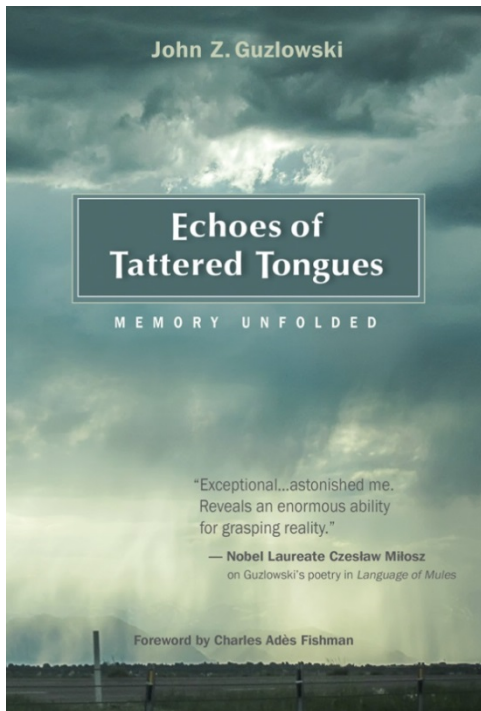




## Book Reviews

# Echoes of Tattered Tongues

## Memory Unfolded



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The son of two Nazi concentration camp prisoners, John Guzłowski was born in a Displaced Persons camp and immigrated to Chicago with his little sister and Polish mother and father shortly after WWII. This **devastating, one-of-a-kind collection** uses poems and short essays to reveal unspeakable moments from his parents' wartime experiences, and the less-than-open arms America mostly extended to millions of families fleeing the ruins of Europe.

### A Life Story

She was born  
in a concentration camp  
in 1944. She was one pound  
eight ounces. She was  
a leaf of grass. She was lovely.  
She was born dreaming  
her mother's dream  
of flying like a robin  
through the sky and eating  
everything that was pure  
and good and golden.  
And then the women guards  
smashed her into the wall  
and wrapped her in newspaper  
and threw her in the garbage  
with the others.

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