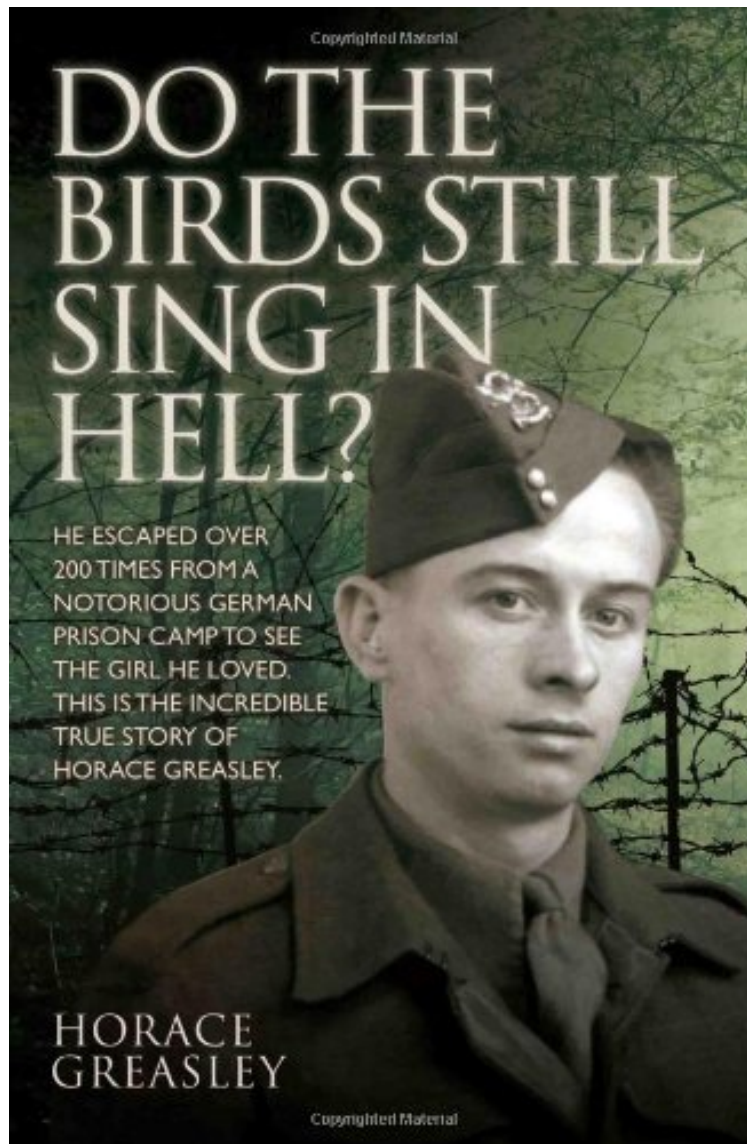


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Horace Greasley : Do the Birds Still Sing in Hell? before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Do the Birds Still Sing in Hell?:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The sex scenes are written really oddly and read like a romance novel By Nandi La Sophia I was interested in this book because of it's historical value- because it's a very personal story/account of one of the most horrific events to take place in the 20th century from a point of view I am unfamiliar with- The British. Horace Greasley and the men who are prisoners of war with him, go through unimaginable

suffering and psychological anguish in German work camps- winters without proper shelter- bone broth for sustenance, watching their friends and comrades die at the hands of the SS- Rapist guards, dysentery, lice infestation, rats and all sorts. There are passages that I could have lived without, sex scenes between Horace and his secret ally, a woman called Rose. The sex scenes are written really oddly and read like a romance novel, which I really didn't care for. I just skim past them until they're done. I think I understand why they are written in a lingering and detailed way- The experience for Horace must have been indescribably important and life-saving. I think that even though the subject matter is incredibly dark, it was written by a happy person and this shows in the lightness of the despair- if that makes sense. The word choices and phrasing is to me, immature and needs a bit more emotion. The story still interests me greatly as I think Horace Greasley is a hero with a fascinating story, one that could make a great film if it were written by someone with a bit more heaviness to their style. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. What a fabulous read!! By Carol Dierdorff I was interested in this book from the start. Since my father was also a POW in WWII I and didn't speak of it much I was hoping to learning about life in a prisoner of war camp. The book didn't disappoint me. Mr. Scott told the story as he heard it from Horace who was 89. Jim waited nearly 70 years to tell his story. I feel privileged to have read it. I can only imagine how reliving those horrors of war helped him bring some closure for him. The story was told in a very compelling and vivid way. I felt I was there with Jim and Rose! As a reader it was an emotional ride as the graphic description of the prisoners' suffering was revealed. I kept asking myself how such horrific and barbaric acts could be committed toward another human being. The author really made the horrors of war REAL and personal through Jim's story. While Jim was seeing and feeling the horrors of war he also experienced a love that was warm and tender. The love helped keep him and his fellow prisoners human and sane. As long as their story unfolded I had hope for humanity. I am sure Jim felt the same. This is an incredible story of survival and triumph. It also shows how one or two people can affect a hundred. The influence, leadership and hope Jim and Rose showed his fellow prisoners feel brave and feel hopeful they will defeat the enemy and return home. The bond of these men in the prison was incredible. The true character of the individuals I met through the story should their character under adversity. They were truly a band of brothers. I enjoyed the book mainly because I learned more about what my own father went through as a POW. I would highly recommend this book to others and hope that it becomes a major motion picture. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Awesome book, sad ending. After all Horace had been through to lose his Rose that way was so unfortunate. Was the baby his or had she been taped, we will never know. By Granny Locks Awesome book, sad ending. After all Horace had been through to lose his Rose that way was so unfortunate. Was the baby his or had she been raped, we will never know.

An incredible true tale of one man's courage and defiance of the German nation in the name of love Horace "Jim" Greasley was 20 years old in the spring of 1939 when Adolf Hitler invaded Czechoslovakia and Poland. There had been whispers and murmurs of discontent from certain quarters and the British government began to prepare for the inevitable war. After seven weeks training with the 2nd/5th Battalion Leicester, he found himself facing the might of the German army in a muddy field in Northern France, with just 30 rounds of ammunition in his weapon pouch. Horace's war didn't last long. He was taken prisoner on May 25th, 1940 and forced to endure a 10 week march across France and Belgium en route to Holland. Horace survived, barely, but many of his comrades were not so fortunate. Falling by the side of the road through exhaustion and malnourishment meant a bullet through the back of the head and the corpse left to rot. After a three day train journey without food and water, Horace found himself incarcerated in a prison camp in Poland. It was there he embarked on an incredible love affair with a German girl interpreting for his captors. He experienced the sweet taste of freedom each time he escaped to see her, yet incredibly he made his way back into the camp each time—sometimes two or three times a week. He broke out of the camp more than 200 times, often bringing food back to his fellow prisoners to supplement their meager rations, and toward the end of the war even managed to bring radio parts back in, allowing the BBC news to be delivered daily to more than 3,000 prisoners.

About the Author Horace Greasley (1918–2010) was an English POW who escaped from his camp more than 200 times.