

**Annotated Bibliography of Holocaust Resources
Elementary Grades
March 2015**

A picture book of Anne Frank by David A. Adler. New York : Holiday House, c1993. 29 p.



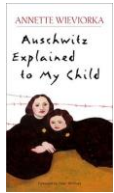
Summary: Traces the life of the young Jewish girl whose diary chronicles the years she and her family hid from the Nazis in an Amsterdam attic. **Call number: J 920 FRA**
- Grades 2-4

A time for toys by Margaret Wild. Ontario : Kids Can Press, c1991.



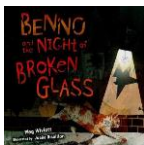
Summary: A child, who remembers life at home before life in a concentration camp, makes toys with the women to give to the other children at the very special party they are going to have when the soldiers arrive to liberate the camp. **Call number: J 940.53 WIL**
- Grades 3-5

Auschwitz explained to my daughter, by Annette Wieviorka. New York : Marlowe & Co., c2002. 64 p.



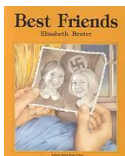
Summary: A French historian whose grandparents died in the Holocaust answers her thirteen-year-old daughter's questions about that historic event, including Hitler's rise to power, the establishment of ghettos and concentration camps, and the genocide of the Jews. **Call number: J 940.53 WIE**
- Grades 4-6

Benno and the Night of Broken Glass by Meg Wiviott. Minnesota : Kar-Ben Publishing, c2010.



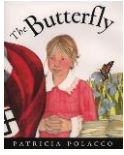
Summary: In 1938 Berlin, Germany, a cat sees the Rosenstrasse neighborhood change from a peaceful neighborhood of Jews and Gentiles to an unfriendly place where, one November night, men in brown shirts destroy Jewish-owned businesses and arrest or kill Jewish people. Includes facts about Kristallnacht and a list of related books and web resources. **Call number: J 940.53 WIV**
- Grades 3-5

Best friends by Elisabeth Reuter. California : Yellow Brick Road Press, c1993.



Summary: This singular tale of young girls growing up in Germany in the thirties provides a clear introduction to the history of the time. An introduction to the Nazi period and its effect on the very young. **Call number: J 940.53 REU**
- Grades 2-4

The butterfly by Patricia Polacco. New York : Philomel Books, c2000.



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

Call number: J 940.53 POL

- **Grades 1-5**

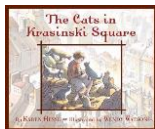
The cat with the yellow star: coming of age in Terezin, by Susan Goldman Rubin. New York : Holiday House, c2006. 40 p.



Summary: Pays tribute to the devoted adults who helped the children of Terezin, and tells the story of a girl flowering against all odds. **Call number: J 940.53 GOL RJC**

- **Grades 3-6**

The cats in Krasinski Square, by Karen Hesse. New York : Scholastic Press, c2004.



Summary: 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. **Call number: J 940.53 HES**

- **Grades 3-5**

Child of the Warsaw ghetto, by David A. Adler. New York : Holiday House, c1995.

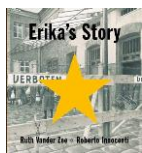


Summary: This is a story of the Warsaw Ghetto told through the eyes of Froim Baum, a young Jewish boy who was able to survive the horrors of Nazi Germany.

Call number: J 940.53 ADL

- **Grades 3-6**

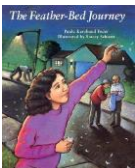
Erika's story by Ruth Vander Zee. Minnesota : Creative Editions, c2003. 24 p.



Summary: A woman recalls how she was thrown from a train headed for a Nazi death camp in 1944, raised by someone who risked her own life to save the baby's, and finally found some peace through her own family. **Call number: J 940.53 VAN**

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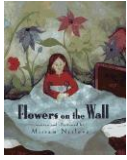
The feather bed journey by Paula Kurzband Feder. Illinois : A. Whitman, c1995.



