

Confessions of a Butterfly

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by Jonathan Salt

It is August 5th 1942.

Janusz Korczak leads the 200 children in his care through the streets of the Warsaw Ghetto to the trains waiting to transport them to their deaths in Treblinka.

We spend the last hours in his company in the Ghetto orphanage as he contemplates his life and prepares to meet his destiny.

Janusz Korczak, the renowned Polish Jewish educator, physician, writer and director of two orphanages in Warsaw, created a progressive utopian home for the children in his care. His work became the basis for the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

In 1940 his Jewish orphanage was closed by the Nazis, and he and the children were moved into the Warsaw Ghetto. Despite offers of escape he always refused to abandon them to their fate.

"Children are not the people of tomorrow, but people today. They are entitled to be taken seriously. They have a right to be treated by adults with tenderness and respect, as equals. They should be allowed to grow into whoever they were meant to be — the unknown person inside each of them is the hope for the future"

Janusz Korczak

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