

*Tapestry of Scorched Sorry and Eternal Hope*

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My art represents items that Richard Billauer carried with him during the Holocaust when he didn't know where he was going. I believe that part of the reason Richard survived was because of the watches his father gave him. In his interview he stated, "My father was in the jewelry business, so he gave me a box of his watches, which later on, I was selling... to the Russians, and this way I could support myself." I learned from this testimony that even in the darkest moments, you can still keep striving. I also learned that a skill we learn can make the difference between life and death.