Holocaust Books for Young Readers

Prejudice, Discrimination, Tolerance, Bullying, Being an Upstander

The Sneetches by Dr. Seuss (1961) - Ages 4 - 8

Picture book that teaches children to be tolerant through a metaphor of what happened during the Holocaust

https://greenvilleartspartnership.files.wordpress.com/2010/12/thesneetchesguide.p df https://www.teachingchildrenphilosophy.org/BookModule/TheSneetches

Terrible Things: Allegory of the Holocaust by Eve Bunting (1996)

Ages 6 and up.

The author teaches children about the Holocaust through an allegory using animals. This introduction to the Holocaust encourages young children to stand up for what they think is right, without waiting for others to join them. It shows young readers the dangers of being silent in the face of danger.

https://rapickering.files.wordpress.com/2011/08/terrible-things-questions.docx

Brundibar by Toni Kushner (2003) - Ages 6 - 9

Picture book based on the Czech Opera performed by the children of Terezin. Brundibar tells the story of a brother and sister who stand up against tyranny with the help of other children in order to help their sick mother.

http://www.ratiotheatre.org/Brund-SG www.pbs.org/now/arts/brundibar.html

Star of Fear, Star of Hope by Jo Hoestlandt (1993) – Ages 7 - 10 The story of a nine year old girl who is confused by the disappearance of her Jewish friend during the Nazi occupation of Paris.

www.holyfamilyregional.com/.../Star%20of%20Fear%20Star%20of%20Hope.p











Mischling, Second Degree: My Childhood in Nazi Germany by Ilse Koehn (1977) Ages 11 - 14

A memoir of Ilse Koehn who is classified a Mischling, second degree citizen in Nazi Germany. Although Ilse doesn't know it, her grandmother is Jewish. Ilse's parents teach her to pretend to be a loyal German, and she joins the Hitler Youth Movement.

http://spartacus-educational.com/llse_Koehn.html

Friedrich by Hans Peter Richter (1961) – Ages 10 - 14 A novel which tells the story of a young Jewish boy in Germany in the 1930s seen through the eyes of a friend. It describes what happens to an entire Jewish family while tracing the history of anti-Jewish laws and regulations.

https://mjhnyc.org/app/uploads/2017/06/Friedrich_TeachersGuide.pdf

Six Million Paper Clips by Peter W. Schoeder (2004) – Ages 8 - 12 The true story of children who collect six million paper clips to help visualize the number of lives lost as a result of the Holocaust.

http://www.partnershipsmakeadifference.org/uploads/3/9/3/2/3932381/paper_clip s_bw.pdf

Benino and the Night of Broken Glass by Meg Wiviott (2010)

Ages 5-8A neighborhood cat is a witness to what occurs on the night of broken glass and the discrimination leading up to this night. This book is told in a way that is appropriate for young children.

http://www.karben.com/assets/images/esources/esource_benno.pdf

The Yellow Star: The Legend of King Christian X of Denmark by Carmen Agra Deedy (2000) - Ages 6 - 9

The story of the King of Denmark and how he would not allow the Nazis to persecute the Danish Jews.

https://www.holocaust-trc.org/the-yellow-star/











The Feather- Bed Journey by Paula Feder (1995) – Ages 4 and up While Grandma tries to repair a torn feather pillow she explains her childhood in Poland and the persecution of the Jews. Eventually she says the importance of the pillow.

www.voorhees.k12.nj.us/Page/11005

Feathers and Fools by Mem Fox (1989) – Ages 4 - 7 When two flocks of birds fear each other because of their differences they become enemies. The birds must find a way to have peace again.

https://tc2.ca/pdf/FeathersFools.pdf

The Four Butterflies by Itzik Kipnis (1999) – Ages 5 - 8 Four butterflies must hide from a big beetle. Each one finds a hiding spot where they can blend in, except for the black butterfly. A bumblebee comes to his aid.

Who Was the Woman Who Wore the Hat? By Nancy Pat (2003) Ages 7 - 10 The author uses drawings, poems, watercolors, and photographs to teach children about the Holocaust.

https://schaefshouse.com/.../THE%20WOMAN%20WHO%20WORE%20 THE%20HAT.doc

Best Friends by Elisabeth Reuter (1993) - Ages 7 and up. A Jewish child and German child are best friends until German schools start teaching that the Jews are to blame for all of Germany's problems. A very good introduction to Kristallnacht.

www.voorhees.k12.nj.us/page/10995











Escape, Rescue/ Righteous Gentiles/ Hidden Children and Families

Jars of Hope by Jennifer Roy (2016) - Ages 9 – 12 Jars of Hope is a picture book about Righteous Gentile Irena Sendler, a Polish social worker who went to extraordinary lengths to bring Jewish children to safety during the Holocaust.

