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the work of Primo Levi, who attempted to find meaning in the

Holocaust through absolute clarity of insight, he concludes that neither strategy works well in today's world. More effective are the day-to-day

coping practices of some survivors. Drawing on testimonies of survivors from the Fortunoff Video Archives, Alford also applies the work of Julia Kristeva and the psychoanalyst Donald Winnicot to his examination of a topic that has been and continues to be central to human experience.