



# The Holocaust



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The following list is a sampling of the books we have on this subject. Children's, teen, and adult books are included here. Students and their parents should choose the books that are most appropriate for them.

## CHILDREN'S BOOKS

### **The Dollmaker of Krakow**

by R.M. Romero

J F ROMERO

*At the beginning of World War II, Karolina's spirit magically travels from the war-torn Land of the Dolls to a dollmaker's shop in Krakow, and together they take great risks to save their Jewish friends.* 325 pages

### **Yellow Star**

by Jennifer Roy

J F ROY

*From 1939, when Sylvia is four and a half years old, to 1945 when she has just turned 10, a Jewish girl and her family struggle to survive in Poland's Lodz ghetto during the Nazi occupation.* 227 pages

### **The Length of a String**

by Elissa Brent Weissman

J F WEISSMAN

*Twelve-year-old Imani, the only black girl in Hebrew school, is preparing for her bat mitzvah and hoping to find her birthparents when she discovers the history of adoption in her own family through her great-grandma Anna's Holocaust-era diary.* 379 pages

### **Catherine's War**

by Julia Billet

J COMICS BILLET

*As France buckles under the Nazi regime, budding photographer Rachel Cohen must change her name, go into hiding, and bear witness to the atrocities of World War II.* 154 pages

### **I Survived the Nazi invasion, 1944**

by Lauren Tarshis

J COMICS TARSHIS

*In a Jewish ghetto, siblings Max and Zena struggle to live after their father is taken away by the Nazis. The siblings are brought to a safe camp, but soon bombs are falling all around them.* 89 pages

### **Survivors of the Holocaust**

by Kath Shackleton

J COMICS 940.531 SUR

*These are the unbelievable true stories of six Jewish children, in their own words, of how they survived one of the darkest times in human history.* 96 pages

### **Anne Frank: Witness to History!**

by Mark Shulman

J COMICS BIO FRANK

*About the courageous girl who hid with her family from Nazi occupants in Amsterdam, living for two years in a secret annex behind a bookcase. Every day spent in hiding brought new anxieties to Anne and her family, until the day they were discovered and sent to concentration camps.* 93 pages

### **Auschwitz: Voices from the Death Camp**

by James M. Deem

J INFO 940.531 DEE

*Examines Auschwitz, including its construction and daily workings, true accounts from prisoners of the camp and Nazi perpetrators, and how more than one million people were murdered there.* 128 pages

### **I Have Lived a Thousand Years**

by Livia E. Bitton-Jackson

J BIO 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.* 224 pages

  **Anne Frank and the Children of the Holocaust**

by Carol Ann Lee

J BIO FRANK

*Combining historical information with narratives from survivors and excerpts from victims' journals, this book tells the story of Anne Frank set against the significant events of the Holocaust. 242 pages*

**A Friend Called Anne**

by Carol Ann Lee

J BIO MAARSEN

*The story of Jacqueline van Maarsen ("Jopie"), Anne Frank's best friend before Anne went into hiding. She remembers their friendship, her own experiences of the Holocaust, and the fame of Anne's diary. 163 pages*

**TEEN BOOKS**

  **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas**

by John Boyne

YA F 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. 215 pages*

  **The Light in Hidden Places**

by Sharon Cameron

YA F CAMERON

*Sixteen-year-old Stefania embarks on a dangerous course to protect 13 Jews in her attic and keep it a secret from two officers living in her house. Based on a true story. 377 pages*

  **Prisoner B-3087**

by Alan Gratz

YA F GRATZ

*Based on the life of Jack Gruener, this book relates his story of survival from the Nazi occupation of Krakow, through a succession of concentration camps, to the final liberation of Dachau. 260 pages*

  **They Went Left**

by Monica Hesse

YA F HESSE

*Zofia, a teenage Holocaust survivor, travels across post-war Europe as she searches for her younger brother and seeks to rebuild her shattered life. 364 pages*

 **The Librarian of Auschwitz**

by Antonio Iturbe

YA F ITURBE

*Follows the true story of Dita Kraus, a 14-year-old girl from Prague who after being sent to Auschwitz is chosen to protect the eight volumes prisoners have smuggled past the guards. 423 pages*

**Under the Iron Bridge**

by Kathy Kacer

YA F KACER

*It's 1938 in Dusseldorf, Germany, and Paul is feeling pressured to join the Hitler Youth. The last thing he wants to do is march around with a bunch of bullies, supporting the Gestapo and abusing the city's Jews, but even Paul's parents think he should go along with his classmates in order to keep himself safe. 222 pages*

