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About the Author

H. G. Adler (1910-88), poet, novelist, and scholar, was deported with his family to the Theresienstadt Ghetto in 1942. From there, they were moved to Auschwitz and then to the outlying camps of Buchenwald. Eighteen members of his family, including his first wife Gertrud Klepetar, perished in the camps. He returned to his birthplace of Prague in 1945, and then went into voluntary exile in the United Kingdom in 1947, where he wrote a total of twenty-seven books, including the celebrated Holocaust novels *The Journey*, *Panorama*, and *The Wall*. He received several prizes for his work, including the Leo Baeck Prize for Theresienstadt, 1941-1945.

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