

A Tale of Two Kings: the Yellow Star Legend That Refuses to Die

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King Christian X



King Boris III

The first week of October marked the 73rd anniversary of the rescue of Denmark's Jewish population from the Holocaust by ferrying them to neutral Sweden. Lost amid the absurd denial of the Holocaust is a widely believed myth due largely to Hollywood, Leon Uris (author of the best-selling novel Exodus), minor Danish diplomatic personnel, wishful thinking, the BBC's research methods as well as to several prominent but sloppy historians who have written widely about the Holocaust but lacked adequate knowledge of the relevant languages, especially Danish.

It is set amidst the rescue story of the Danish Jews and their safe passage to Sweden in 1943, proclaiming that the Danish King, Christian X (grandfather of the present Queen Margrethe II), in an act of solidarity with his Jewish subjects, actually put on the yellow-star armband (or volunteered to do so) when the German occupation authorities issued such an order.

He never did so. The German occupation authorities never ordered the Jews in Denmark to wear the yellow armband. Very few readers bothered to read Uris's remarks in the Forward to the book *Exodus*[The Left is Seldom Right](#) and [here](#).

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