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## ***The Auschwitz Volunteer: Beyond Bravery— Now Available in Japanese***

Los Angeles, California, April 5, 2021 — A Japanese edition of *The Auschwitz Volunteer: Beyond Bravery* by Captain Witold Pilecki is now available. Japanese-language rights were acquired by Misuzu Shobo Publishers in Tokyo, from Aquila Polonica Publishing, Los Angeles. Aquila Polonica was represented in the transaction by Eriko Takeuchi of Japan UNI.

This new Japanese edition joins the German, Italian, Portuguese, Finnish, complex Chinese (Taiwan), and simple Chinese (Mainland China) editions of *The Auschwitz Volunteer*, previously licensed by Aquila Polonica to foreign publishers in those languages.

Called “one of the great heroes of the 20th century” by Nicholas Kristof of the *New York Times*, Pilecki’s bravery has few rivals. His story was almost completely unknown until recently.

In September 1940, Polish army officer Witold Pilecki volunteered for a secret undercover mission: get himself arrested by the Germans and sent to Auschwitz as a prisoner, in order to smuggle out intelligence to the Allies, and build a resistance organization among the prisoners. Pilecki accomplished this “mission impossible”—barely surviving nearly three years of brutality, starvation and disease before escaping.

*The Auschwitz Volunteer* is the first time that Pilecki’s most comprehensive report on his Auschwitz mission was published in English. Translated to English from Pilecki’s original Polish typescript by Jarek Garlinski, the book carries an Introduction by Prof. Norman Davies, and a Foreword by Rabbi Michael Schudrich, Chief Rabbi of Poland.

*The Auschwitz Volunteer* has received accolades from the *New York Times* Sunday Book Review, where it was named an Editors’ Choice, the *Wall St. Journal*, the *New Republic*, the *Atlantic*, *Tablet Magazine*, *Publishers Weekly*, the *Jewish Journal*, and numerous other sources. It won the PROSE Award for Biography and Autobiography from the Association of American Publishers, and the Silver Award for Autobiography/Memoir at the Independent Book Publishers Association Benjamin Franklin competition. 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. More info at <http://www.polww2.com/AboutAuschwitzVolunteer>.

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