  **Orphan Monster Spy**

by Matt Killeen

YA F KILLEEN

*After her mother is shot, Sarah, a Jewish teenager, agrees to help the resistance by posing as the daughter of a wealthy Nazi to gain access to the blueprints of a bomb that could destroy Western Europe. 423 pages*

  **Odette's Secrets**

by Maryann Macdonald

YA F MACDONALD

*When her father becomes a Nazi prisoner-of-war and the Paris police begin arresting Jews, Odette is sent to hide in the Catholic French countryside where she must keep many secrets to survive. 225 pages*

  **Resistance**

by Jennifer A. Nielsen

YA F NIELSEN

*In 1942 sixteen-year-old Chaya Lindner is a Jewish girl living in Nazi-occupied Poland and a courier who smuggles food and documents to the isolated Jewish ghettos in southern Poland. She depends on her forged papers and "Aryan" features to keep her safe—but when a mission goes wrong and many of her colleagues are arrested, she finds herself on a journey to Warsaw where an uprising is in the works. 385 pages*

## **28 Days**

By David Safier

YA F SAFIER

*In Warsaw, Poland, in 1942, Mira faces impossible decisions after learning that the Warsaw ghetto is to be liquidated, but a group of young people are planning an uprising against their Nazi captors.* 404 pages

## **Mapping the Bones**

by Jane Yolen

YA F YOLEN

*For twins Chaim and Gittel, life in the ghetto and then the concentration camp feels like a fairy tale with evil witches and dangerous ovens looming on the horizon. As the brother and sister lose everything but each other, Chaim's words become a beacon of memory so that the children and grandchildren of survivors will never forget the atrocities that happened during the Holocaust.* 417 pages

## **Playing for the Commandant**

by Suzy Zail

YA F ZAIL

*A young Jewish pianist at Auschwitz, desperate to save her family, is chosen to play at the camp commandant's house. How could she know she would fall in love with the wrong boy?* 245 pages

## **GRAPHIC NOVELS**

### **Anne Frank's Diary**

by David Polonsky

GRAPHIC NOVELS BIO FRANK

*This graphic novel adaptation of Anne Frank's Diary of a Young Girl uses stunning illustrations and direct quotes from the original work.* 160 pages

### **Flying Couch**

by Amy Kurzweil

GRAPHIC NOVELS BIO KURZWEIL

*Kurzweil weaves her coming-of-age as a Jewish artist with the story of her mother, a psychologist, and of her grandmother, who disguised herself as a gentile to survive World War II.* 291 pages

### **Maus: A Survivor's Tale**

by Art Spiegelman

GRAPHIC NOVELS BIO SPIEGELM

*The author-illustrator traces his father's imprisonment in a Nazi concentration camp through a series of disarming and unusual cartoons.* 159 pages

## **ADULT BOOKS**

### **The Little Liar**

by Mitch Albom

F ALBOM

*Eleven-year-old Nico Crispi never told a lie. When the Nazi's invade his home in Salonika, Greece, the trustworthy boy is discovered by a German officer, who offers him a chance to save his family. All Nico has to do is convince his fellow Jewish residents to board trains heading towards "the east." Only after it is too late, does Nico discover that he helped send the people he loved--and all the others--to their doom.* 352 pages

### **To the Edge of Sorrow**

by Ahoron Apelfeld

F APELFELD

*Seventeen-year-old Edmund is a member of a resistance group comprising four dozen fighters. After escaping from a nearby ghetto and while battling numbing cold, hunger, and German soldiers, they are determined to sabotage the German war effort and rescue as many Jews as they can from the trains taking them to concentration camps.* 291 pages

## **The Lost Letter**

by Jillian Cantor

F CANTOR

*Kristoff, a young apprentice stamp engraver, and Elena, the master engraver's daughter, join forces with the Austrian resistance to send underground messages and forge papers. In 1989, Katie Nelson comes across her father's stamp collection that sends her and her appraiser on a journey to uncover a story of passion and tragedy behind the Berlin Wall.* 322 pages

### **Cesare**

by Jerome Charyn

F CHARYN

*Adopted by the German military intelligence chief whose life he saved, a young naval sub-cadet secretly helps the Jewish underground in Berlin before the woman he loves is captured and sent to Auschwitz.* 365 pages

