

friends would protect him, which eventually happened. Near the end of the film Amon Goeth gets executed but looks nothing like the actual film footage of the execution. Place, clothing, procedures, number of people involved and the graphic events that took place are all wrong. His last words were still "Heil Hitler". Also Oskar Schindler was never awarded the Golden Nazi Party Badge, and therefore couldn't have sold it to save more Jews. Among the decorations worn by Amon Goeth on his SS uniform are the Iron Cross 2nd Class, the Sudetenland Medal, and the Silesian Eagle. Goeth was never awarded any of these decorations, Goeth would have been 11 years old when the badge was presented. The scene in the movie Schindler's List with Oskar Schindler thinking of names or demanding Itzhak Stern come up with more names simply did not happen, according to Crowe. When in reality, Oskar Schindler had absolutely nothing to do with the creation of his famous list. He admitted as much to Dr. Stanley Robbin after the war.

I believe that Schindler's List is a reasonably reliable representation of the Holocaust and can be very useful as a historical source. Although a few minor details are historically incorrect. I believe it is reliable because nearly everything, if not most, that was included in the movie that happened to the Jews can be backed up by other sources and witness accounts. Spielberg doesn't portray Schindler as a saint, or show all Jews to be victims, which means that he keeps it very close to the real life situation, as Schindler was a womanizer and had a drinking problem and some Jews actually made money out of the war. But I think it is important to remember that it is not a documentary but a film, and the aim of a film is to entertain.

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