

Holocaust Books for Young Adults

Listed below are books with the Holocaust as the central theme. Both historical fiction and nonfiction are included. The books on this list are intended to be read front to back, not necessarily for research. For additional books suitable for research projects, please visit the library. Ms. Linenbroker can assist you. The books on the following list vary in the difficulty of both the text and the content. Not all books are appropriate for all readers. (Annotations from Library of Congress).

Boas, Jacob. *We are Witnesses: Five Diaries of Teenagers Who Died in the Holocaust*. Non-fiction.

Bray, Libba. *I Have Lived a Thousand Years*. The author describes her experiences during World War II when she and her family were sent to the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz. Non-fiction.

Chotjewitz, David. *Daniel Half-Human and the Good Nazi*. In 1933, best friends Daniel and Armin admire Hitler, but as anti-Semitism buoys Hitler to power, Daniel learns he is half Jewish, threatening the friendship even as life in their beloved Hamburg, Germany, is becoming nightmarish.

Friedman, D. Dina. *Escaping into the Night*. Thirteen-year-old Halina Rudowski narrowly escapes the Polish ghetto and flees to the forest, where she is taken in by an encampment of Jews trying to survive World War II.

Glatstein, Jacob. *Emil and Karl*. In Vienna, Austria, in 1940, two nine-year-old boys, one Jewish and one Aryan, are classmates and best friends when events of the Nazi occupation draw them even closer together as they fight to survive and escape together.

Hillman, Laura. *I Will Plant You a Lilac Tree*. Presents the true story of a young girl from a Polish ghetto who was sent to a series of concentration camps and survived the war after being placed on Schindler's List, finally marrying a fellow survivor.

Lobel, Anita. *No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War*. 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. Nonfiction.

Lowry, Lois. *Number the Stars*. In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

Mazer, Norma Fox. *Good Night, Maman*. 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.

Roy, Jennifer. *Yellow Star*. 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.

Spinelli, Jerry. *Milkweed*.

Taylor, Peter Lane. ***The secret of Priest's Grotto : a Holocaust survival story***. Recounts the story of several Jewish families forced to hide in a Ukrainian cave system to escape Nazi persecution. Includes photographs, chronology and interviews with survivors and their family members.

Warren, Andrea. ***Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps***.

Wiesel, Elie. ***Night***. An autobiographical narrative, in which the author describes his experiences in Nazi concentration camps.

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