  **The World That We Knew**

by Alice Hoffman

F HOFFMAN

*At the time when the world changed, Hanni Kohn knows she must send her twelve-year-old daughter away to save her from the Nazi regime. Her desperation leads her to Ettie, the daughter of a rabbi, who creates a mystical Jewish creature who is sworn to protect Hanni's daughter, Lea. Once Ava is brought to life, she and Lea and Ettie become eternally entwined, their paths fated to cross, their fortunes linked. 372 pages*

  **We Were the Lucky Ones**

by Georgia Hunter

F HUNTER

*This is the story of the Kurc family as they try to survive one of the darkest moments of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. 403 pages*

  **Lilac Girls**

by Martha Kelly

F KELLY

*The lives of three women are set on a collision course when the unthinkable happens and Kasia is sent to Ravensbrück, the notorious Nazi concentration camp for women. Their stories cross continents--from New York to Paris, Germany, and Poland--as Caroline and Kasia strive to bring justice to those whom history has forgotten. 487 pages*

  **The Opera Sisters**

by Marianne Monson

F MONSON

*Based on the true story of Ida and Louise Cook, British sisters who smuggled valuables out of 1930s Nazi Germany to finance a daring, secret operation to help Jews find hope for a new life in England. 339 pages*

  **The Tattooist of Auschwitz**

by Heather Morris

F MORRIS

*This beautiful, illuminating tale of hope and courage is based on interviews that were conducted with Holocaust survivor and Auschwitz-Birkenau tattooist Ludwig (Lale) Sokolov. 262 pages*

  **The True Story of Hansel and Gretel**

by Louise Murphy

F MURPHY

*A retelling of the classic fairy tale, set in Nazi-occupied Poland, follows two Jewish children left by their father and stepmother to seek refuge in a dense forest. 297 pages*

 **The Auschwitz Escape**

by Joel C. Rosenberg

F ROSENBER

*As World War II rages and Hitler begins to systematically and ruthlessly exterminate the Jewish people, Jacob Weisz must rely on his wits and a God he's not sure he believes in to somehow escape from Auschwitz and alert the world to the Nazi's atrocities. 468 pages*

  **The Yellow Bird Sings**

by Jennifer Rosner

F ROSNER

*A mother who goes into hiding when Nazis begin arresting Jewish citizens in Poland considers an impossible choice while struggling to keep her five-year-old daughter, a musical prodigy, from being overheard. Does she keep her daughter by her side or give her the chance to survive apart? 294 pages*

## NONFICTION

  **Anne Frank Remembered**

by Miep Gies

940.315 GIE

*The reminiscences of Miep Gies, the woman who hid the Frank family in Amsterdam during the Second World War, presents a vivid story of life under Nazi occupation. 252 pages*

**Emissary of the Doomed**

by Ronald Florence

940.53 FLO

*Traces Joel Brand and the Jewish rescue committee's efforts to rescue Hungary's Jewish population by encouraging Allies to bargain with Eichmann and Himmler for one million lives. 336 pages*

**The Day the Nazis Came**

by Stephen R. Matthews

940.5316 MAT

*At the age of six, Stephen Matthews was deported with the rest of his family and sent to a prison camp in the heart of Hitler's Third Reich. Told through his own experiences as well as his mother's diary entries. 322 pages*

**The Zookeeper's Wife**

by Diane Ackerman

940.5318 ACK

*Documents the true story of Warsaw Zoo keepers and resistance activists Jan and Antonina Zabinski, who saved the lives of hundreds of Jewish citizens by smuggling them into empty cages and their villa. 368 pages*

**The Girls of Room 28**

by Hannelore Brenner

940.5318 BRE

*Shares the stories of 10 women who as children survived the Theresienstadt camp, describing the barracks in which they lived, a series of counselors who exposed them to culture, and their post-war lives. 322 pages*

**Courageous Teen Resisters**

by Ann Byers

YA 940.5318 BYE

*Primary sources of children and teen resisters in Europe during the Holocaust, including resistance groups, unarmed resistance, armed resistance in the ghettos and camps and partisan units. 128 pages*

**Trapped: Youth in the Nazi Ghettos**

by Ann Byers

YA 940.5318 BYE

*This book examines the lives of Jewish children and teens during the Holocaust, including the formation of ghettos, the miserable conditions, hard labor, and the deportation to camps. 128 pages*

**Youth Destroyed**

by Ann Byers

YA 940.5318 BYE

*Discusses the experiences of children and teens in concentration camps during the Holocaust, including the first camps in Germany, the forced labor camps, the six death camps, and the aftermath. 128 pages*

