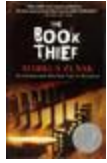


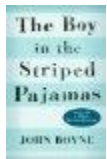
Lest We Forget

Holocaust fiction and nonfiction for teens
MS = Middle School HS = High School

Fiction:



The Book Thief – Markus Zusak
Narrated by Death, this story is about Liesel Meminger, who steals books before they can be burned by the Nazis or confiscated from personal libraries. When her family hides a Jew in the basement, Liesel words and stories are the only source of hope during his confinement. HS



The Boy in the Striped Pajamas:
A fable – John Boyne
Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called “Out-With” in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence. MS/HS



Briar Rose – Jane Yolen
This novel blends a retelling of the fairy tale Sleeping Beauty with the historical tragedy of the Holocaust. After her grandmother's death, a young American woman struggles to uncover the truth behind the old woman's past. The trail eventually leads to Europe and the darkest days of WWII. MS/HS



A Family Secret – Eric Heuvel
(Graphic Novel) While searching his Dutch grandmother's attic for yard sale items Jeroen finds a scrapbook which leads Gran to tell of her experiences as a girl living in Amsterdam during the Holocaust, where her father was a Nazi sympathizer and Esther, her Jewish best friend, disappeared. MS



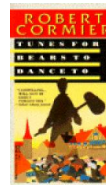
Good Night, Maman –
Norma Fox Mazer
After spending years fleeing from the Nazis in war-torn Europe, twelve-year-old Karin Levi and her older brother Marc find a new home in a refugee camp in Oswego, New York. MS



If I Should Die Before I Wake –
Han Nolan
As Hilary, a Neo-Nazi initiate, lies in a coma, she is transported back to Poland at the onset of World War II into the life of a Jewish teenager. HS



Milkweed – Jerry Spinelli
A street child, known to himself only as Stothief, finds community when he is taken in by a band of orphans in a Warsaw ghetto which helps him weather the horrors of the Nazi regime. MS/HS

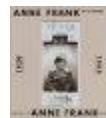


Tunes for Bears to Dance To –
Robert Cormier
Eleven-year-old Henry escapes his family's problems by watching the woodcarving of Mr. Levine, an elderly Holocaust survivor, but when Henry is manipulated into betraying his friend he comes to know true evil. MS/HS

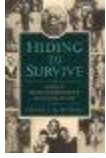


Yellow Star – Jennifer Rozines Roy
From 1939, when Sylvia is four and a half years old, to 1945 when she has just turned ten, a Jewish girl and her family struggle to survive in Poland's Lodz ghetto during the Nazi occupation. MS

Nonfiction:



Anne Frank in the World, 1929-1945
– compiled by The Anne Frank House
Using Anne Frank's life and death as a frame, this photo-essay takes readers from the Frankfurt of 1929 to Amsterdam when the Franks moved there in 1933 through the liberation of Europe in 1945, focusing on how the Nazis impacted education, culture, and most devastatingly, the everyday life of Jews and other “non-Aryans.” MS



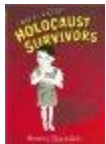
Hiding to Survive: Stories of Jewish Children Rescued from the Holocaust
– Maxine B. Rosenberg

First person accounts of fourteen Holocaust survivors who as children were hidden from the Nazis by non-Jews. MS



I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing Up in the Holocaust
– Livia Bitton-Jackson

The author describes her experiences during World War II when she and her family were sent to the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz. MS/HS



I Was a Child of Holocaust Survivors
– Bernice Eisenstien

(Graphic format) Written and illustrated with wry and honest humor, this is a memoir of growing up in 1950s Toronto, and learning the stories of her parents and other relatives who lived through the horror of the Holocaust. HS



In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer
– Irene Gut Opdyke

This memoir recounts the experiences of the author who, as a young Polish girl, hid and saved Jews during the Holocaust. HS



Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass: Igniting the Nazi War Against Jews
– Stephanie Fitzgerald

Thousands of German Jews were brutalized during what would be called Kristallnacht, on November 9, 1938, a public exhibition of hatred staged by the Nazis, and a pivotal event that sped the path of history toward the Holocaust. MS/HS



Maus I: A Survivor's Tale: My Father Bleeds History
– Art Spiegelman

(Graphic format) A story of a Jewish survivor of Hitler's Europe and his son, the author-illustrator, who tries to

come to terms with his father's story of imprisonment in a Nazi concentration camp. Disarming and unusual cartoons, with the Nazis portrayed as cats and the Jews as mice, are arranged to tell the story as a graphic novel. HS



Maus II: A Survivor's Tale: And Here My Troubles Began
– Art Spiegelman

(Graphic format) In this continuation of Maus I, the author/illustrator's father survives the camp and is at last reunited with his wife. *Maus: A Survivor's Tale* won a Pulitzer Prize Special Award in 1992. HS



No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War
– Anita Lobel

The author, known as an illustrator of children's books, describes her experiences as a Polish Jew during World War II and for years in Sweden afterwards. MS/HS



The Upstairs Room
– Johanna Reiss

A Dutch Jewish girl describes the two-and-one-half years she spent in hiding in the upstairs bedroom of a farmer's house during World War II. MS



We Are Witnesses: Five Diaries of Teenagers Who Died in the Holocaust
– Jacob Boas

Jewish teenagers David, Yitzhak, Moshe, Eva, and Anne all kept diaries and were all killed in Hitler's death camps; these are their stories, in their own words. Author Jacob Boas is a Holocaust survivor who was born in the same camp to which Anne Frank was sent. MS/HS

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