Summary: As she tries to repair a torn feather pillow, Grandma tells about her childhood in Poland, about the Nazi persecution of Jews during World War II, and about the origin of this special pillow. **Call number: J 940.53 FED**

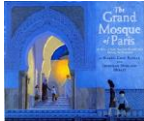
- **Grades 1-4**

Flowers on the wall by Miriam Nerlove. New York : M.K. McElderry books, c1995.



Summary: Rachel, a young Jewish girl living in Nazi-occupied Warsaw, struggles to survive with her family and maintains hope by painting colorful flowers on her dingy apartment walls. **Call number: J 940.53 NER**
- **Grades 1-4**

The Grand Mosque of Paris: a story of how Muslims rescued Jews during the Holocaust by Karen Gray Ruelle. New York : Holiday House, c2010. 40 p.



Summary: When the Nazis occupied Paris, no Jew was safe from arrest and deportation. Yet during that perilous time, many Jews found refuge in an unlikely place - the sprawling complex of the Grand Mosque of Paris. **Call number: J 940.53 RUE**
- **Grades 4-6**

Grandpa's third drawer: unlocking Holocaust memories by Judy Tal Kopelman. Pennsylvania : The Jewish Publication Society, c2014. 26 p.



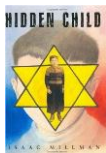
Summary: Young Uri finds the key to his grandpa's locked drawer and discovers poignant mementos from the Holocaust. **Call number: J 940.53 POL**
- **Grades 3-5**

Hidden: a child's story of the Holocaust by Loic Dauvillier. New York : First Second, c2012. 76 p.



Summary: A grandmother shares the story of her experiences in WWII with her granddaughter in this graphic novel for young readers. **Call number: J 940.53 DAU**
- **Grades 3-6**

Hidden child by Issac Millman. New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux, c2005. 73 p.



Summary: The author details his difficult experiences as a young Jewish child living in Nazi-occupied France during the 1940s. **Call number: J 940.53 MIL**
- **Grades 4-8**

Hilde and Eli, children of the Holocaust by David A. Adler. New York : Holiday House, c1994.



Summary: Describes the fates of two children in Germany and Czechoslovakia through the Nazi persecution. **Call number: J 940.53 ADL**
- **Grades 3-5**

Irena's jars of secrets by Marcia K. Vaughan. New York : Lee & Low Books, c2011.



Summary: The story of Irena Sendler, a Polish Catholic social worker who helped rescue nearly 2500 Jewish children from the Warsaw Ghetto in Nazi-occupied Poland during World War II. Includes afterword, author's note, sources, and glossary.

Call number: J 940.53 VAU

- Grades 4-7

Janusz Korczak's children by Gloria Spielman. Minnesota : Kar-Ben Publishing, c2007. 40 p.



Summary: A biography of Janusz Korczak, who went to his death with the Jewish orphans in his care during the Nazi occupation of Poland in World War II.

Call number: J 940.53 SPI

- Grades 2-4

Keeping the promise: a Torah's journey by Tami Lehman-Wilzig. Minnesota : Kar-Ben Publishing, c2004. 30 p.



Summary: A Dutch rabbi named Simon Dasberg carried a tiny Torah scroll with him wherever he went. He even carried it with him to Bergen-Belsen. There, he carried out a Bar Mitzvah for a 13-year-old boy in the concentration camp. He gave the tiny Torah scroll to him as a gift, commanding him to keep it and always tell the story. It was this very scroll that was taken into space by Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon aboard the ill-fated Columbia.

Call number: J 296.4 LEH

- Grades 1-5

The lily cupboard by Shulamith Levey Oppenheim. New York : Harper & Row, c1992.



Summary: Miriam, a young Jewish girl, is forced to leave her parents and hide with strangers in the country during the German occupation of Holland.

Call number: J 940.53 OPP

- Grades 1-4

Luba: the angel of Bergen-Belsen by Michelle Roehm McCann. California : Tricycle Press, c2003. 64 p.



