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Jabotinsky, Vladimir. Vladimir Jabotinsky's Story of My Life. Edited by Brian Horowitz and Leonid Katsis. Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2016. 162 pp. \$31.99. (9780814341384). Also available as an eBook.

I was startled to learn that this is the first published English translation of Jabotinsky's autobiography, since it was first published in 1936. In any case, its present appearance is welcome. The work covers Jabotinsky's life from his birth in 1880 to just before the events leading to the founding of the Zion Mule Corps as a part of the British army during the First World War (Jabotinsky wrote of this and later related events in *The Story of the Jewish Legion*). Jabotinsky writes with charm and one gets a real sense, for example, of his high spirited happy-go-lucky youth in his hometown of Odessa as well as in Rome, where he studied and also served as a foreign correspondent. The writing reveals a certain amount of self-reflection and introspection, but more would have been better, especially regarding his transition to being a committed Zionist. The translation is mostly very fluent and the editors' footnotes are numerous and informative. The introduction by Dr. Horowitz is a bit disappointing, though, since it mostly eschews the question that has been raised concerning the veracity of the autobiography and instead concentrates on speculating what Jabotinsky hoped to accomplish by writing it. In other words, it deals more with literary criticism than historical analysis. Nevertheless, this is an important addition to English language Zionist history collections.

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