

# ***FLIGHT from PRAGUE – The Making of a Refugee***

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## **BOOK LAUNCH**

**19.00 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**King Edward VII School, Glossop Road, Sheffield**

We are writing to alert you well in advance to the publication of the above book which the Association is proud to support and to invite you to the launch. A draft copy of the front cover and a synopsis are attached for your information.

Linda Gooden has very generously agreed that the launch can take place in the Library at the School, and we would be delighted if you were able to join us. When all arrangements have been finalised, we will be able to confirm details, an Eventbrite link, as well as how to obtain a copy.

### *Synopsis:*

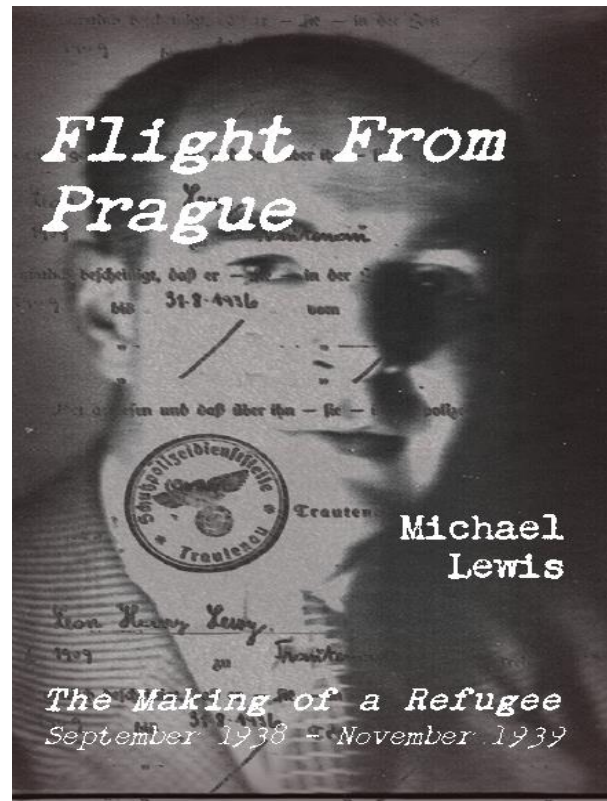
*On the night of 30 September 1938, Harry Lewy flees for his life.*

*At the stroke of a pen, Czechoslovakia's border region has switched from comfortable home to dangerous place-for any Jew – which includes Harry. By agreement with the Allied powers of Britain and France, Adolf Hitler's Germany is taking over the Sudetenland and Harry must escape.*

***Flight from Prague – the Making of a Refugee*** – tells how Harry, a German-speaker, is forced to abandon everything in his previously secure world to escape persecution. Forced to lie low with soldiers taking increasing control of the streets, he seeks to make his way covertly out of Czechoslovakia.

*Fear, uncertainty and danger accompany him on the perilous journey across Europe – across the heart of Nazi Germany – in search of sanctuary. Ultimately, he finds himself in a new state: isolated and vulnerable, penniless and unwanted.*

*Like others fleeing war and disaster, he has been stripped of his position, his dignity and his identity. This story tells one refugee's flight from fear towards a new life.*



Although the context focuses on specific events, this account has continuing relevance today. The plight of the refugee has not gone away and now, as in the past, the refugee's existence is precarious.

Harry Lewy was the father of Michael Lewis.

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