www.jenniferroy.com/for-teachers/

The Whispering Town by Jennifer Elvgren (2014) – Ages 6 - 10 The story of how a fishing town helps lead a Jewish mother and son to the harbor so they can escape the Nazis.

https://www.karben.com/assets/images/eSources/The%20Whispering% 20Town%20eSource.pdf

The Passage to Freedom by Ken Mochizuki (2002) - Ages 6- 11. The story of a heroic Japanese diplomat who gave out more visas than he was supposed to so that Jewish refugees could escape the Nazis.

https://www.leeandlow.com/images/pdfs/passage.pdf

Secret of the Village Fool by Rebecca Upjohn (2012) - Ages 5 - 9. Two young boys live in a small Polish town and they think their neighbor is foolish, until he saves their lives.

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5783b41337c581c34c808812/t/ 582a1668be6594017ea8255f/1479153262960/The-Secret-of-the-Village -Fool-Teachers-Guide.pdf

His Name was Raoul Wallenberg: Courage, Rescue and Mystery During WWII by Louise Borden (2012) - Ages 10 - 15. An amazing and inspirational World War II story about how one man, Raoul Wallenberg, saved the lives of many.

www.socstrpr.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/MS-06582-Arrington.pdf











The Yellow Star by Jennifer Roy (2006) - Ages 9 - 12 A true story, as told by her niece, about a girl who was forced to grow up in a Jewish ghetto.

https://www.emporia.edu/lobsv/wawbookaward/curriculumguides/ yellowstar.html http://www.jenniferroy.com/yellowstar/

Irena's Jar of Secrets by Marcia Vaughn (2011) - Ages 7 - 11 The story of the heroic Irene Sendler who smuggled Jewish children out of the Warsaw Ghetto. She kept their identities in a secret jar with the hopes of returning the children to their parents.

https://www.leeandlow.com/images/pdfs/irena_s_jars_of_secrets_dq.pdf https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=28989

The Tree in the Courtyard: Looking through Anne Frank's Window by Jeff Gottesfeld (2016) - Ages 5 - 8

A picture book told from the perspective of the tree outside Anne Frank's window - this book introduces Anne to a young audience.

http://admin.rhcbooks.com/wpcontent/uploads/2017/02/Holocaust_ReadtoRemember.pdf

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry (1989) - Ages 9 - 12 A non-Jewish family risks their lives to take in their daughter's best friend, a Jew, and pretends she is part of their family.

www.glencoe.com/sec/literature/litlibrary/pdf/number_the_stars.pdf http://www.storyboardthat.com/teacher-guide/number-the-stars-by-lois-lowry https://scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plans/.../number-stars-discussion-guide/ https://fcit.usf.edu/holocaust/activity/35plan/number1.htm

The Night Crossing by Karen Ackerman (1994) - Ages 8 - 11 A great introduction to historical fiction, World War II and the Holocaust, this is the story of how young Clara heroically helps her family escape Austria.

http://k8talksbooks.blogspot.com/2007/11/night-crossing-by-karen-ackerman.html











The Champion of Children by Tomek Bogacki (2009) - Ages 6 - 10 The story of an heroic doctor, Janusz Korczak, who created an orphanage for children in Warsaw, Poland in 1912. During Nazi occupation he moved the orphanage into the ghetto and never abandoned his children.

http://korczakusa.com/resources-for-teachers/

The Journey that Saved Curious George by Louise Borden (2005) -Ages 7 - 10. The author tells the story of the creator of curious George and how he escaped Paris on a bicycle.

www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/features/cgsite/journey_lp.shtml www.vhec.org/images/pdfs/CG%20Teachers%20Guide%20FINAL.pdf

Shadows in Twilight by Fred Daniels (1992) - Ages 9 - 12 A true story about a twelve-year-old Jewish boy and his will to survive despite the horrors of World War II.

Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust by Loic Dauvillier and Greg Salsedo (2014) - Ages 6 - 12

A grandmother tells her granddaughter how she hid from the Nazis, with the help of her neighbors, while her parents were taken to a concentration camp.

http://misshadfieldslibrary.blogspot.com/2016/03/hidden-childs-story-ofholocaust.html

Flying Against the Wind: The Story of the Young Women who Defied the Nazis by Ina Friedman (1995) - Ages 11 - 14 Cato was not brainwashed by the Nazis, instead she joined a secret Soviet spy ring to stand up for what she believed was right. This decision eventually cost Cato her life.

http://www.bookrags.com/shortguide-flying-against-thewind/topicsfordiscussion.html#gsc.tab=0











Clara's Story by Clara Isaacman (1984) - Ages 10 - 14 A story of survival based on Clara Kramer's diary of her years spent hiding in an underground bunker with seventeen other people during the Nazi occupation of Poland.

