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Conversations with Elie Wiesel is a far-ranging dialogue with the Nobel Peace Prize-winner on the major issues of our time and on life's timeless questions.

In open and lively responses to the probing questions and provocative comments of Richard D. Heffner—American historian, noted public television moderator/producer, and Rutgers University professor—Elie Wiesel covers fascinating and often perilous political and spiritual ground, expounding on issues global and local, individual and universal, often drawing anecdotally on his own life experience.

We hear from Wiesel on subjects that include the moral responsibility of both individuals and governments; the role of the state in our lives; the anatomy of hate; the threat of technology; religion, politics, and tolerance; nationalism; capital punishment, compassion, and mercy; and the essential role of historical memory.

These conversations present a valuable and thought-provoking distillation of the thinking of one of the world's most important and respected figures—a man who has become a moral beacon for our time.

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Tracy Morton says

I was looking for reflections on his experiences with the Holocaust. Although the book touches on that point in history the book itself is more a commentary on life. Wiesel is a wise man with good insights.

Theresa Malloy says

This book is a compilation of interviews and conversations between Elie Wiesel and his colleague Richard D. Heffner. The two delve explore topics of power, journalistic integrity, concern for humanity. I especially appreciated Wiesel's belief in bearing witness to tragedy and being there for victims. The trajectory of his journalistic career embodied this, and I think it's something journalists today can continue to practice and strive for in their reporting. I re-read several passages because Wiesel has a beautiful way of seeing the world.

Rebecca McNutt says

Elie Wiesel is one of my favorite authors. Most people who lived through the atrocities of the Holocaust would never be able to face the trauma by writing all about it. Wiesel's books about his experiences don't sugarcoat anything, they're definitely distressing, but there's always a note of hope in his stories, too. This book is no exception, and it answers many questions I had about him that I never knew before.

LPenting says

Rated "1" for hypocrisy.

<http://forward.com/articles/203581/lo...>

Mike says

Fantastic book. Great insight from a man who has been through and seen it all. I read this a few days before hearing him speak on the art of reconciliation language. Coupled with the lecture, it really helped me be more conscious of the words I use that may offend other people. When he spoke, he talked about developing conversation and unity between the three monotheistic faiths, and the fact that Jews and Christians communicate but tend to leave Muslims out of any healing process. Interesting things to think about.

He adds many sayings and stories from old rabbis, which makes him fun to listen to and read.

Alyssa says

A good source of opinions straight from the horses mouth, so to speak. Elie Wiesel's conversations with Richard Heffner are edited for the written word. The questions are thoughtful and Wiesel's responses shed light on the character of a very famous but humble man.

Mark Fallon says

The chapters are transcripts of extraordinary conversations between Wiesel and Heffner. The beauty of Wiesel's wisdom touches me every time I read any of his works.

Vanessa Braganza says

“How could a man or a woman participate in the killing of ten thousand people a day and not even feel it... It was a parallel universe. When people came there, the killers killed, the victims died, the sky was blue, and somewhere a man who was in charge of the bookkeeping wrote, “Today they killed 10,494.”...Had there been hate, it would not have been possible.”

Colleen says

Intense. A lot of life advice.
