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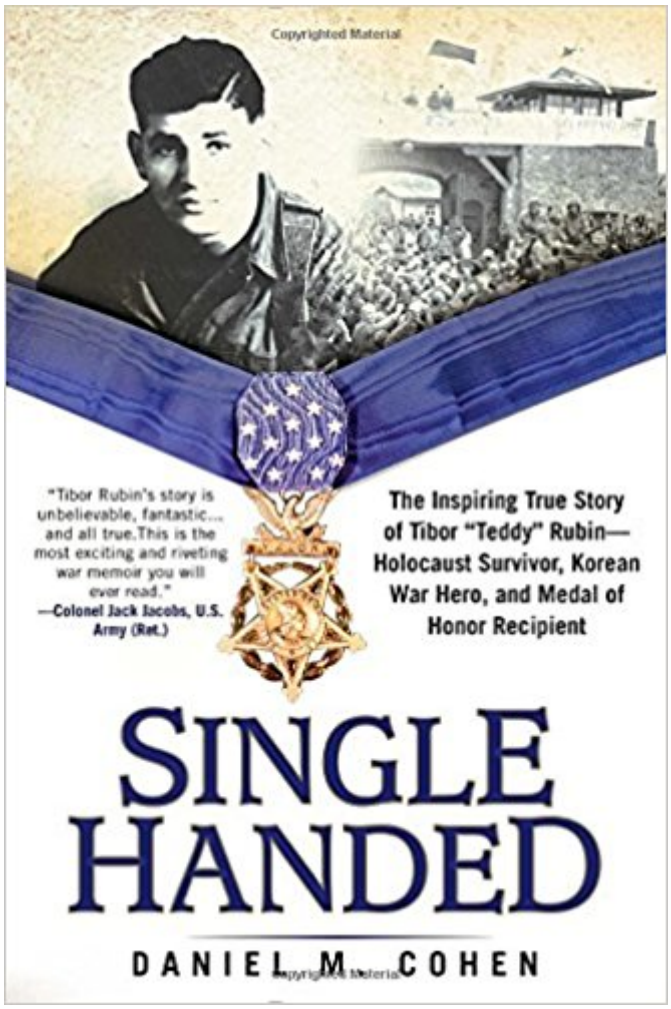

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Synopsis

From a World War II concentration camp to the Korean War to the White House, this is the incredible story of Tibor â œTeddyâ • Rubin, the only Holocaust survivor ever to receive a Medal of Honor...In 1944, a thirteen-year-old Hungarian boy named Tibor Rubin was captured by the Nazis and sent to the notorious Mauthausen concentration camp. The teenager endured its horrors for more than a year. After surviving the Holocaust, he arrived penniless in America, barely speaking English.In 1950, Tibor volunteered for service in the Korean War. After acts of heroism that included single-handedly defending a hill against an onslaught of enemy soldiers, braving sniper fire to rescue a wounded comrade, and commandeering a machine gun after its crew was killed, he was captured. As a POW, Tibor called on his experience in Mauthausen to help fellow GIs survive two and half years of captivity.Tibor returned from Korea in 1953, but it wasnâ ™t until 2005â ”at age 76â ”that he was invited to the White House, where he received the Medal of Honor from President George W. Bush. It had taken over half a century for Tiborâ ™s adopted homeland to recognize this Jewish immigrant for acts of valor that went â œbeyond the call of duty.â • But when it did, the former Hungarian refugee became the only survivor of the Holocaust to have earned Americaâ ™s highest military distinction.Drawing on eyewitness accounts and extensive interviews, author Daniel M. Cohen presents the inspiring story of Tibor â œTeddyâ • Rubin for the first time in its entirety and gives us a stirring portrait of a true hero.INCLUDES PHOTOS

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Imagine you’re a 13-year old Jewish boy forced to flee your home in Hungary to avoid being taken

by the Nazis. Only miles from the Swiss border, you’re captured and sent to the dreaded Mauthausen concentration camp where a single misstep - a defiant look, a botched work assignment, a single louse in your hair - could mean instant execution. Through guile, courage and luck, you survive the Holocaust and make your way to America. While other young refugees are busy milking the opportunities in their new homeland, you do the unthinkable and enlist in the U.S. Armywhere you volunteer to fight the communists in Korea. The enemy is fierce but the greatest danger lies in the bigotry of a redneck U.S. Sergeant who continually puts you in harms way because you’re a Jew. Fighting valiantly to save yourself and your fellow soldiers, your bravery will earn the praise of commanding officers who twice recommend you for the Medal of Honor - an award you won’t receive for another 50 years.There’s no need to ’imagine’ any such tale. Tibor ’Teddy’ Rubin lived it all, and Daniel M. Cohen brings his remarkable journey to light in his riveting new book, SINGLE HANDED(Penguin). In his brilliant recounting of Tibor’s amazing odyssey, Cohen offers such vibrant detail and honest, raw emotion that we can almost feel the terror and utter deprivation of of the Nazi death camp, and the numbing cold and carnage of the bloody Korean battlefield. What stands out amid the horror and struggle , though, is the indefatigable, upbeat spirit of the spritely little Hungarian who went far, far above the call of duty, continually placing himself in harm’s way to protect his fellow prisoners and soldiers, only to see his bravery and sacrifice ignored by the country he loved and fought for.

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