Karski's Mission: To Stop the Holocaust by Rafael Medoff (2015)

Ages 8 - 12. The historic story of Jan Karski who was a member of the Polish Underground. He risked his life to tell the Allies about the Holocaust.

http://cbldf.org/2016/05/using-graphic-novels-in-education-teaching-the-holocaust-withcomics/

Waiting for Anya by Michael Morpurgo (1990)

Ages 8 - 11. A young boy risks his life to help Jewish children cross the border to Spain.

http://www.bookrags.com/studyguide-waiting-for-anya/#gsc.tab=0

The Butterfly by Patricia Polacco (1972)

Ages 6 - 9.

Patricia Polacco tells the story of her aunt, Monique, as a girl in France during World War II. Monique befriends a Jewish girl living in her basement, and must keep her friendship a secret to protect the girl's family from the Nazis.

http://www.penguin.com/static/images/yr/pdf/PolaccoGuide_Final_13.pdf

The Upstairs Room by Johanna Reiss (1972)

Ages 11 - 14Two sisters must stay in a small attic for the duration of the war if they want to survive.

http://fcit.usf.edu/holocaust/ACTIVITY/35PLAN/UPSTAIRS.htm











I Will Come Back for You By Marisabina Russo (2011)

Ages 5 - 9 A grandmother tells the story of how her father and mother go into hiding from the Nazis while she lives with another family.

https://thechildrenswar.blogspot.com/2011/.../i-will-come-back-for-you-familyin.htm%E2%80%A6

Anna is Still Here by Ida Vos (1993)

Ages 9 - 13

A story about a young girl's life after surviving the Holocaust. She tells the struggles of living without her friends and the nightmares she has because of her time in hiding. Anna and her parents are traumatized from their experiences and have difficulty going back to normal life.

https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/.../Anna-is-Still-Here-Comprehensionand-Discu..

Hide and Seek by Ida Vos (1995)

Ages 8 - 12 Eight-year-old Rachel Hartog, her sister Esther and her parents are forced to go into hiding as the Germans take over their town.

Behind the Bedroom Wall by Laura Williams (1996)

Ages 10 - 13 Korinna is a 13 year old girl who is told by her teachers that Jews are bad and need to be taken away. Korinna believes them until she finds out her family is hiding a Jewish family. Korinna needs to decide whose side she is on.

https://quizlet.com/135074080/behind-the-bedroom-wall-comprehension-study-guideflash-cards/ https://www.google.com/#q=Behind+the+Bedroom+Wall+teacher's+guide

The Picture Book of Anne Frank by Davis Adler (1993) Ages 6 - 9 Anne's life in hiding is told through pictures and brief language that is appropriate for young readers.

https://thechildrenswar.blogspot.com/2012/02/welcome-to-non-fiction-monday.html











When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr (1971)

Ages 8 - 12

Nine year old Anna is Jewish and living in Nazi Germany. Her father goes missing one day. Her mother takes her and her brother to Switzerland where they are reunited with their father. They live as refugees traveling to different countries for the next few years.

https://www.novelstudies.org/downloads/When_Hitler_Stole_Pink_Rabbit_ Novel_Study_Preview.pdf

Raul Wallenberg: The Man Who Stopped Death by Sharon Linnea (1993) Ages 11 and up

Based on first person interviews, this book tells the story of Raul Wallenberg and how he saved thousands of lives.

https://fcit.usf.edu/holocaust/people/rescuer2.htm

Journey to America by Sonia Levitin (1970) Ages 11 and up A story about three sisters and their mother who must flee Nazi persecution in Germany by traveling to America where they are reunited with their father.

https://fcit.usf.edu/holocaust/activity/912plan/AMERICA.htm

Snow Treasure by Marie McSwigan (1942) Ages 8 - 12

Peter and his friends must trick the Nazis into leaving their village. They had to sneak past the Nazi guards with nine million dollars in gold. They had to risk their country's treasure and their lives.

https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plans/teaching-content/snow-treasurediscussion-guide/

The Lily Cupboard by Shulamith Levey (1992)

Ages 5 - 8

Miriam is Jewish and must hide with a non-Jewish family on a farm. She is given a rabbit to take care of. She continues taking care of the rabbit even when she has to hide in a cupboard.

http://fcit.usf.edu/holocaust/activity/35plan/lily.htm













Twenty and Ten by Claire Bishop (1952)

