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## ***The Auschwitz Volunteer Finnish Rights Sold***

*Extraordinary Report on Auschwitz Undercover Mission Goes to Minerva Kustannus Oy*

Los Angeles, California, September 9, 2015 — **Aquila Polonica Publishing** recently sold Finnish rights to its award-winning book, *The Auschwitz Volunteer: Beyond Bravery* by Captain Witold Pilecki, to **Minerva Kustannus Oy**, Helsinki, in a direct sale.

*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book received rave reviews from major media, including ***The New York Times Sunday Book Review***, which calls it "a historical document of the greatest importance."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."

"We're very excited to bring the story of Witold Pilecki's heroic mission at Auschwitz, which is one of the most dramatic stories of World War II, to readers in Finland," said Juhani Korolainen, Managing Director of Minerva Kustannus Oy.

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. It is available in hardcover, paperback, audiobook and ebook formats.

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

Aquila Polonica controls all subsidiary rights for *The Auschwitz Volunteer*. To date, the following translation rights have been licensed: Chinese—complex; Chinese—simplified; Finnish; German; Italian; Japanese; Portuguese (Portugal). All other translation rights are currently available.

Aquila Polonica is an award-winning independent publisher based in Los Angeles, specializing in publishing, in English, the World War II experience of Poland—the first of the Allies to fight Hitler. See more at: [www.AquilaPolonica.com](http://www.AquilaPolonica.com)