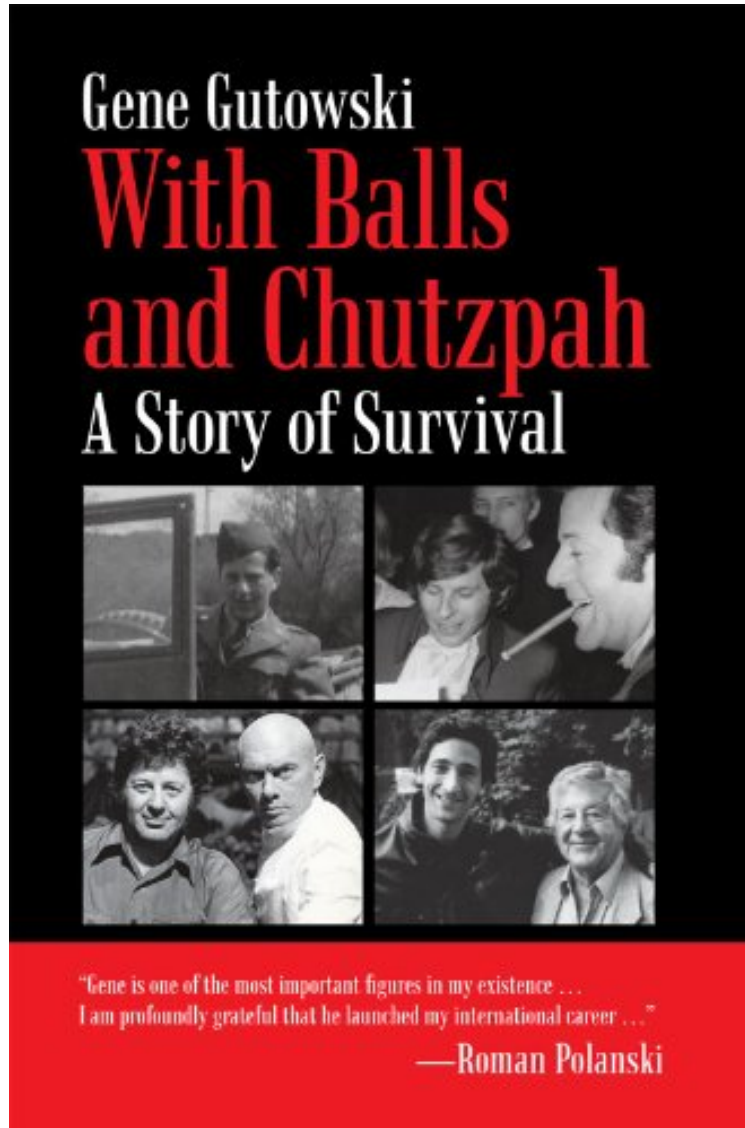


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"ber den Autor und weitere Mitwirkende"Film producer Gene Gutowski was born in Poland in 1925. After escaping from Nazi extermination camps in World War II, he moved to New York with his wife in 1947. His creative partnership with filmmaker and fellow Pole Roman Polanski produced many classic films, including *Repulsion*, *The Fearless Vampire Killers*, and *The Pianist*, winner of three Academy Awards. Gene has three grown sons and four grandchildren. He now resides in Warsaw, where he lives happily with his partner of ten years, Asia Smaga.