Ages 10 - 14 A Catholic nun and twenty brave French children hide ten Jewish refugee children from the Nazis.

http://www.learn4yourlife.com/twenty-and-ten-unit-study.html

Rebekkah's Journey by Anne Burg (2006)

Ages 6 - 9 Rebekkah and her mother fled Europe during WW II. They must live in a vacant army base with other refugees in New York. Rebekkah tries to make the army base into a home.

https://www.teachingbooks.net/media/pdf/SleepingBearPress/RebekkahsJourney_ Guide.pdf

The Tattooed Torah by Marvell Ginsburg (1983)

Ages 9 - 13 A true story of a Torah that was rescued and restored from Brno, Czechoslovakia.

Flowers on the Wall by Miriam Nerlove (1996) Ages 6 - 9

Rachel is Jewish and lives in Warsaw during WW II. She must stay in the basement most of the time. Her family can barely make ends meet, but her father buys her paint. She has no paper to paint on so she paints on the walls of the basement. She draws flowers. The picture provides solace for her and her family.

The Secret Seder by Doreen Rappaport (2005)

Ages 7 - 12 Jacque and his parents are Jews hiding in Nazi occupied France, pretending to be Catholic. On the first night of Passover they gather with other Jews to celebrate, even though they are risking their lives.

http://doreenrappaport.com/e-books/%20the-secret-seder/











Anna and the Swallow Man by Gavriel Savit (2016) Ages 12 and up When Anna's father is taken by the Germans, she befriends a man, The Swallow Man, who is also in danger of being taken. They end up traveling together in a world gone mad. It seems as if everything is dangerous even The Swallow Man.

http://admin.rhcbooks.com/wpcontent/uploads/2017/02/Holocaust_ReadtoRemember.pdf

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak (2005) Ages 12 and up Liesel's parents are taken by the Germans. She must now live with a foster family. She has a hunger to read so her foster father teaches her to read and write. She steals books from book burnings so she can continue reading new books. Her foster family also hides a Jewish man who she befriends.

www.readinggroupguides.com/reviews/the-book-thief/guide www.galesburglibrary.org/BookClun/BookThief.pdf

Honey Cake by Joan Betty Stuchner (2007) Ages 6 - 9

During the Second World War, David and his family experience the Nazi invasion of Denmark. As Rosh Hashanah approaches, they are faced with increasing danger.

https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?aid=11031

Once by Morris Gleitzman (2005) Ages 12 - 18

A story from the perspective of a young Jewish boy hidden in a Catholic orphanage that runs away to find his parents and finds himself in the middle of Nazi occupation. He rescues a young girl named Zelda and together they hide in the ghetto and ultimately escape.

https://www.teachervision.com/holocaust/once-discussion-guide

Run, Boy, Run by Uri Orlev (2001) Ages 12 and up

Based on a true story, an eight year old boy hides in Poland pretending to be a Christian child but not before losing his arm in a terrible accident.

http://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/education/lesson_plans/uri_orlev.asp











Rescuing the Children: Story of the Kindertransport (2012) Ages 10 - 13 This book tells the story of how ten thousand Jewish children were rescued out of Nazi Europe just before the outbreak of World War 2.

www.jewishbookcouncil.org/book/rescuing-the-children

The Brave Little Boat by Stephen Ollendorff and Kenneth Sawyer (2007) Ages 7 - 10

A true story of a seemingly small, insignificant fishing boat that played a heroic role in saving the lives of over 300 Danish Jews during World War II.

www.theollendorffcenter.org/bravelittleboat.html

Jacob's Rescue by Malka Drucker and Michael Halperin (1994) Ages 8 - 12

Based on a true story of two brothers who were rescued from the Warsaw Ghetto and hidden by a non- Jewish family, the author describes the fears of Jacob and his brother and the risks and sacrifices of their rescuers.

https://www.edhelper.com/books/Jacobs_Rescue_A_Holocaust_Story.html

Hidden Children by Isaac Millman (2005) Ages 10 - 15

A picture-book biography focusing on a young person hidden during the Holocaust. The author tells a powerful story of survival, loss, and hope.

https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/books/hidden-child-millmanby-issac-millman/

The Grand Mosque of Paris by Karen Gray Ruelle and Deborah Durland Desaux (2010)

Ages 8 - 11

The Grand Mosque of Paris is the story of the Muslim community of Paris during the Nazi occupation of World War II and their efforts to rescue Jews.

http://holidayhouse.com/docs/GrandMosqueofParis9.10.pdf











Escaping the Nazis on the Kindertransport (2017)

Ages 9 – 12

A powerful introduction to the Holocaust for grade school students. Designed to look and feel like an old picture album or scrapbook, this book uses memoir pieces, poems and photographs to tell the story of seven Jewish children who were rescued from Nazi Germany and brought to new homes in the United Kingdom.

