



HOLOCAUST LITERATURE FOR TEENS

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This is a list of some young adult literature about the Holocaust available at the library. These books vary widely in maturity level and may contain controversial elements. Please check the catalog for the location of the book and to find out whether or not it is currently available. If it is not available, we may be able to obtain a copy from another library - please stop by the Adult Reference Desk.

SOMETHING REMAINS By Inge Barth-Grozinger -- TEEN BARTH

In 1933, as Hitler becomes Chancellor, twelve-year-old Erich and his family, who are Jewish, find they need to make changes in their everyday lives as hatred of the Jews grows.

THE BOY WHO DARED By Susan Bartololetti -- YA BARTO

In October, 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hübener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.

HITLER YOUTH: GROWING UP IN HITLER'S SHADOW By Susan Bartololetti -- J 943.086 BAR

Explores the various factors which led many of Germany's young people to pledge their loyalty and support to the dictator and join the Hitler Youth during his rise to power.

TWO SUNS IN THE SKY By Miriam Bat-Ami -- YA BAT

Fifteen-year-old Chris Cook meets a Yugoslavian refugee when a shelter for war refugees opens nearby in Oswego, New York. As the attraction between them grows, stronger barriers threaten to divide them. There is language, religion, and most importantly family.

THE JOURNEY THAT SAVED CURIOUS GEORGE: THE TRUE WARTIME ESCAPE OF MARGRET AND H.A. REY By Louise Borden -- JB REY

In 1940, Hans and Margret Rey fled their Paris home as the German army advanced. They began their harrowing journey on bicycles, pedaling to Southern France with children's book manuscripts among their few possessions.

THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS: A FABLE By John Boyne -- YA & TEEN 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.

DANIEL, HALF HUMAN AND THE GOOD NAZI By Chotjewitz, David -- YA CHOTJ

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. Also details Daniel and Armin's reunion in 1945 in interspersed chapters.

ANNEXED By Sharon Dogar -- YA DOGAR

A retelling of the story of Anne Frank imagines life in the secret annex from the perspective of Peter, who overcomes an initial loathing for the precocious young diarist before falling in love with her and questioning his faith in light of frightening persecutions.

THE AUSLANDER By Paul Dowswell – J DOW

German soldiers take Peter from a Warsaw orphanage, and soon he is adopted by Professor Kaltenbach, a prominent Nazi, but Peter forms his own ideas about what he sees and hears and decides to take a risk that is most dangerous in 1942 Berlin.

SUMMER OF MY GERMAN SOLDIER By Bette Greene -- TEEN GREEN

Sheltering an escaped German prisoner of war is the beginning of some shattering experiences for a twelve-year-old Jewish girl in Arkansas.

THE HIDDEN CHILDREN By Howard Greenfeld -- J 940.5318 GRE

Describes the experiences of those Jewish children who were forced to go into hiding during the Holocaust and survived to tell about it.

I HAVE LIVED A THOUSAND YEARS: GROWING UP IN THE HOLOCAUST By Livia Bitton-Jackson -- 940.53 JACKS

The author, who was imprisoned in Auschwitz as a teenager, describes her terrible experiences as one of the camp's few adolescent inmates and the miraculous twists of fate that enabled her to survive.

WHEN HITLER STOLE PINK RABBIT By Judith Kerr -- J KER

Portrays the experiences of a nine-year-old Jewish girl and her family as they are forced to leave Hitler's Germany to seek refuge in neighboring countries.

CLARA'S WAR: ONE GIRL'S STORY OF SURVIVAL By Clara Kramer -- ADULT FIC 940.5318 KRAM

Portrays the experiences of a nine-year-old Jewish girl and her family as they are forced to leave Hitler's Germany to seek refuge in neighboring countries.

ASHES By Kathryn Lasky – YA LASKY & J LAS

In 1932 Berlin, Gaby Schramm witnesses the beginning of Hitler's rise to power, as soldiers become ubiquitous and the family's friend, Albert Einstein, leaves the country while Gaby's parents bury his books and papers in their small yard.

NUMBER THE STARS By Lois Lowry -- YA & TEEN LOWRY & JFIC LOW

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.

