

# JAKOB THE LIAR

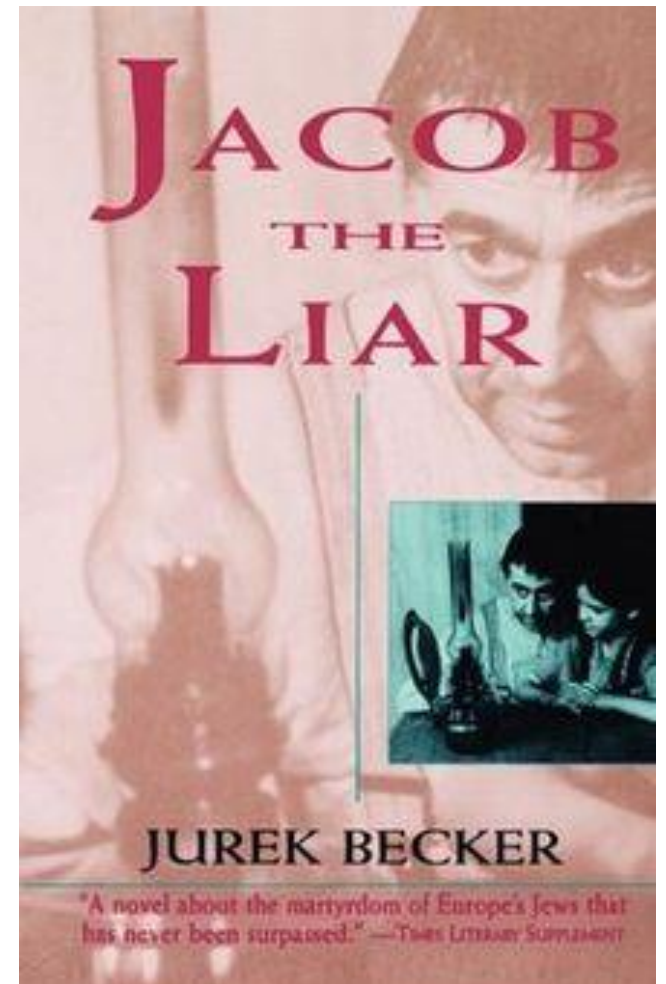
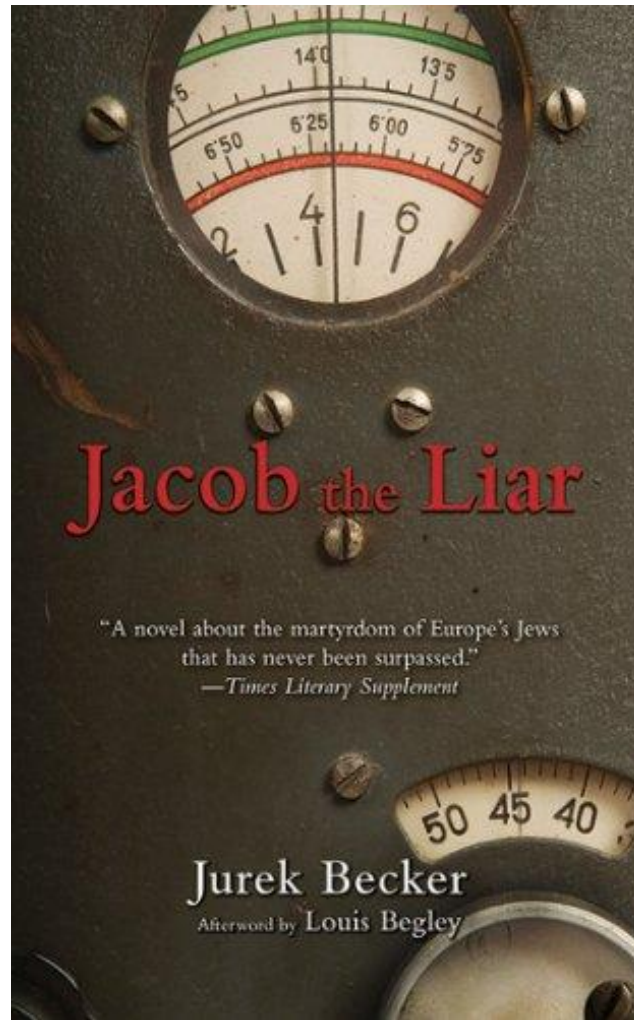
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# THE BOOK





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- 30 SEPTEMBER 1937 IN POLAND - 14 MARCH 1997
- GERMAN AND POLAND
- HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR
- HIS MOTHER DIED IN A CONCENTRATION CAMP, BUT HIS FATHER SURVIVED, AND THEY WERE REUNITED AFTER WAR
- BECKER DIED IN 1997 OF COLON CANCER THAT WAS DIAGNOSED IN DECEMBER 1995





- NAME IN GERMAN: JAKOB DER LÜGNER
- THE NOVEL HAS TWO DIFFERENT VERSIONS: JACOB THE LIAR (1975) BY FRANK BEYER, WHICH WAS NOMINATED FOR BEST FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM AT THE ACADEMY AWARDS, AND JAKOB THE LIAR (1999), STARRING ROBIN WILLIAMS.



