Holocaust Fiction with a Twist: Christians Imagining Jews in the Shoah

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Five Goals for Christian Holocaust Fiction

• Express concern for Jews
• Grapple with the theological problem of evil
• Argue in favor of conversion to Christianity
• Demonstrate the resistance of “true Christians” during the Holocaust
• Provide compelling examples of loving and self-sacrificing Christians
Scope of the Study

- Novels written by evangelical Christians and published by evangelical publishers
- Events take place during or after World War II and involve major characters who are Jewish Holocaust survivors
Publishers

• Bethany House*
• Victor Press
• Moody Press
• Tyndale House
• Baker Books
Robert Elmer
Lynn Austin

LOUD AUSTIN

WHILE WE'RE FAR APART

A Novel
Bodie Thoene
Kerstin Sheldrake
David Horton
Ted Dekker

Obsessed
Conclusion

• Intended Audience
• Legitimacy of Writing from an Outsider’s Perspective
• Controversial Nature of Writing about Religious Conversion to Another Religion