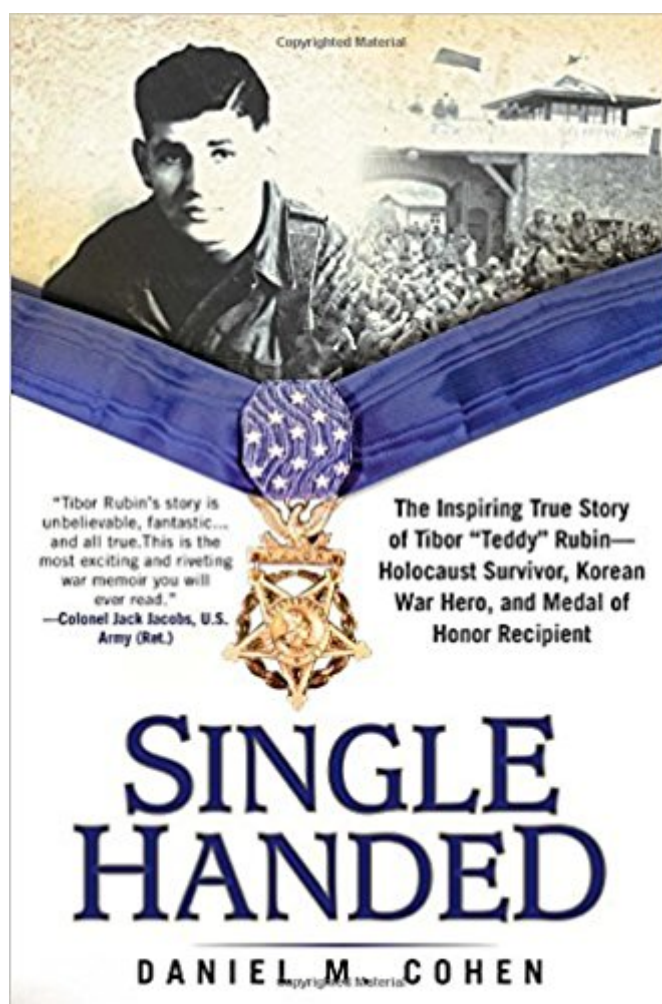


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# Single Handed: The Inspiring True Story Of Tibor "Teddy" Rubin--Holocaust Survivor, Korean War Hero, And Medal Of Honor Recipient





## Synopsis

From a World War II concentration camp to the Korean War to the White House, this is the incredible story of Tibor "Teddy" Rubin, the only Holocaust survivor ever to receive a Medal of Honor...In 1944, a thirteen-year-old Hungarian boy named Tibor Rubin was captured by the Nazis and sent to the notorious Mauthausen concentration camp. The teenager endured its horrors for more than a year. After surviving the Holocaust, he arrived penniless in America, barely speaking English. In 1950, Tibor volunteered for service in the Korean War. After acts of heroism that included single-handedly defending a hill against an onslaught of enemy soldiers, braving sniper fire to rescue a wounded comrade, and commandeering a machine gun after its crew was killed, he was captured. As a POW, Tibor called on his experience in Mauthausen to help fellow GIs survive two and half years of captivity. Tibor returned from Korea in 1953, but it wasn't until 2005 at age 76 that he was invited to the White House, where he received the Medal of Honor from President George W. Bush. It had taken over half a century for Tibor's adopted homeland to recognize this Jewish immigrant for acts of valor that went "beyond the call of duty." But when it did, the former Hungarian refugee became the only survivor of the Holocaust to have earned America's highest military distinction. Drawing on eyewitness accounts and extensive interviews, author Daniel M. Cohen presents the inspiring story of Tibor "Teddy" Rubin for the first time in its entirety and gives us a stirring portrait of a true hero. INCLUDES PHOTOS

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## Customer Reviews

Praise for Single-Handed: "Tibor Rubin's story is unbelievable, fantastic and all true. This is the most exciting and riveting war memoir you will ever read." Jack Jacobs, Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired) "Daniel Cohen has captured the essence of unblemished character and raw courage during the Holocaust and the Korean War, demonstrating that heroism outlasts prejudice. We are in Tibor's debt for his distinguished service under the most challenging conditions. We are in Cohen's debt for making Rubin's story accessible to the American public." Colonel Cole C. Kingseed, coauthor of Beyond Band of Brothers and author of Conversations with Major Dick Winters "Captivating from page one, Single-Handed is an epic survival story layered with meaning and told with ferocity and honesty. Author Daniel M. Cohen details the life of Medal of Honor recipient Corporal Tibor Rubin, an unlikely hero who embodied faith, charity, and valor in the most horrific of conditions. Rubin's life story offers a narrative of the truly extraordinary. It is vastly important in its telling, finally uncovered like a long-lost gemstone." Marcus Brotherton, bestselling author of Shifty War "All American heroes are not homegrown. Meet Tibor Rubin, a Hungarian Jew who survives the hell of a Nazi death camp, emigrates to America, joins the U.S. Army where, despite virulent anti-Semitism, he serves in the Korean War, earning the Congressional Medal of Honor for his selfless valor in defense of his comrades and his adopted nation. A real page-turner." Larry Alexander, national bestselling author of Biggest Brother and coauthor of A Higher Call

