



## The Contract of Mutual Indifference: Political Philosophy After the Holocaust (Paperback)

By Norman Geras

Verso Books, United Kingdom, 1999. Paperback. Condition: New. New edition. Language: English . Brand New Book. A powerful work of moral and political philosophy. The idea which I shall present here came to me more or less out of the blue. I was on a train some five years ago, on my way to spend a day at Headingley and I was reading a book about the death camp at Sobibor. The particular, not very appropriate, conjunction involved for me in this train journey. had the effect of fixing my thoughts on one of the more dreadful features of human coexistence, when in the shape of a simple five-word phrase the idea occurred to me. In *The Contract of Mutual Indifference*, Norman Geras discusses a central aspect of the experience of the Holocaust with a view to exploring its most important contemporary implications. In a bold and powerful synthesis of memorial, literary record, historical reflection and political theory, he focuses on the figure of the bystander-- the bystander to the destruction of the Jews of Europe and the bystander to more recent atrocities-- to consider the moral consequences of looking on without active response at persecution and great suffering. Geras argues that the...



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