# PLOT OF THE STORY

IN POLAND, IN EARLY 1944 A POLISH JEWISH NAMED JAKOB HEYM IS SUMMONED TO THE GERMAN HEADQUARTERS AFTER BEING FALSELY ACCUSED OF BEING AWAY AFTER THE CURFEW. AS THE COMMANDER MAKES HIM WAIT FOR THE CURFEW TO LATER SEND HIM HOME, JAKOB LISTENS TO A GERMAN RADIO SHOW THAT TALKS ABOUT THE SOVIET OFFENSIVES. WHEN HE RETURNS TO THE GHETTO, HE SHARES THAT INFORMATION WITH A FRIEND OF HIS, MISCHA, AND THEREAFTER A STRONG RUMOR IS CREATED THAT THERE IS A SECRET RADIO HIDDEN IN THE GHETTO. AFTER DOUBTING A LOT ABOUT THE MATTER, JAKOB DECIDES TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPREAD HOPE THROUGHOUT THE GHETTO BY TELLING FANTASTIC AND OPTIMISTIC STORIES, WHICH HE ALLEGEDLY HEARD FROM "HIS SECRET RADIO", HIS LIES KEEP HOPE AND REKINDLE THE HUMOR AMONG THE ISOLATED INHABITANTS .

IN ADDITION TO THE LIES HE HAS A REAL SECRET, IN HIS HOME HE HIDES A YOUNG JEWISH EIGHT YEAR OLD GIRL WHO ESCAPED FROM A DEPORTATION TRAIN THAT WAS HEADING TO THE DEATH CAMP. SOMEHOW THE GESTAPO FINDS OUT ABOUT THE RUMOR AND SENDS FOR THE HERO OF THE RESISTANCE WHO DARED TO MAKE IT WORK. JAKOB SURRENDERS TO THE GERMANS AFTER THEY THREATENED TO ASSASSINATE SEVERAL PEOPLE IF THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE WAS NOT FOUND.

DURING THE INTERROGATION TO WHICH HE IS SUBJECTED, HE CONFESSES THAT THE LITTLE INFORMATION HE OBTAINED WAS THANKS TO THE RADIO OF THE SAME COMMANDER, WHO DID NOT REALIZE THAT AT THE TIME. HE IS ORDERED TO PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE THAT IT WAS ALL A LIE, SO THAT THE LIQUIDATION OF THE GHETTO PROCEEDS IN AN ORDERLY MANNER. WHEN HE APPEARS BEFORE THE PUBLIC, BEATEN AND BARELY STANDING, HE REFUSES TO TELL THE TRUTH BUT IS KILLED BEFORE HE CAN MAKE HIS OWN SPEECH.

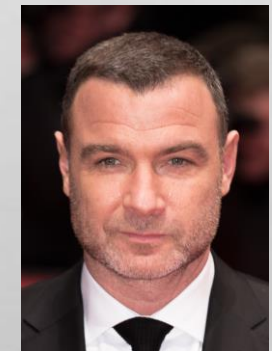
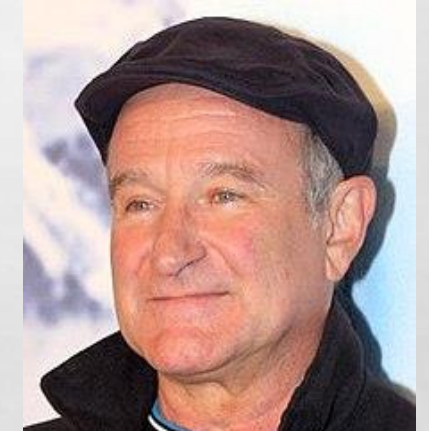
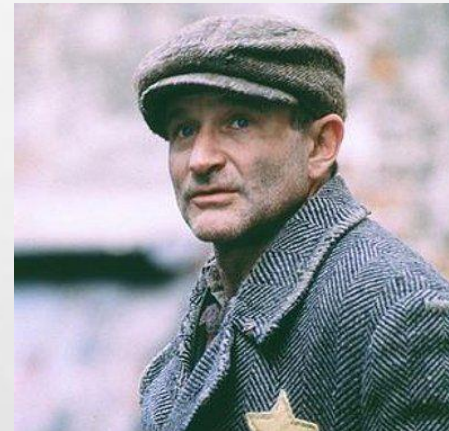
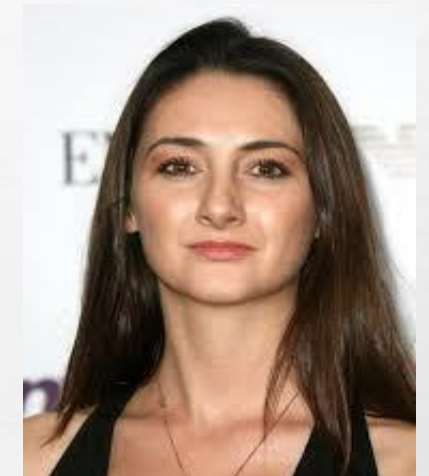
# DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE NOVEL AND THE MOVIES