The Promise: The Moving Story of a Family in the Holocaust by Eva Schloss (2006)

Ages 9 - 13

Eva tells the story of how she and her mother hid together while her father and brother hid in a separate house. Eventually they are discovered and sent to Auschwitz but Eva survives and discovers her brother's paintings in the house where her brother and father were hiding. This book was written specifically for children.

http://files.constantcontact.com/../4c2eee31-81fa-4951-a63abe39c4082d3f.pdf?ver...

Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible by Leon Leyson (2013)

Ages 9 - 15

Leon describes his family's forced relocation to the Krakow ghetto and how he was miraculously saved because of a clever man named Oskar Schindler.

https://www.teachingbooks.net/media/pdf/SimonSchuster/BoyOnWoodenBox_ Guide.pdf

My Sister's Eyes: A Family Chronicle of Rescue and Loss During World War II (2017)

Ages 12 – 16 This collection of family memorabilia, letters, postcards, family trees, and Nazi signage gives a comprehensive look at what Jewish families in Europe went through during the Nazi era and beyond.

http://www.mysisterseyes.com/full-curricular-unit









The Diary of Anne Frank (1947)

Ages 11 and up Anne remains optimistic despite the fact that she is cramped in an attic with another Jewish family. She writes in her diary until she and the others are discovered by the Nazis and sent to a concentration camp.

http://echoesandreflections.org/community-voices/teaching-the-diary-ofanne-frank/

Who was Anne Frank? By Ann Abramson (2007)

Ages 8 - 12 A book which describes Anne's life before and during the war. It contains visuals to help young readers.

https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Who-Was-Anne-Frank-by-Ann-Abramson-Literature-Unit989234

Stone Angel by Jane Yolen (2015)

Ages 6 - 9Set in Paris during World War II, an unnamed young girl narrates the story of her Jewish family's escape when the Nazis arrive in France

http://janeyolen.com/works/stone-angel/ http://www.npr.org/2015/05/02/401015636/author-hopesholocaust-themed-picture-book-will-prompt-conversations

Hedy's Journey by Michelle Bisson (2017)

Ages 8 – 14

It is 1941. Hedy and her family are Jewish, and the Jew-hating Nazi party is rising. Hedy's family is no longer safe in their home in Hungary. They decide to flee to America, but because of their circumstances, sixteen-year-old Hedy must make her way through Europe alone.

Awards:

Midwest Book Award for children's nonfiction. Sydney Taylor Award Best Book of the Year (2017) by A Mighty Girl. INDIES Forward (magazine) award finalist









Together: A Journey for Survival by Ann S. Arnold (2016)

(Ages 12 and up) Ann Arnold shares her family's journey through Poland's countryside during the horrors of WWII and the Holocaust.. The story displays the magnificent strength of a mother's love and the incredible courage of good people during the worst of times.

https://www.togetherajourneyforsurvival.com/

Anne Frank (Little People, Big Dreams) by Isabel Sánchez Vegara

Ages 4 - 7New in the Little People, Big Dreams series, discover the life of Anne Frank, the writer whose diary captured the hearts of the public, in this true story of her life.

Camps and Ghettos

The Cat with the Yellow Star by Ela Weissberger (2006)

Ages 8 - 11 Ela's experiences living in Terezin are described including how a children's opera called Brundibar was conceived and performed. Ela was chosen to play the pivotal role of the cat.

http://www.holidayhouse.com/docs/Cat%20with%20the%20Yellow%20Star%20Te achers%20Guide.pdf

Black Radishes by Susan Meyer (2010)

Ages 10 - 15 Gustave lives in Paris but must leave with his family once their lives are threatened. Gustave must help think of a plan for his family to safely escape to America.

http://susanlynnmeyer.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/Holocaustteachers-guide-to-BR.pdf











Ages 10 - 14 A collection of poems and art created by the children of Terezin are included in this anthology.

https://www.holocaustcenterseattle.org/images/Education/I%20Never%20Saw%20Another%20 Butterfly%20Activity.pdf

The Search by Eric Heuvel (2007)

Ages 10 and up A graphic novel showing how Esther was separated from her family when she went into hiding in the countryside. At the end of the war, she goes on a search to find out what happened to her parents.

http://annefrank.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/ Teaching-the-Holocaust.pdf

Night by Elie Wiesel (1956)

Ages 13 and up Elie Wiesel describes his experience with his father in the Nazi concentration camps of Auschwitz and Buchenwald.

