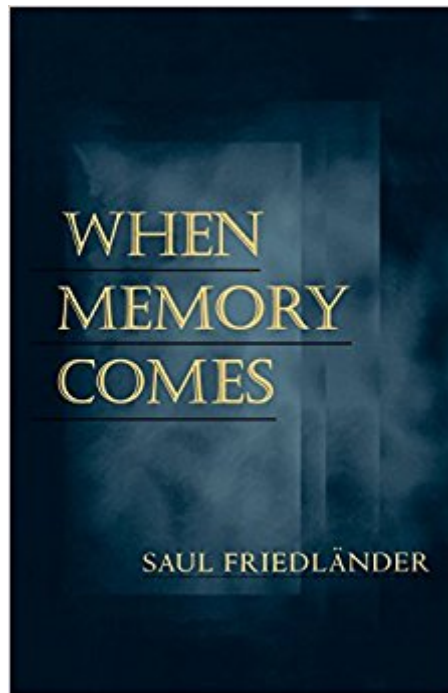


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Dr Friedlander has created a work that stands above the many others of published Holocaust

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