



Conscience and Memory: Meditations in a Museum of the Holocaust (Hardback)

By Harold Kaplan

The University of Chicago Press, United States, 1994. Hardback. Condition: New. New.. Language: English . This book usually ship within 10-15 business days and we will endeavor to dispatch orders quicker than this where possible. Brand New Book. Prompted by the suicides of Jean Amery and Primo Levi, Harold Kaplan sought to find out what the Holocaust can be said to affirm even in the face of its overwhelming negation of meaning. I wrote this book, he explains, to translate the Holocaust out of the moral and intellectual shock which contemplates the alienation of humanity from itself. I wished to understand the crime against humanity as a viable category of the moral reason. And I wished to respond to the written testimony of Holocaust victims and survivors as if the issue of their survival were present to us today. Kaplan simulates the response to a long visit to the new Holocaust museum in Washington, DC, which, crucially for Kaplan, is sited in direct view of the Jefferson and Lincoln monuments, powerful symbols of humanist democracy. He insists the Holocaust be viewed not only in terms of personal ethics but modern political ethics as well: for Kaplan the affirmative legacy of...

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