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Fighting Auschwitz: The Resistance Movement in the Concentration Camp **Finalist in 2018 INDIES Book of the Year Awards**

Los Angeles, California, March 19, 2019 — *Fighting Auschwitz: The Resistance Movement in the Concentration Camp* by Jozef Garlinski (Aquila Polonica Publishing, September 2018) has been named as a finalist for the 2018 INDIES Book of the Year Awards in the category of **Adult Nonfiction/History**.

The INDIE Book of the Year Awards are sponsored by *Foreword Reviews* as part of its mission to discover, review and share the best books from university and independent publishers. Finalists were chosen by the publication's editorial team from more than 2,000 submissions across 56 genres. Winners are now being decided by a panel of librarian and bookseller judges from across the country, and will be announced June 15, 2019 at 2 p.m.

Fighting Auschwitz is the incredible story of the prisoner underground at the infamous Auschwitz concentration camp.

“The definitive study of the topic,” says Professor Antony Polonsky, Emeritus Professor of Holocaust Studies, Brandeis University, and Chief Historian, POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Warsaw, who wrote the Introduction. The book also has a Foreword by Professor M. R. D. Foot, the outstanding British authority on resistance to the Nazi German occupation of Europe during World War II.

In this meticulously researched and highly readable work, Garlinski traces the evolution and operations of the principal prisoner resistance organizations inside the camp. He delves into the origins of and relationships among the various political and multinational factions within the prisoner population, including both male and female, and with the underground outside the camp. He describes their efforts against the brutal Nazi German SS men and informers.

In parallel, he documents the growth and evolution of Auschwitz itself from a German concentration camp for Polish political prisoners to an industrialized death factory for the Jews of Europe. The book is enhanced by more than 200 photos and maps, five Appendices, an extensive Bibliography and detailed Indexes.

Dr. Adam Cyra, Senior Curator, Dept. of Historical Research, Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum, calls *Fighting Auschwitz* “The best-documented and also the most extensive description of the heroic effort...at Auschwitz.”

“We’re very excited to learn that *Fighting Auschwitz* is a finalist in the 2018 INDIES Book of the Year Awards! This is the second award for which *Fighting Auschwitz* has recently been named a finalist, the other being the 2019 Benjamin Franklin Awards where it is a finalist in the category of History,” said Aquila Polonica president Terry Tegnazian. “This is an extremely important book which should be part of all Holocaust and WWII collections.”

For more info, including the video book trailer: www.polww2.com/AboutFightingAuschwitz.

About Jozef Garlinski: Garlinski (1913–2005) was a preeminent author, historian and chronicler of WWII, and particularly of Poland’s less well-known role as one of the Western Allies. On many topics his work was seminal, laying the foundation for later research and histories. *Fighting Auschwitz* is one such book.

During the war, Garlinski was a member of the Polish underground army, where he held several positions, including intelligence liaison with underground members imprisoned at Pawiak prison in Warsaw. In 1943, he was arrested by the Germans and sent to Auschwitz, and eventually transported to concentration camps at Neuengamme and Wittenberge. Following the war, Garlinski settled in England. He obtained his Ph.D. from the London School of Economics, was prominent in the Polish emigre community in the UK, and an active author and speaker throughout the remainder of his life.

Aquila Polonica Publishing, www.AquilaPolonica.com, is an award-winning independent publisher based in Los Angeles, specializing in publishing the Polish WWII experience in English. The company is a member of the Association of American Publishers (AAP) and the Independent Book Publishers Association (IBPA). Aquila Polonica’s titles are distributed to the trade in the U.S., Canada, U.K., Europe, Australia and New Zealand by National Book Network, www.nbnbooks.com, and are available from fine bookstores, online retailers, and all major wholesalers.

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