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Having just completed Daniel M. Cohen's brilliant life story on Tibor "Teddy" Rubin, I can state that, were it not so richly researched and verified from numerous sources, one might very likely come to the conclusion that it is simply too incredible to be believed. What makes this man's life story so utterly amazing is that it is a combination - to the nth degree - of so many admirable human qualities, any one of which all of us would like to possess. They are sacrifice, duty, patriotism, resilient toughness, selfless courage of the highest order, unequalled compassion and tolerance toward the faults in others. And often to near saintly proportions. Refreshingly, all of these are leavened throughout with Tibor's self-deprecating

humor. One cannot read this book without standing in awe of this man. As for the writing, the degree of difficulty in simply telling the story of a young Jew who survived both a Nazi concentration camp as well as the Korean War in addition to being a POW of same, would be a frustratingly high bar to leap. Considering such obstacles as faulty long ago memories, the predictable fatalities of those who could provide detail and the murky "fog of war," it can't imagine the amount of work that went into such a biography. To have succeeded, however, in such convincing and compelling fashion warrants a hearty salute to the writer, one who should be admired simply for recognizing the, yes, single handed greatness of his subject, then choosing to make that long, hard slog up the hill to tell Tibor Rubin's heroic life story. Bravo, Daniel M. Cohen. Bravo!

Imagine you're a 13-year old Jewish boy forced to flee your home in Hungary to avoid being taken by the Nazis. Only miles from the Swiss border, you're captured and sent to the dreaded Mauthausen concentration camp where a single misstep - a defiant look, a botched work assignment, a single louse in your hair - could mean instant execution. Through guile, courage and luck, you survive the Holocaust and make your way to America. While other young refugees are busy milking the opportunities in their new homeland, you do the unthinkable and enlist in the U.S. Army where you volunteer to fight the communists in Korea. The enemy is fierce but the greatest danger lies in the bigotry of a redneck U.S. Sergeant who continually puts you in harms way because you're a Jew. Fighting valiantly to save yourself and your fellow soldiers, your bravery will earn the praise of commanding officers who twice recommend you for the Medal of Honor - an award you won't receive for another 50 years. There's no need to 'imagine' any such tale. Tibor 'Teddy' Rubin lived it all, and Daniel M. Cohen brings his remarkable journey to light in his riveting new book, *SINGLE HANDED* (Penguin). In his brilliant recounting of Tibor's amazing odyssey, Cohen offers such vibrant detail and honest, raw emotion that we can almost feel the terror and utter deprivation of the Nazi death camp, and the numbing cold and carnage of the bloody Korean battlefield. What stands out amid the horror and struggle, though, is the indefatigable, upbeat spirit of the spritely little Hungarian who went far, far above the call of duty, continually placing himself in harm's way to protect his fellow prisoners and soldiers, only to see his bravery and sacrifice ignored by the country he loved and fought for. Painstakingly researched and drawn from hours of interviews with Rubin, his relatives and friends, *SINGLE HANDED* gives us a life-affirming portrait of a caring, humble, remarkable man whose life defines the terms 'hero' and 'patriot'.

I just finished reading this well-written book and I found it to be fascinating! What an interesting person the hero, Tibor Rubin, is! First, he somehow survives a horrible World War II concentration camp. He then decides to emigrate to the United States, and before he even becomes a citizen, he decides to join the military to help fight in Korea. Then he somehow survives several years as a POW during the Korean War. And worse of all, he had to put up with a very prejudiced commanding officer who hated blacks, Jews and any one else who was different. Through all his trials and tribulations, he is able to help his comrades, finds food for all and literally helps to save lives of his comrades. He always had a great attitude and was an asset to anyone who knew him. What a wonderful person Tibor Rubin is! I wish everyone had his attitude, fortitude and sense of humor. I loved this book and I highly recommend it!

Very Excellent coverage of an amazing tale of a death camp survivor, veteran of the Korea War, and survivor of POW camps in North Korea who lived to help the other soldiers in the POW camp survived. As well as the sad old tale of those in positions of authority (meaning Americans in the military and politics, who take out their personal biases against a race or religion or ethnic group on various individuals.

A true story of patriotism and heroism, by an exceptional person. The hardships Tibor Rubin endured through his life, from surviving the concentration camp, to survival at the hands of the North Koreans as a P.O.W. is mind boggling, especially as he always put the health & welfare of those around him first. One of the most exceptional persons I have ever read about.

Vividly told story of an amazing life. Tibor is forced from a boy into a man very young during WWII and decides to repay liberation by the American army by serving in the Korean War. The way Tibor survives, prevails, and helps his fellow GIs to live through their experiences as a POW is inspiring and heroic. Tibor's story was all the more personal for me because it eerily parallels that of my father, who also survived the concentration camps to come to the US and then serve as a GI.

Incredible story of an incredible man abused by the anti-Semitism rampant in the armed forces during the Korean war. Easily could have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor three (!) times when no other person has received it more than once!!!! Despite all his travails justice finally prevailed when at the age of 80 he finally received the MOH. Great read.

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