http://www.oprah.com/oprahsbookclub/Oprahs-Book-Club-Night-Questions -and-Discussion-Topics http://www.glencoe.com/sec/loterature/litlibrary/pdf/night.pdf

Alan and Naomi by Myron Levoy (1977)

Ages 9 - 12 Alan must work if he wants Naomi to talk to him. Naomi is emotionally scarred from escaping the Nazis but Alan's friendship helps her talk about her experience.

www.behrmanhouse.com/download/file/fid/4989



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Always Remember Me: How One Family Survived WWII by Marisabina Russo (2005) Ages 6 - 10

A grandmother who normally will not share the hard parts of her



life opens up to her granddaughter and describes how their family survived the war.

http://littlefriendsreadingnook.blogspot.com/2015/03/always-remember-me-how-onefamily_12.html

Daniel's Story by Carol Matas (1993)

Ages 9 - 14 Daniel and his family wait too long to flee from Germany, they are eventually sent to a ghetto and then to Auschwitz.

http://edhelper.com/books/DanielsStory.htm https://www.enotes.com/homework-help/topic/daniels-story



Bridge to

Freedom

Marvin, Isabel R.

Bridge to Freedom by Isabel Marvin (1991)

Ages 12 - 15

When a 15 year old Jewish girl hiding in a cave encounters a German soldier who is deserting the army, they work together to help save a dog's life and their own lives.

David and Max by Gail Provost Stockwell and Gary Provost (2006) Ages 9 - 11

When David goes on a vacation with his grandfather Max, he learns about his Grandfather's life during WW II and helps his grandfather search for someone he thought died in the Holocaust.

Don't Forget by Patricia Lakin (1994)

Ages 5 - 8

Sarah goes to different shops to collect ingredients for the cake she is baking for her mother. At one of the shops she notices that the people have numbers tattooed on their arms. She is told not to forget what happened to them.

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5314cd09e4b0c02736e3171 c/t/537364e0e4b0cc8670975dba/1400071392626/ DFTeachersguide.pdf





A Pocket Full of Seeds by Marilyn Sachs (1973)

Ages 10 - 13 Nicole comes home one day to find that her family has been taken by the Nazis. Nicole must be strong and go into hiding by herself.

The Shadow Children by Steven Schnur (1994)

Ages 10 - 13 Etienne spends summer at his grandpa's farm. He encounters strange children in the woods and when he asks about them he is told they are in his imagination. Eventually Etienne discovers the truth about what happened in this town during the war.

Life and Times of Anne Frank by Richard Tames (2003)

Ages 8 - 12 Using authentic pictures and the work of Anne Frank, the author narrates her story in a way that is accessible for children.

Hilde and Eli: Children of the Holocaust by David Adler (1994)

Ages 9 - 13 A book which includes Frank family photographs, historical photographs, excerpts from the diary, and maps providing a new voice for the memoir.

http://www.davidaadler.com/

The Grey Striped Shirt: How Grandma and Grandpa Survived the Holocaust by Jacqueline Jules (1994)

Ages 9 - 12 A young girl finds a prison uniform in her grandparent's attic. She searches for the truth about her family.

http://www.jacquelinejules.com/activities.htm













The Big Lie by Isabella Leitner (1994)

Ages 9 and up Isabella is a young Jewish girl living in Hungary. She must wear a yellow star and obey strict rules just because she is Jewish.

Torn Thread by Anne Isaacs (2000)

Ages 12 and up Twelve- year-old Eva and her sister have been forced to leave their home in Poland and are imprisoned in a Nazi labor camp.

https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plans/teachingcontent/torn-thread-discussion-guide/

Hana's Suitcase by Karen Levine (2002)

Ages 8 - 12

This book shines a spotlight on the life of a young Holocaust victim and makes the process of exploring and unraveling history relevant and exciting.

http://admin.rhcbooks.com/wp-

<u>content/uploads/2017/02/Holocaust_ReadtoRemember.pdf</u> www.hanassuitcase.ca/PDF/studyguide.pdf

The Harmonica by Tony Johnston (2004) Ages 7-10

After the Nazis invaded Poland, a family is split apart. The parents are sent to one concentration camp, their son to another.

Luba: The Angel of Bergen Belsen by Luna Trysznski-Frederock (2003) Ages 6 - 9

As a result of her own creativity and strength of will, the author managed to keep a group of children fed and safe until the liberation of Bergen-Belsen.

https://www.proprofs.com/quiz-school/story.php?title= luba-angel-bergen-belsen









Fireflies in the Dark: The Story of Friedl Dicker- Brandeis and the Children of Terezin by Susan Goldman Rubin (2000) Ages 8 - 12.