**The Unanswered Letter**

by Faris Cassell

940.5318 CAS

*Just days before World War II broke out in Europe a Jewish man named Alfred Berger mailed a letter in desperation to a stranger in America pleading for a chance of escape. 437 pages*

**Tehran Children**

by Mikhal Dekel

940.5318 DEK

*Tells the story of the thousands of Jews who fled Nazi-occupied Poland on foot and found shelter in Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and even Iran. The author herself was a child who made the journey. 417 pages*

**The Unwanted**

by Michael Dobbs

940.5318 DOB

*A group of German Jews from a small village on the edge of the Black forest desperately try to obtain an American visa which could be the difference between life and death. But, America is struggling with the refugee crisis caused by Hitler's rise to power. 346 pages*

 **Into the Forest**

by Rebecca Frankel

940.5318 FRA

*The heroic story of the Rabinowitz family and how they escaped the Nazi ghetto to live in the forbidding Bialowieza forest for two years. The amazing story of Miriam Rabinowitz saving a young boy to later meet him in the United States and he falls in love with her daughter. 335 pages*

**Small Miracles of the Holocaust**

by Yitta Halberstam

940.5318 HAL

*A collection of more than 50 real-life tales of survival, endurance, faith, heroism, and more amid the tragic events of the Holocaust. 272 pages*

 **We Had to Be Brave**

by Deborah Hopkinson

YA 940.5318 HOP

*As the Nazi party rose to power and anti-Semitism erupted throughout Germany desperate volunteers came together to organize the Kindertransport, a rescue effort to bring Jewish children to England. Personal accounts from the survivors depict the loss of families, uncertainty in a new land, and a look forward to hope. 341 pages*

### **The Heart Has Reasons**

by Mark Klempler

940.5318 KLE

*Tells the story of 10 people who rescued Jewish children during World War II.* 235 pages

### **999**

by Heather Dune Macadam

940.5318 MAC

*The poignant stories of the 999 women on the first official transport to Auschwitz, drawing on extensive interviews with survivors, and consulting with historians, witnesses and relatives of those first deportees.* 438 pages

### **50 Children**

by Steven Pressman

940.5318 PRE

*The astonishing true story of how one American couple transported 50 Jewish children from Nazi-occupied Austria to America in 1939.* 282 pages

### **Hidden Like Anne Frank**

by Marcel Prins

YA 940.5318 PRI

*Fourteen unforgettable true stories of children hidden away during World War II.* 211 pages

### **Renia's Diary**

by Renia Spiegel

940.5318 SPI

*Translated for the first time into English, this is the long-hidden diary of a young Polish woman's last days during the Holocaust. Follow the life of Renia Spiegel as she records details of her life growing up, falling in love, and her experience with the Nazis.* 320 pages

### **Heroines, Rescuers, Rabbis, Spies: unsung women of the Holocaust**

by Sarah Silberstein Swartz

940.5318 SWA

*"Discover nine ordinary women who took extraordinary measures to save lives during the Holocaust, resisting terror and torture while undercover or in hiding, in concentration camps, in forests, and in exile.* 147 pages

### **In the Name of Humanity**

by Max Wallace

940.5318 WAL

*On November 25, 1944, prisoners of Auschwitz witnessed the destruction of the crematoria and gas chambers. Although most assumed it was felled by Jews it was actually an edict from SS Heinrich Himmler in a plan that has stumped historians for decades. Now the true story is told.* 480 pages

### **The People on the Beach**

by Rosie Whitehouse

940.5318 WHI

*During a summer night in 1946, 1,000 European Jews waited silently to board a secret ship that would take them to freedom. After surviving Auschwitz, fighting in forests, and enduring death marches, their stories are told for the first time.* 294 pages

### **Those Who Forget**

by Geraldine Schwartz

940.5343 SCH

*Journalist Géraldine Schwarz's riveting account of her German and French grandparents' lives during World War II, an in-depth history of Europe's post-war reckoning with fascism, and an urgent appeal to remember as a defense against today's rise of far-right nationalism.* 308 pages

### **Last Witnesses**

by Svetlana Aleksievich

YA 940.5347 ALE

*A collection of personal stories told by those who were children during World War II and witnessed harrowing experiences. Separated from families and later orphaned some children had extended family, others lived with strangers, while the rest made it on their own. This book tells their story.* 264 pages.