- LINA (THE YOUNG WOMAN WHO ESCAPED THE DEPORTATION TRAIN) IS NOT LIVING WITH JAKOB FROM THE BEGINNING BUT MEETS HER ON HER WAY HOME FROM THE GESTAPO STATION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FILM
- THE RADIO NEWS IS FIRST TOLD TO MISCHA TO PREVENT HIM FROM TRYING TO STEAL POTATOES OUT OF A GERMAN MILITARY TRAIN
- JAKOB IS NEVER CAPTURED AND INTERROGATED BUT IS DEPORTED ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE JEWS AND PRESUMABLY DIES IN AN EXTERMINATION CAMP
- IN THE ALTERNATE ENDING OF THE FILM JAKOB IS KILLED IN FRONT OF THE GHETTO, HOWEVER IN THE ALTERNATE ENDING OF THE BOOK, HE IS KILLED IN AN ESCAPE ATTEMPT



# JAKOB THE LIAR (1999) MAIN CHARACTERS AND THEIR ACTORS

- LINA (HANNA TAYLOR GORDON)
- JAKOB HEYM (ROBIN WILLIAMS)
- MISCHA (LIEV SCHREIBER)



# CLIPS FROM THE MOVIE (1999)



















# JAKOB DER LÜGNER (1975)





# JAKOB THE LIAR (1975) MAIN CHARACTERS AND THEIR ACTORS. BY FRANK BEYER

**MISCHA**



**HENRY HÜBCHEN**

**JAKOB HEYM**

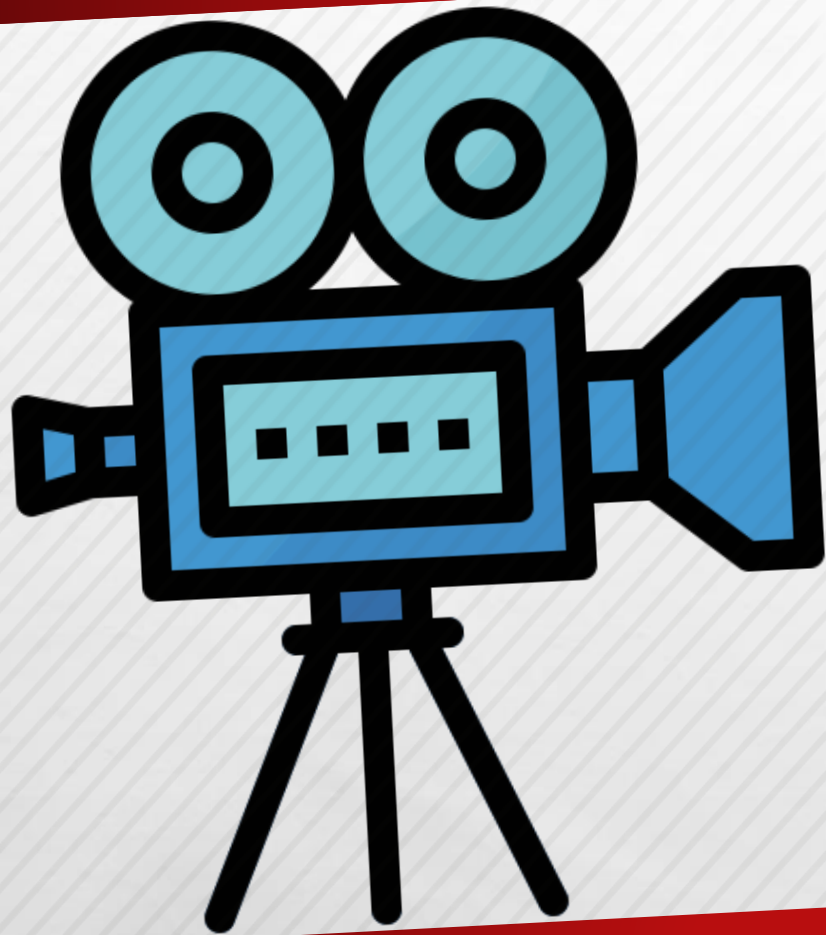


**VLASTIMIL BRODŠKÝ**

**LINA**



**MANUELA SIMON**



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