BLACK RADISHES By Susan Lynn Meyer – J MEY

Forced to leave his friends behind in Nazi-threatened 1940 Paris, Jewish youth Gustave relocates with his parents to a small country village where he learns about the occupation and meets a Catholic resistance fighter who offers to help them flee to America.

IN MY HANDS: MEMORIES OF A HOLOCAUST RESCUER By Irene Gut Opdyke --TEEN OPDYK

Presents a dramatic portrait of the woman who was forced to work for the German army due to her blond hair, blue eyes, and youth and who waged her own personal war with the Germans by assisting the Jews, from passing on information to smuggling Jews from the work camp into the forest.

LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE By Mirjam Pressler -- YA PRESS

When Johanna discovers that her grandfather's company--and her family's wealth--was founded on injustice due to the anti-Semitic laws of the Third Reich during the Nazi regime, she must make a life-altering decision.

BEYOND COURAGE: THE UNTOLD STORY OF JEWISH RESISTANCE DURING THE HOLOCAUST

By Doreen Rappaport – J940.53 RAP

Recounts the efforts of Jews who organized others and sabotaged the Nazis during the Holocaust, including Georges Loinger who smuggled children from occupied France into Switzerland and four brothers who led refugees into the forest to build a village and an army.

TOUCH WOOD: A GIRLHOOD IN OCCUPIED FRANCE By Renee Roth-Hano -- YA ROTH

In this autobiographical novel set in Nazi-occupied France, Renee, a young Jewish girl, and her family flee their home in Alsace and live a precarious existence in Paris until Renee and her sister escape to the shelter of a convent in Normandy.

YELLOW STAR By Jennifer Roy – YA & J 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.

SIX MILLION PAPER CLIPS: THE MAKING OF A CHILDREN'S HOLOCAUST

MEMORIAL By Peter Schroeder -- J 940.53 SCH

Describes the efforts of middle school students from the rural Tennessee town of Whitwell to create a Holocaust memorial based on a collection of millions of paper clips intended to represent all of the victims exterminated by the Nazis.

THE CAGE By Ruth Sender -- TEEN SENDE

A teenage girl recounts the suffering and persecution of her family under the Nazis, in a Polish ghetto, during deportation, and in a concentration camp.

THE BERLIN BOXING CLUB By Robert Sharenow – YA SHARE

In 1936 Berlin, 14-year-old Karl Stern, considered Jewish despite a non-religious upbringing, learns to box from the legendary Max Schmeling while struggling with the realities of the Holocaust.

MILKWEED: A NOVEL By Jerry Spinelli -- YA SPINE, BOD OO & JFIC SPI

Captures the hardships and cruelty of life in the ghettos of Warsaw during the Nazi occupation of World War II, through the eyes of a Jewish orphan who must use all his wits and courage to survive unimaginable events and circumstances.

THE SECRET OF PRIEST'S GROTTTO: A HOLOCAUST SURVIVAL STORY By Peter Lane Taylor

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Two explorers survey caves in the Western Ukraine and relate the story of how an extended Jewish family, fleeing persecution by the Nazis, lived for two years in a large cave, Popowa Yama, and survived the war.

CODE NAME VERITY By Elizabeth Wein – YA WEIN

In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage and great courage as she relates what she must do to survive while keeping secret all that she can.

THE OTHER HALF OF LIFE: A NOVEL BASED ON THE TRUE STORY OF THE MS

ST. LOUIS By Kim Whitney -- YA WHITN & J WHI

In 1939, fifteen-year-old Thomas sails on a German ship bound for Cuba with more than nine hundred German Jews expecting to be granted safe haven in Cuba.

THE DEVIL'S ARITHMETIC By Jane Yolen -- YA & TEEN YOLEN & JFIC YOL

Hannah resents stories of her Jewish heritage and of the past until, when opening the door during a Passover Seder, she finds herself in Poland during World War II where she experiences the horrors of a concentration camp, and learns why she-- and we--need to remember the past.

THE BOOK THIEF By Markus Zusak -- YA & TEEN ZUSAK

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

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