The book relates the life of Friedl Dicker- Brandeis, an artist, teacher, and eventual prisoner at the Terezin concentration camp, who worked with children through art.

https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/books/fireflies-in-the-dark-by-susan-goldman-rubin/

Child of the Warsaw Ghetto by David Adler (1995)

Ages 7 - 10 An orphaned boy tells how he survived the Holocaust. He was forced into the Warsaw Ghetto and then deported to Dachau.

https://www.voorhees.k12.nj.us/page/11000

The Cats in Krasinski Square by Karen Hesse (2004)

Ages 8 - 10 Set in Warsaw in 1942, a young girl who has escaped the ghetto lives with her older sister. With the help of friends, they plan to smuggle food to those still there.

http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/esol/Eng/Multicultural/PDF/Cats%20in %20Krasinski%20Square.pdf

My Secret Camera: Life in the Lodz Ghetto by Frank Danba- Smith (2008) Ages 7 and up Mendel Grossman was forced into the Lodz ghetto at its inception in May 1940. For the next four years, Grossman used his privileges as a photographer for the ghetto administration to covertly take thousands of pictures documenting life in the ghetto.

https://www.voorhees.k12.nj.us/Page/10997

The Island on Bird Street by Uri Orlev (1981) Ages 11 and up Influenced by the adventures of Robinson Crusoe as well as his own experiences, Uri Orlev recreates the dangerous world of the Warsaw Ghetto.











www.learninglinks.com/files/samples/S2515-sample.pdf

Jacob the Liar by Jurek Becker (1969) Ages 12 and up Jacob provides hope for people in the ghetto by lying about overhearing good news on the radio.

https://www.freespiritpublishedingblog.files.wordpress.com/.../jakob-the-liar-discussion-question.

Katarina by Kathryn Winter (1999) Age 11 and up

Katarina considers herself a devout Catholic, but the Nazis consider her Jewish. She must hide from the Nazis in an orphanage and then with her maid who teaches her more about Catholicism.

Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli (2003) Ages 12 and up Spinelli describes the streets of Nazi-occupied Warsaw during World War II as seen through the eyes of a curious and kind orphan with many names.

www.penguinrandomhouseaudio.com/teachers-guide/171190/milkweed/ http://admin.rhcbooks.com/wpcontent/uploads/2017/02/Holocaust_ReadtoRemember.pdf

Survivors Club: The True Story of a Very Young Prisoner of Auschwitz by Michael Bornstein & Debbie Bornstein Holinstat (2017)

Ages 13 and up

In 1945, in a now-famous piece of World War II archival footage, four-year-old Michael Bornstein was filmed by Soviet soldiers as he was carried out of Auschwitz in his grandmother's arms. Michael relates his inspirational Holocaust survival story with the help of his daughter.

http://read.macmillan.com/mcpg/survivors-club/

Somewhere There is Still a Sun by Michael Gruenbaum (2015) Ages 14 and up

Michael "Misha" Gruenbaum enjoyed a carefree childhood playing games and taking walks through Prague with his beloved father.











All of that changed forever when the Nazis invaded Prague.

https://www.ushmm.org/collections/the-museums-collections/ curators-corner/surviving-theresienstadt-the-michael-gruenbaum-collection http://d28hgpri8am2if.cloudfront.net/tagged_assets/1820236/somewhere% 20there%20is%20still%20a%20sun_cg.pdf

The Wren and the Sparrow by Patrick J. Lewis (2015)

Ages 8 - 12 "An allegorical tale about Nazi occupied Poland in which a town's residents are forced to turn over their musical instruments."

https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?aid=3806

I Am A Star by Inge Auerbacher (1993)

Ages 10 and up

Inge Auerbacher's childhood was as happy and peaceful as that of any other German child—until 1942. By then, the Nazis were in power, and because Inge's family was Jewish, she and her parents were sent to a concentration camp in Czechoslovakia.

http://curr520nonfictionliteracyguide.weebly.com/lesson-3-poetry.html

The Number on My Grandfather's Arm by David Adler (1987)

Ages 6 and up The moving story of a young girl who learns of her grandfather's experience in Auschwitz. This award-winning picture book gives young children "just enough" information about the Holocaust without overwhelming them.

www.voorhees.k12.nj.us/Page/11006

http://lessonplanspage.com/lassmdholocaustwritingubit2 writinganarrative6-htm/

Tutti's Promise (2018) Ages 10 - 14

Tutti's Promise is based on the true story of what happened to the author's mother, uncle, and grandparents during the Holocaust. Although classified as a novel, the author conducted extensive research -- interviewing her mother, consulting her great-grandfather's diary, searching through archives and historical documents, visiting the places the family lived during the war, and interviewing friends









of the family.

