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An exceptional book about extraordinary people living in extraordinary times.
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A Family Saga of Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Henry R. Lew

This new, engaging biography of Lonek Lew, the author's father, is told through the lives of over twenty people he was friendly or associated with, a number of whom were historical figures such as Jan Karski, Jacob Tobias and Ida Kaminska.

Using his father's clear and detailed accounts of his life in pre-war Poland, the Holocaust and his colourful life in Melbourne, as well as personal meetings and memories, the author assembles portraits of extraordinary people living through extraordinary events.

My only regret on completing it is that I have not met any of them personally – Christopher Bantick.

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About the author: Henry R. Lew is a practising ophthalmic surgeon who has written, lectured and made movies on professional subjects.

His first book, *Horace Brodzky* (1987) was featured on television on ABC TV's '7.30 Report', the Dinny O'Hearn program and 'Clive Robertson's Newsworld', and also formed the basis of a Commonwealth Government funded exhibition, as part of Australia's Bicentennial Celebrations of 1988. The second book, *In Search of Derwent Lees* (1996), featured on TV's 'Postcards' and the 'Bert Newton Show', helped to raise in excess of \$110,000 for Sane Australia (formerly Schizophrenia Australia), with a national touring exhibition. It was also used worldwide by the American drug company Eli Lilly to promote the release of its new successful drug for schizophrenia, Zyprexa.

The Five Walking Sticks (2000) was 'Pick of the Week' in the Melbourne Age in 2002.

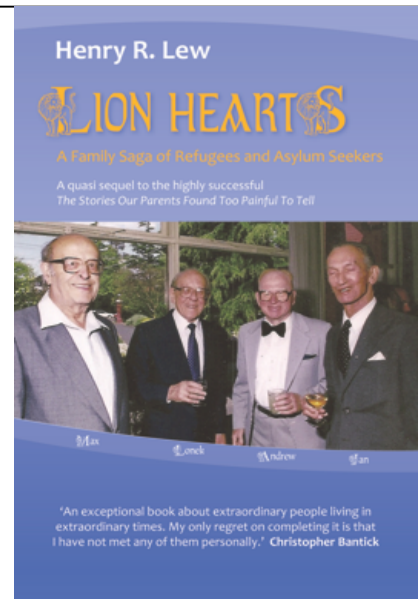
A ripper read – Diane Carlyle, *The Australian*.

The Stories Our Parents Found Too Painful To Tell (2008) was serialised on Radio National and the subject of the telemovie 'The Sleeping Book' on ABC TV's 'Compass' program. It is now in its fourth printing and has sold over 3000 copies.

[It] deserves to receive the widest possible circulation and publicity – Sir Martin Gilbert.

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