Bibliography of Illustrated Books on the Holocaust
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Allegorical Books


Bunting, Eve. Terrible Things. N.Y.: Harper & Row, 1980. In this allegory, the animals of the forest are carried away, one type after another, by the Terrible Things.

Kushner, Tony. Brundibar. N.Y.: Michael De Capua, 2003. Story based on a Czech opera which was performed 55 times by the children of Terezin about two children that go into town to get milk for their sick mother.

Historical Truth

Russo, Marisabina. Always Remember Me. N.Y. Atheneum Books. 2005. A girl’s grandmother shares two photo albums with her: one about her life before the World War II, and one about her life in America after the war.


Wieviorka, Annette. Auschwitz Explained to My Child. NY: Marlowe & Co., 2002. A French historian whose grandparents died in the Holocaust answers her 13 year old daughter’s questions about that historic event, including Hitler’s rise to power, the establishment of ghettos and concentration camps, and the genocide of the Jews.


Lehman-Wilzig, Tami. Keeping the Promise: A Torah’s Journey. Minneapolis, MN: Kar-Ben, 2004. Dedicated to the memory of Ilan Ramon, it is the story of a how a miniature Torah survived Bergen-Belsen
and was eventually taken into space by the Israeli astronaut.


**Righteous Gentiles and Sympathetic Rescuers**


Adler, David A. *Hiding from the Nazis*. N.Y.: Holiday House, 1997. The story of Lore Baer, who as a four-year-old child was placed with a Christian family in the Dutch farm country to avoid persecution by the Nazis.


Biography of how a family escaped Russia through Japan and then finally to North America during World War II.

Description of the Japanese diplomat in Lithuania, who saved as many as 10,000 Jews during the Holocaust, based on the words of his eldest son Hiroki Sugihara.

Story of a little German girl and her perception of and involvement in the situation around her during World War II.

Story about a non-Jewish family living in Southern France who helps shelter Jews during the Holocaust.

Relates the story of how the King of Denmark wore a yellow star on his clothing to identify with his Jewish subjects during the Holocaust.

**Holocaust as Sub-text**

Children sell decorated Easter eggs with the help of a Holocaust survivor who owns a hat shop.

Set in a post-war Jewish neighborhood, Sarah gets to know some of the storekeepers who are Holocaust survivors.

A young girl and her favorite doll are separated because of the Holocaust only to be reunited in the United States many years later.

Before she leaves for America after surviving the Holocaust, an aunt gives her nephew a box full of English words to learn; then one day an old rocking horse appears at his door.

When his family comes to live in Israel after World War II, a young boy starts planting trees, a practice that spreads throughout Israel.

During Hanukkah, two children help a Holocaust survivor identify once again with his Jewish traditions.

An older woman recalls a childhood experience when she gives her savings to a carpenter trying to rescue his Jewish children from a war-torn country.

A rabbi tells the story of Purim to a group of Children in Nazi occupied Vienna.

After hearing how an old man lost his family in the Holocaust, a young boy makes a wish on the last night
of Hanukkah that is carried to God as the candles burn down.

**Biography**

Color illustrations and text trace the life of the young Jewish girl who kept a diary while she and her family hid from the Nazis.

Traces the life of a young girl who kept a diary for two years while hiding from the Nazis during the Holocaust.

Describes the life of a young girl who goes into hiding with her family to avoid capture by the Nazis.

Biography of a survivor of Terezin who was chosen to play the role of the cat in the children's opera Brundibar.

Biography of the Holocaust survivor who became the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize winner and has dedicated his life to making sure the tragedy of the Holocaust is not forgotten. Includes timeline.

Biography of a German woman who risked her life to save Jews during the Holocaust.

Covers the years during which Friedl Dicker, a Jewish woman from Czechoslovakia, taught art to the children of Terezin.

Chronicles the exploits of Jaap Penraat, a Dutchman, who risked his life during the Holocaust to save the lives of over 400 Jews.

Biography of the Polish pediatrician and educator who devoted and gave his life for abandoned and orphaned children during the Holocaust.

The author details his experiences growing up in France during the Holocaust.

A biography of the Jewish heroine, Luba Tryszynska, who saved the lives of more than 50 Jewish children in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp during the winter of 1944/45.

Describes how the author survived the Holocaust by relating her childhood experiences through quilt panels that she created herself.

Traces the life of the young Jewish girl whose diary chronicles the years she and her family hid from the Nazis.


**Fictional Narratives Based on Historical Truth**

Reuter, Elisabeth. *Best Friends*. N.Y.: Yellow Brick Road Press, 1993. A young girl tells what it was like to be friends with a Jewish girl in Germany as the Nazi influence spread. Translated from the German.


Johnston, Tony. *The Harmonica*. Watertown, MA.: Charlesbridge, 2004. Torn from his home and parents in Poland during World War II, a young Jewish boy starving in a concentration camp finds hope in playing Schubert on his harmonica, even when the commandant orders him to play.


Stillerman, Marci. *Nine Spoons—a Chanukah Story*. N.Y.: Hachai, 1998. A Holocaust survivor tells the story of how when she was in a concentration camp she and the other prisoners collected nine spoons to make a menorah.

Bunting, Eve. *One Candle*. NY: Joanna Cotler, 2002. Every year a family celebrates Hanukkah by retelling the story of how Grandma and her sister managed to mark the day while in a concentration camp.


Jews in a Nazi work camp in Poland smuggle in the Torah piece by piece, despite great personal danger.