### **Anatomy of a Genocide**

by Omer Bartov

947.7908 BAR

*An examination of what takes place to allow genocide to take root and turn neighbors, friends, and even family members against each other.* 398 pages

### **The Diary of Mary Berg**

by Mary Berg

BIO BERG

*Relates the experiences of a child prisoner of the Warsaw ghetto as recorded in her diary between 1940 and 1943, describing profound levels of suffering and her eventual rescue. 284 pages*

### **Survivors Club**

by Michael Bornstein

YA BIO BORNSTEI

*The incredible true story of Michael Bornstein—who at age four was one of the youngest children to be liberated from Auschwitz—and of his family. 348 pages*

### **The Auschwitz Photographer**

by Luca Crippa

BIO BRASSE

*After Wilhelm Brasses refused to condone to swear allegiance to Hitler and the Third Reich he was sent to one of the deadliest concentration camps. For five years he was forced to document with his camera the camp's atrocities. 334 pages*

### **A Lucky Child**

by Thomas Buerghenthal

BIO BUERGENT

*After surviving two ghettos and a labor camp, Thomas became separated first from his mother and then his father but managed by his wits and some remarkable strokes of luck to survive on his own. Not many children survived Auschwitz; here is the biography of one who did. 228 pages*

### **I Want You to Know We're Still Here**

by Esther Safran Foer

BIO FOER

*Esther Safran Foer grew up in a family where history was too terrible to speak of. The child of parents who were each the sole survivors of their respective families, for Esther the Holocaust was always felt but never discussed. So, when Esther's mother casually mentions an astonishing revelation--that her father had a previous wife and daughter, both killed in the Holocaust--Esther resolves to find the truth. 231 pages*

### **The Diary of a Young Girl**

by Anne Frank

BIO FRANK

*A girl's journal records her family's struggles during two years of hiding from the Nazis in Holland. 341 pages*

### **A Bookshop in Berlin**

by Françoise Frenkel

BIO FRENKEL

*Françoise Frenkel, a Jewish woman from Poland, fulfills her dream to open Berlin's first French bookshop which becomes so popular it attracts artists, diplomats, poets, and other celebrities. But as World War II begins darkening the land she must give up her bookstore and go on the run into France. 269 pages*

### **A Light in the Darkness**

by Albert Marrin

YA BIO KORCZAK

*Janusz Korczak stood by the children in his Jewish orphanage instead of escaping. He and the children were confined to the Warsaw Ghetto, then transferred to Treblinka, where they all perished. 388 pages*

### **Clara's War**

by Clara Kramer

BIO KRAMER

*This memoir tells the story of Kramer and 17 others who hid from the Nazis in an underground bunker for months. Kramer talks of their unlikely protector and events that threatened their survival. 339 pages*

### **The Boy on the Wooden Box**

by Leon Leyson

YA BIO LEYSON

*The biography of Leon Leyson; the only memoir published by a former Schindler's List child. 231 pages*

### **When Time Stopped**

by Ariana Neumann

BIO NEUMAN



*A Venezuelan foreign correspondent describes the harrowing early experiences of her father, an only survivor of their Jewish-Czechoslovakian family, who hid from the Gestapo in plain sight before starting over in South America. 321 pages*

**Claiming My Place**

by Planaria J. Price

YA BIO REICHMAN

*The true story of a young Jewish woman who survived the Holocaust by escaping to Nazi Germany and hiding in plain sight. 250 pages*

  **Irena's Children**

by Tilar Mazzeo

YA BIO SENDLER

*A gripping account of Irena Sendler, who took staggering risks to save 2,500 children from death and deportation in Nazi-occupied Poland during World War II. 257 pages*

**Wallenberg: Missing Hero**

by Kati Marton

BIO WALLENB

*A biography of the extraordinary Swede who rescued thousands of Hungarian Jews—by a combination of diplomacy, bullying, ingenuity, and outright audacity—and who vanished in 1945. 251 pages*

 **Last Stop Auschwitz**

by Eddy de Wind

BIO WIND

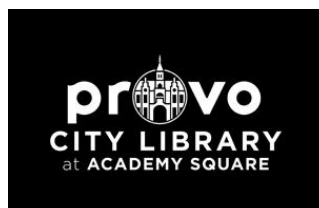
*Written in Auschwitz itself, this one-of-a-kind, minute-by-minute true account is a crucial historical testament to a Holocaust survivor's fight for his life at the largest extermination camp in Nazi Germany, translated for the first time ever into English. 227 pages*

**Helga's Diary**

by Helga Weissova

BIO WEISS

*Helga's Diary is a young girl's remarkable first-hand account of life in the Terezin concentration camp during World War II. 248 pages*



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