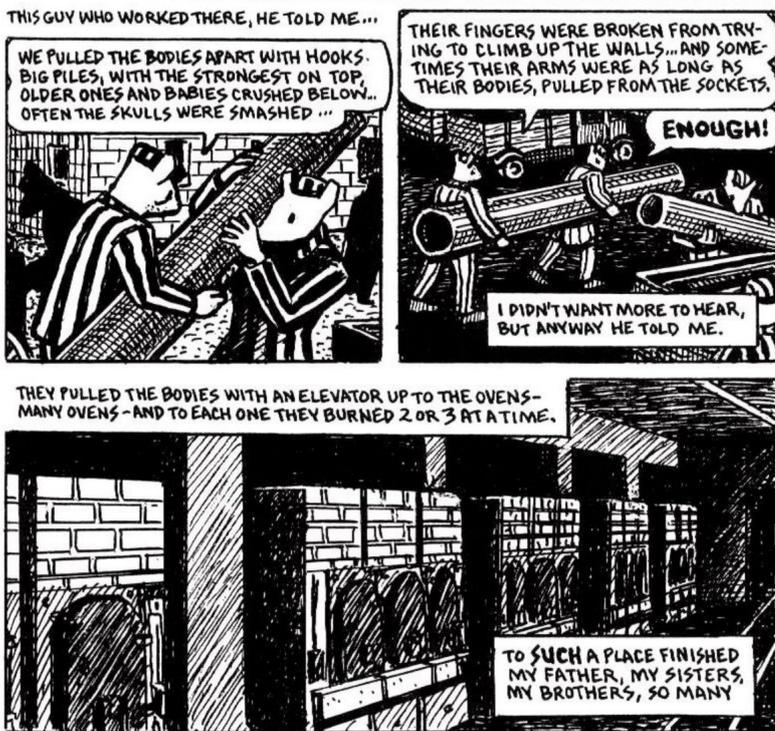
— art spiegelman — 1978-1991

I keep being struck by the remark that the book shows the killing of children, because... the book shows that the Nazis murdered children. Because they did. That's what happened.

Another thing about "Maus" is how extensive its depiction of Auschwitz is. Vladek was tasked with taking apart the gas chambers before the Soviets arrived, and he describes what they looked like in detail. The place where his family died.

<https://t.co/UJPUFd1z4m>





I am incensed over this. No book has played a larger role in my life than "Maus." If I hadn't have read "Maus," I'd may have never written my thesis, or thought deeply about the moral crime of anti-Semitism, or the role of evil, my life might be entirely different.

Someone also made the point: what is the concern here for the kids, exactly? That they'll be overwhelmed by the... mouse nudity? Or the use of words that can appear in a PG-13 movie? That they'll be horrified by the Holocaust? A horrifying thing?

When I read "Maus," I wanted to know how something so horrifying could ever happen, so I went to the library and read books like "Parallel Journeys" and learned more about Nazism, and then learned more about the history of anti-Semitism <https://t.co/fLdOVeoun7>

I learned a lot about the Catholic Church's role in the Holocaust and in religious anti-Semitism, which made me feel awful. My church contributed to something truly evil, and I remember being so upset.

But notably, I was not the victim here. Me being upset was not the issue.

"My kid will be sad learning about something awful that happened" is not a reason for your kid not to learn about it!

Seriously, read "Maus." And talk about it with your kids.