

Holocaust Fiction



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In The Picture Book Collection:

Adler, D.

One Yellow Daffodil

During Hanukkah two children help a Holocaust survivor to once again embrace his religious traditions.

Bunting, E.

One Candle

Every year a family celebrates Hanukkah by retelling the story of how Grandma and her sister managed to mark the day while in a German concentration camp.

Hesse, K.

The Cats in Krasinski Square

Two Jewish sisters, escapees of the infamous Warsaw ghetto, devise a plan to thwart an attempt by the Gestapo to intercept food bound for starving people behind the dark Wall.

Hoestlandt, J.

Star of Fear, Star of Hope

Nine-year-old Helen is confused by the disappearance of her Jewish friend during the German occupation of Paris.

Polacco, P.

The Butterfly

During the Nazi occupation of France, Monique's mother hides a Jewish family in her basement and tries to help them escape to freedom.

Rappaport, D.

The Secret Seder

During the Nazi occupation of France, a boy and his father slip out of their village and into the mountains, where they join a group of fellow Jews at a humble seder table.

Wiviott, M.

Benno and the Night of Broken Glass

In 1938 Berlin, Germany, a cat sees Rosenstrasse change from a peaceful neighborhood of Jews and Gentiles to an unfriendly place where, one November night, men in brown shirts destroy Jewish-owned businesses and arrest or kill Jewish people. Includes facts about Kristallnacht and a list of related books and web resources.

In The Juvenile Fiction Section:

Ackermann, K.

The Night Crossing

In 1938, having begun to feel the persecution that all Jews are experiencing, Clara and her family escape over the mountains into Switzerland.

Dear

One Eye Laughing, the Other Weeping:

The Diary of Julie Weiss

During the Nazi persecution of the Jews in Austria, twelve-year-old Julie escapes to America to live with her relatives in New York City.

Isaacs, A.

Torn Thread

In an attempt to save his daughter's life, Eva's father sends her from Poland to a labor camp in Czechoslovakia where she and her sister survive the war.

Laird, C. **Shadow of the Wall**
Living with his mother and two sisters in the Warsaw Ghetto, Misha is befriended by the director of the orphanage, and finds a purpose to his life when he joins a resistance organization.

Levitin, S. **Journey to America**
A Jewish family fleeing Nazi Germany in 1938 endures innumerable separations before they are once again united.

Room in the Heart
After German forces occupy Denmark during World War II, fifteen-year-olds Julie Weinstein and Niels Nelson and their friends and families try to cope with their daily lives, finding various ways to resist the Nazis and, ultimately, to survive.

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

Matas, C. **Daniel's Story**
Daniel, whose family suffers as the Nazis rise to power in Germany, describes his imprisonment in a concentration camp and his eventual liberation.

Mazer, N. **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.

Morpurgo, M. **The Mozart Question**
A young journalist goes to Venice, Italy, to interview a famous violinist, who tells the story of his parents' incarceration by the Nazis, and explains why they can no longer listen to the music of Mozart.

Morpurgo, M. **Waiting for Anya**
During World War II, the Germans move into Vichy, France to establish an outpost. Only young Jo knows of another outpost where a Jewish man and his Christian mother-in-law are gathering Jewish children for an escape across the border. Opposed by some of his family, watched by soldiers and collaborators, Jo intends to help in this movement.

Napoli, D. **Stones in Water**
After being taken by German soldiers from a local movie theater along with other Italian boys including his Jewish friend, Roberto is forced to work in Germany, escapes into the Ukrainian winter, before desperately trying to make his way back home to Venice.

Orlev, U. **Island on Bird Street**
During WW II a Jewish boy is left on his own for months in a ruined house in the Warsaw Ghetto, where he must learn all the tricks of survival under constantly life-threatening conditions.

Pressler, M. **Malka**
In the winter of 1943, a Polish physician and her older daughter make a dangerous and arduous trek to Hungary while seven-year-old Malka, who they were forced to leave behind when she became ill, fends for herself in a ghetto.

Radin, R. **Escape to the Forest: Based on a true Story of the Holocaust**
A young Jewish girl living with her family in the town of Lida at the beginning of World War II recalls the horrors of life under first the Russians then the Nazis, before fleeing to join Tuvia Bielski, a partisan who tried to save as many Jews as possible. Based on a true story.

Sachs, M. **A Pocket Full of Seeds**
During World War II in occupied France, a young Jewish girl returns from an overnight visit with a friend to find her family has disappeared.

Serrailer, I. **Escape from Warsaw**
During the Nazi occupation of Poland, three children who have been separated from their family flee Warsaw.

Shemin, M. **The Little Riders**
An American girl living in Nazi-occupied Holland resents the presence of a German soldier in her grandparents' home until she tries to hide part of the town's treasured clock mechanism.

Spinelli, J. **Milkweed**
A street orphan, tells of his experience in Nazi-occupied Warsaw during WW II.

Vos, I. **Anna is Still Here**
Thirteen-year-old Anna, who was a "hidden child" in Nazi-occupied Holland during World War II, gradually learns to deal with the realities of being a survivor.

The Key is Lost
When the Germans occupy Holland in 1940 and begin to persecute the Jews there, twelve-year-old Eva and her family assume false names and move from one hiding place to another.

Williams, L. **Behind the Bedroom Wall**
Ten-year-old Korinna must decide whether to report her parents to her Hitler youth group when she discovers that they are hiding Jews in a secret space behind Korinna's bedroom wall.

Winter, K. **Katarina: A Novel**
During World War II in Slovakia, a young Jewish girl in hiding becomes a devout Catholic and is sustained by her belief that she will return home to her family as soon as the war ends.

Yolen, J. **The Devil's Arithmetic**
Hannah resents the traditions of her Jewish heritage until time travel places her in the middle of a small Jewish village in Nazi-occupied Poland.