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

Call number: J 940.53 TRY

- Grades 2-5

The Magician of Auschwitz by Kathy Kacer. Ontario : Second Story Press, c2014. 32 p.



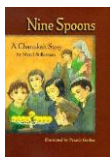
Summary: A true story of a young prisoner of Auschwitz, whose life is changed by the actions of another prisoner who performs magic for the guards and who the boy later learns was the renowned magician Nivelli. **Call number: J 940.53 KAC**
- **Grades 3-6**

Marcel Marceau: Master of Mime by Gloria Spielman. Minnesota : Kar-Ben Publishing, c2011.



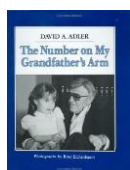
Summary: From the age of 5, little Marcel Marceau knew he wanted to be a silent actor, just like Charlie Chaplin; when World War II intervened, he joined the Resistance, helping to save Jewish children during this dangerous time. **Call number: J 792.302 SPI**
- **Grades 2-5**

Nine spoons: a Chanukah story by Marci Stillerman. New York : Hachai Publishing, c1998. 32 p.



Summary: A few brave souls in a Nazi camp are determined to gather nine spoons to make a menorah for Chanukah. **Call number: J 296.435 STI**
- **Grades 1-2**

The number on my grandfather's arm by David Adler. New York : UAHC Press, c1987. 28 p.



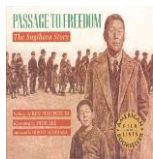
Summary: A little girl questions a number printed on her grandfather's arm and he explains how he received it in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II. **Call number: J 940.53 ADL**
- **Grades 1-4**

Otto: the autobiography of a teddy bear by Tomi Ungerer. New York : Phaidon Press, c2010.



Summary: A teddy bear recounts his creation in Germany before World War II, his arrival as a birthday present for a young Jewish boy, and his time with David and David's friend, Oskar. When authorities force David to wear a yellow star and transport him and others away, Otto stays behind with Oskar. An African-American G.I. finds the bear after a bomb blast, a bullet hits them both, and because the bear absorbs the brunt of the blast, he saves the soldier's life. **Call number: J 940.53 UNG**
- **Grades 1-4**

Passage to freedom: the Sugihara story by Ken Mochizuki. New York : Lee & Low books, c1997.



Summary: As a Japanese diplomat in Lithuania in the 1940s, Chiune Sugihara had a chance to help thousands of Jews escape the Holocaust through Japan, but it was against his government's orders. When his five-year-old son Hiroki asked, "If we don't help them, won't they die?" Sugihara decided to assist the refugees.

Call number: J 940.53 MOC

- **Grades 2-5**

Promise of a new spring: the Holocaust and renewal by Gerda Weissmann Klein. New York : Rossel Books, c1981. 48 p.



Summary: Describes the events of the Jewish Holocaust, comparing it to a forest fire that destroys all forms on life. The survivors are the promise of renewal.

Call number: J 940.53 KLE

- **Grades 4-6**

Rose Blanche by Roberto Innocenti. Minnesota : Creative Education, Inc., c1985. 27 p.



Summary: During World War II, a young German schoolgirl, Rose Blanche, follows the soldiers when they arrest a boy and discovers a concentration camp in the woods. Thereafter, she takes food to the prisoners until the town is liberated. Ironically, when she travels to the camp on that day she is shot by the soldiers.

Call number: J 940.53 MOC

- **Grades 5 and up**

The secret of the village fool by Rebecca Upjohn. Ontario : Second Story Press, c2012.



Summary: Anton, who was laughed at and called a fool in his small village, proves himself a hero when he hides a Jewish family from the Nazis during the Holocaust.

Based on a true story. **Call number: J 940.53 UPJ**

- **Grades 2-6**

Shoes for Amélie by Connie Colker Steiner. Quebec : Lobster Press, c2001.



Summary: A tale of friendship set against World War II France where Lucien's family shelters Jews in their farmhouse. **Call number: J 940.53 STE**

- **Grades 3-5**

Star of fear, star of hope by Jo Hoestlandt. New York : Walker, c1995. 28 p.



