

# Schindler's ark

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Oskar Schindler was a wealthy German who is credited with saving over 1,200 Jews from the Nazis. This book, which won the Booker prize in 1982, is the basis for the movie Schindler's List.

Thomas Keneally has been shortlisted for the Booker four times and won it with SCHINDLER'S ARK in 1982. His novels have been filmed ("Schindler's List" and "The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith") and dramatised ("The Playmaker"). He has also written several works of non-fiction including "Homebush Boy", a memoir. 'An extraordinary achievement' -- Graham Greene 'Brilliantly detailed, moving, powerful and gripping' -- The Times 'Thomas Keneally has done marvellous justice to a marvellous story' -- Sunday Times 'Keneally is a superb storyteller. With SCHINDLER'S ARK he has given us his best book yet, a magnificent novel which held me from the first page to the last' -- Alan Sillitoe 'This remarkable book has the immediacy and the almost unbearable detail of a thousand eye witnesses who forgot nothing' -- New York Times Book Review

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