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Family Stories are Also History: Two Jews in the Time of Stalin and Hitler

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Ivan Jablonka’s grandmother and grandfather were deported to Auschwitz in 1943 where they met their deaths. Over sixty years later, Jablonka embarked on a journey to discover not only what happened to his grandparents but also who they were. He traced their steps from France back to Poland, where they were activists in the Communist Party. As refugees in Paris in the late 1930s, their experiences eerily evoke the European refugee crisis of today. The story Ivan Jablonka tells, interweaving their story with his own, reconstructs the passionate lives of two Jews in the first half of the twentieth century and brings their memory vividly to life for his readers.

Recent Publications by Ivan Jablonka:

• L’Enfant-Shoah, PUF, 2014
• Le monde au XXIIe siècle. Utopies pour après-demain, PUF, 2014 (co-edited with Nicolas Delalande)
• L’histoire est une littérature contemporaine. Manifeste pour les sciences sociales, Seuil, 2014
• Le corps des autres, Seuil, 2015

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