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The Auschwitz Volunteer Chinese Rights Sold

Extraordinary Report on Auschwitz Undercover Mission Goes to Beijing World Publishing

Los Angeles, California, July 6, 2015 — **Aquila Polonica Publishing** recently sold simplified Chinese rights to its award-winning book, *The Auschwitz Volunteer: Beyond Bravery* by Captain Witold Pilecki, to **Beijing World Publishing Corporation**, Beijing, in a sale agented by **Gray Tan** and **Zoe Hsu**, [The Grayhawk Agency](#), Taiwan.

The Auschwitz Volunteer is the first time that Pilecki's most comprehensive report on his secret undercover mission at Auschwitz has been published in English. The book received rave reviews from major media, including *The New York Times Sunday Book Review*, which calls it "a historical document of the greatest importance." *The New Republic* says: "Extraordinary memoir. Extraordinarily powerful prose. Deserves to be read alongside the accounts of Primo Levi and Elie Wiesel."

In his Foreword to the book, the **Chief Rabbi of Poland**, Rabbi Michael Schudrich, calls Pilecki "a shining example of heroism that transcends religion, race and time," and concludes: "This book is essential reading for anyone interested in the Holocaust."

"As we commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II in 2015, we're proud and honored to bring this amazing story of human courage—and important primary source about Auschwitz—to Chinese readers. It's been a pleasure to work with Aquila Polonica on this project," says Guo Li, Editor-in-Chief, Beijing World Publishing.

In September 1940, Captain Witold Pilecki, a Polish Army officer, volunteered for an almost certainly suicidal secret undercover mission: to get himself arrested and sent to Auschwitz as a prisoner, with the goal of smuggling out intelligence and building a resistance organization among the prisoners. Barely surviving nearly three years of brutality, starvation and disease, Pilecki accomplished his mission before escaping in April 1943. [Watch the book trailer.](#)

The Auschwitz Volunteer won the 2012 PROSE Award for Biography & Autobiography from the Association of American Publishers, the only independently published book to win a PROSE award that year; and the 2013 Silver Benjamin Franklin Award for Autobiography/Memoir. It was a Featured Selection of the History Book Club, and a Selection of the Book-of-the-Month Club and the Military Book Club.

To learn more, see [About the Book](#).

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