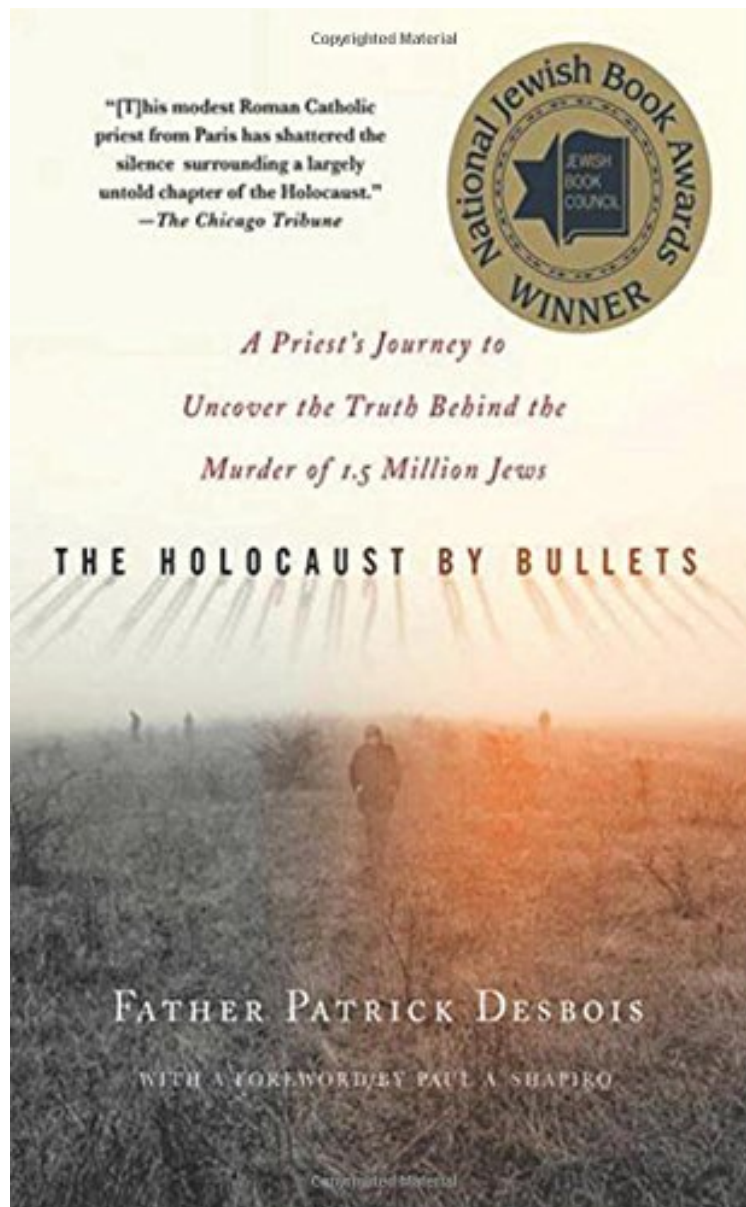


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The Holocaust by Bullets: A Priest's Journey to Uncover the Truth Behind the Murder of 1.5 Million Jews by Patrick Desbois is not a particularly well structured or well-written book, but its importance far outweighs its narrative flaws. Father Desbois spent the better part of a decade in rural, western Ukraine, searching out the mass graves of the Holocaust. Without his efforts, much of the testimony gathered in this book would be forever lost. Most of the people interviewed are old Ukrainian peasants who were children when the mass extermination of the Jews began. They were able to assist Father Desbois in finding mass graves. In turn, he collaborated their locations using German and Russian documents. He even oversaw a dig of a mass grave. This is important work. A million and half Jews were killed with guns. There was no need for capos, workers in crematorium, prisoners to maintain a work or death camp. So nearly all Jews were immediately killed; Jewish survivors are few and far between. So Father Desbois' work is a vital part of the history of the Holocaust. There are thousands of mass graves in the Ukraine. And he has done much work in identifying them, and in many cases, commemorating the sites.

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This is undoubtedly the most harrowing Holocaust related book I have ever read and I've read many. I applaud Father Dubois for this incredible journey he has undertaken - I cannot imagine doing what he has done, its hard enough just reading about it, but to be there, to see the pits, to speak to witnesses - I can't imagine how he sleeps at night. The witness testimonies were particularly difficult to read - I had always assumed Ukrainians willingly colluded and helped Nazis etc kills the Jews - but here we have a different view - that many were forcibly (at gun point) requisitioned to participate in the mass killings. This is a very hard book to read but a very important work! I can't keep thinking of it. I can't keep imagining what it must have been liked to be forced from my home with my loved ones, stripped and shot into a pit. It's unimaginable and yet it happened to 1.5 million human beings. Innocent human beings and so many little children.

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The poignant story of how a Catholic priest uncovered the truth behind the murder of one and a half million Ukrainian Jews
Father Patrick Desbois documents the daunting task of identifying and examining all the sites where Jews were exterminated by Nazi mobile units in the Ukraine in WWII. Using innovative methodology, interviews, and ballistic evidence, he has determined the location of many mass gravesites with the goal of providing proper burials for the victims of the forgotten Ukrainian Holocaust. Compiling new archival material and many eye-witness accounts, Desbois has put together the first definitive account of one of World War II's bloodiest chapters. Published with the support of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. "[T]his modest Roman Catholic priest from Paris, without using much more than his calm voice and Roman collar, has shattered the silence surrounding a largely untold chapter of the Holocaust." --The Chicago Tribune