https://popjeandme.com/discussion-guestions/

The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen (1988) Ages 9 - 13 A 16-year-old American girl with an apathetic view towards her Jewish family history finds herself pulled through time to 1941 to a small Polish village.

https://www.enotes.com/topics/devils-arithmetic/teacher-resources https://www.prestwickhouse.com/samples/300256.pdf http://gregott.net/Devil's_arithmetic/Devil's_Arithmetic.htm

Roses in a Forbidden Garden (2016) by Elise Garibaldi

Ages 12 and up Amidst the unspeakable horrors of Hitler's concentration camps,1 a young German-Jewish girl finds beauty and love for a man that will span a lifetime.

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4c0b3b 5964da4c083047ed867f8862812bb055.pdf

Terezin: Voice from the Holocaust by Ruth Thomson (2011)

Ages 10 14

Between 1941 and 1945, Nazi Germany turned the small town of Terezín, Czechoslovakia, into a ghetto, and then into a transit camp for thousands of Jewish people. Through inmates' own voices and artwork, Terezín explores the lives of Jewish people in one of the most infamous of the Nazi transit camps.

https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=23121

Holidays and Faith

One Yellow Daffodil: A Hanukkah Story by David Adler (1995)

Ages 7 - 10

A florist is invited to spend Hanukah with a family even though he objects because Hanukah brings back bad memories from his life during the Holocaust.





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The Devil's Arithmetic





https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/One-Yellow-Daffodil-Book-Unit-2915126

One Candle by Eve Bunting (2002) Ages 5 - 8 A grandmother and her sister tell their family how they celebrated Chanukah during the Holocaust. They teach the power of tradition, family and religion. http://neverforgetresources.blogspot.com/2010/10/one-candle.html

Something From Nothing by Phoebe Gilman (1992)

Ages 5 - 8

A Jewish grandfather gives his grandson a blanket. The grandfather must fix the blanket multiple times over the years by making it into different things.

https://www.stlouisfed.org/education/something-from-nothing

The Tie Man's Miracle: A Chanukah Tale by Steven Schnur (1995)

Ages 4 and up

Seth wants to light the last Chanukah candle. He is annoyed when his parents invite the tie seller, who has knocked on their door, into their house. Seth asks the tie seller about his family and the old man explains the Holocaust,

Menorah in the Night Sky: A Miracle of Chanukah by Jacques Shore

Ages 8 - 12 Two young boys want to celebrate Chanukah even though they are prisoners of a concentration camp. This will only be possible if there is a Miracle.

General Works

Remembering the Holocaust series by Various Authors (2014) Ages 12 and up Titles in this series include Anti-Semitism and the "Final Solution";

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Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen, Treblinka: The Holocaust Camps; Hitler, Goebbels, Himmler: The Nazi Holocaust Masterminds; Schindler, Wallenberg, Miep Gies: The Holocaust Heroes; Warsaw, Lodz, Vilna: The Holocaust Ghettos; Wiesel, Wiesenthal, Klarsfeld: The Holocaust Survivors. Each book in this series covers an aspect of the whole picture that led to the Jewish Holocaust of World War II.

Historical Atlas of the Holocaust (1996)

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Ages 12 and up The story of the Holocaust in geographical detail- country by country, ghetto by ghetto, camp by camp.

Smoke and Ashes: The Story of the Holocaust by Barbara Rogasky (1988)

Ages 14 and up This book combines eyewitness accounts, statistics, and commentary in a format that includes documentary photos (many of them taken by the Nazis) on almost every page.

The Holocaust: History of Courage and Resistance by Bea Stadtler (1973)

Ages 10 and up The author includes the stories of Jews who resisted and non-Jews who tried to stop the Holocaust.

What Was the Holocaust? by Gail Herman (June, 2018)

Ages 8 - 12 Gail Herman presents just enough information for an elementary-school audience in a readable and well-researched book. This entry in the New York Times best-selling series contains eighty illustrations and sixteen pages of black and white photographs suitable for young readers.

We Remember the Holocaust by David Adler (1989) Ages 10 and up











Survivor accounts and photographs are used to show what Jewish life was like before the 1930s, during Hitler's rise to power and during the Holocaust.

Holocaust the Events and Their impact by Angela Gluck Wood (2007) Ages 10 - 17

A comprehensive volume which contains first-hand testimony from survivors and enables readers to appreciate the impact of the Holocaust on real people and the lives they and their families have rebuilt today.