Summary: Nine-year-old Helen is confused by the disappearance of her Jewish friend during the German occupation of Paris. **Call number: J 940.53 HOE**

- **Grades 2-4**

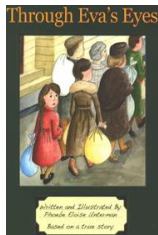
Terrible Things: an allegory of the Holocaust by Eve Bunting. Pennsylvania : Jewish Publication Society, c1989. 32 p.



Summary: In this allegory, the author's reaction to the Holocaust, the animals of the forest are carried away, one type after another, by the Terrible Things, not realizing that if perhaps they would all stick together and not look the other way, such terrible things might not happen. **Call number: J 940.53 BUN**

- **Grades 1-6**

Through Eva's eyes by Phoebe Eloise Unterman. Kansas : Landmark House, c2009. 21 p.



Summary: Eva was born in Lodz, Poland in 1932, and by the time she was six, Nazi occupation of Poland forced her family to move from their home into the Lodz ghetto, where they remained until they were ordered onto a transport to Auschwitz and then on to other equally frightening destinations. Eva stayed by her mother's side almost all the time and it was because of this that she has a story to remember. When her granddaughter, Phoebe Unterman, heard Eva tell her story, she was intrigued by the fact that the little girl who had survived could remember certain actions, images and feelings. **Call number: J 940.53 UNT**

- **Grades 3-6**

The yellow star: the legend of King Christian X of Denmark, by Carmen Agra Deedy. Atlanta: Peachtree Publishers, c2000. 30 p.



Summary: When Nazi soldiers occupied his country, King Christian X of Denmark committed himself to keeping all Danes safe from harm. The bravery of the Danes and their king during that dangerous time has inspired many legends. The most enduring is the legend of the yellow star, which symbolizes the loyalty and fearless spirit of the king and his people. **Call number: J 940.53 DEE**

- **Grades 2-5**

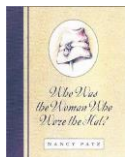
Who was Anne Frank? by Ann Abramson. New York : Grosset and Dunlap, c2007. 103 p.



Summary: Looks closely at Anne Frank's life before the secret annex, what life was like hiding from the Nazis, and the legacy of her diary. **Call number: J 920 FRA**

- **Grades 3-6**

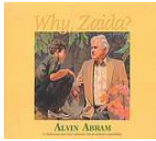
Who was the woman who wore the hat? by Nancy Patz. New York : Dutton Books, c2003.



Summary: A meditation that is powerful, historical and personal on a woman's hat once on display in the Jewish Historical Museum in Amsterdam. **Call number: J 940.53 PAT**

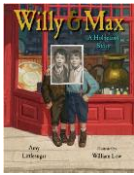
- **Grades 2-6**

Why, Zaida? A Holocaust survivor answers his grandson's questions by Alvin Abram. Ontario : AMA Graphics, c1997.



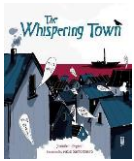
Summary: The pain of survival lingers as a child who is the survivor grows to be the grandparent. When the young boy asks why? his zaida replies 'so you can make the world a better place'. **Call number: J 940.53 ABR RJC**
- Grades 3-6

Willy and Max: a Holocaust story by Amy Littlesugar. New York : Philomel Books, c2005.



Summary: In Belgium during World War II, Willy becomes friends with Max and his Jewish family, and although they become separated, they remain related by a bond of friendship and a special painting. **Call number: J 940.53 LIT RJC**
- Grades 3-6

The whispering town by Jennifer Elvgren. Minnesota : Kar-Ben Publishing, c2014.



Summary: In Denmark during World War II, young Annet, her parents, and their neighbors help a Jewish family hide from Nazi soldiers until it is safe for them to leave Annet's basement. **Call number: J 940.53 ELV**
- Grades 2-6