

**Foreword**  
**By Tom Lantos**

As a freshman member of the US Congress in 1981, I was proud to introduce legislation making Holocaust hero Raoul Wallenberg an honorary US citizen. My wife, Annette, and I were both ultimately saved by Wallenberg's valiant efforts in Hungary, and we have dedicated a good part of our lives both to preserving this hero's story and to finding out what became of him after World War II. This has been a long and trying road, but we have been fortunate to meet many fascinating and devoted Wallenberg historians along the way. Morris Wolff is one of the most distinguished among them.

In April of 1983, Morris came to Washington to meet with Annette and me regarding the fate of Raoul Wallenberg. His intent was to file a lawsuit against the Soviet Union seeking Wallenberg's immediate release. I invited him to testify before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, providing a platform to tell the Congress and the world of his plans. After his testimony, Morris received unanimous support from our committee and from Senator Claiborne Pell, then Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Morris filed his complaint with the US District Court in February 1984. Then he and I appeared together on national television to explain the purpose of the lawsuit: Raoul Wallenberg was an innocent man who had been wrongfully imprisoned for nearly 40 years; he deserved to be freed and he deserved compensation for this egregious wrongdoing.

In this book, Morris has woven an intricate story that not only tells of Wallenberg's heroic efforts, but also includes personal accounts of those who knew Wallenberg, along with new information about the involvement of the US, Swedish, and Soviet governments.

This book will surely strike a chord with many audiences, ranging from students just learning about Holocaust history to historians interested in more deeply examining the roles of Holocaust heroes like Wallenberg. They will come away from this story with a greater understanding and more profound appreciation for a man who personified the idea that we truly are our brother's keepers. Raoul Wallenberg's story as a hero and humanitarian deserves to be told, and Morris Wolff has done so with dedication and skill.

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