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Grandpa, what did you do in World War II? Albert Stohl is an old man with a hidden past. He was at Auschwitz. But, not as an inmate. Now he has to tell his story to his daughter and grandchildren. What will they think? How will he explain what he did and why? Will they ever see him the same way again? If you've ever said to yourself "I couldn't have been a perpetrator of the Holocaust," you need to read this book. And then ask yourself. what would YOU do? Well researched and technically detailed, the book takes you behind-the-scenes and into the machinery of Auschwitz and other Nazi death camps, as told from the viewpoint of an engineer. A classic historical fiction tale of an ordinary person in extraordinary circumstances. About The Author Roger Collins is a software engineer living near Bodega Bay, California. An avid reader of history, Melting Point is his first published work.

## **Melting Point Details**

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## **From Reader Review Melting Point for online ebook**

### **Adriana says**

It's a fiction book written to show us how people can become complacent. Tiny allowances. Tiny compromises and before you know it you don't know how you got to this place.

It was still hard to read because your conscience is still beating away at you as you read how someone can make an excuse for an extreme evil.

I did like the book. It teaches how to understand so WE WON'T REPEAT our mistakes.

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### **Kate Blumenthal says**

A totally new perspective of crematoriums and the people who built them during the holocaust.

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### **Jan says**

Novel about Auschwitz with a much different perspective. An engineer who helped build and run the ovens. Moral dilemma! A good "what would you do" book.

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### **Susan says**

I have written reviews for this on Yelp, on BookCrossings, and on at least one other book site...and am pleased to write this one on GoodReads. No spoilers...but the book moves between current day Sonoma County (on the coast) and Nazi Germany, with surprising clarity. I think the books answers the question: how did so many Germans get caught up in the war? Or..more pointedly: how can a good person, just doing his job with care and reverence, end up working in a concentration camp? Then how did he end up married, with children and grandchildren, in coastal California? VERY well researched, timely, and revealing. Worth reading again, and again...because you get more each time.

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### **Devan says**

I read this entire book thinking it was a true story. When I found out it was fiction, I was relieved.

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### **Calli says**

This book was really interesting. It was a really unique look at a story that is told so often. It kept me interested all the way to the end.

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**Cari says**

Well researched book which hypothesized that some Germans were just trying to live a life. The factual parts of the Holocaust were well presented. The fictional overlay of this man's life was poignant and sad. I enjoyed the book.

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**Sandra Huett says**

I really enjoyed this book. It was horrifying in places, and whilst a work of fiction it is probably fairly close to reality. My only complaint is that the author rambled on a bit about the ovens and the bits and pieces that make them work. I really didn't need to know all that.

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**C.E. says**

Actually, it is a three and three fourths star.... Though well written it does get a bit expository, and the narrator's natural point of empathy for the victims of the Nazis is not mentioned much in the last half of the book. But a good look at how decent folks do awful things.

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**Lynsy says**

Pretty good. I enjoyed the story, but there were moments where the facts clouded the story and it read almost like a textbook. Other than those moments, it was a good read from an interesting perspective.

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**Emily says**

The quality of the writing fluctuates in this self published book. If you can put its failings aside, the book is quite poignant. It will make you question what your role might have been, had you lived as a German when Hitler was in power.

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