

**Annotated Selected Bibliography of Anne Frank & Holocaust Resources  
For Elementary Grades – Kaufman Silverberg Library  
October 2018**

*Anne Frank*, by Elizabeth Hudson Goff and Jonatha A. Brown. Milwaukee, WI : World Almanac Library, c2006. 1 v. (unpaged)



Summary: This graphic biography of Anne Frank will assist young readers in understanding Anne's life. **Call number: J 920 FRA**

- **Grades 5 and up**

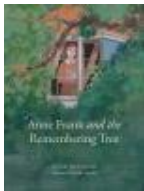
*Anne Frank's chestnut tree*, by Jane Kohuth. New York : Random House, c2013. 48 p.



Summary: Hidden away in their secret annex in Amsterdam during World War II, Anne Frank and her family could not breathe fresh air or see the blue sky for years. But through an attic window Anne could see the branches of a tall chestnut tree. This small glimpse of nature gave Anne hope and courage. It inspired her writing, which, in turn, inspired the whole world. **Call number: J 920 FRA**

- **Grades 2-4**

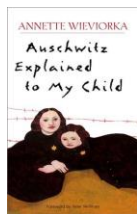
*Anne Frank's and the remembering tree*, by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso. Boston : Skinner House Books, c2015. 1 v. (unpaged)



Summary: Tells a story of Anne Frank and her sister Margot, who loved a tree, and the tree who promised never to forget them. **Call number: J 920 FRA**

- **Grades 2-4**

*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**

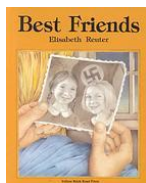
*Benno and the Night of Broken Glass* by Meg Wiviott. Minnesota : Kar-Ben Publishing, c2010.



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**

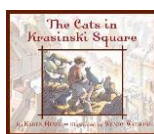
*The cat with the yellow star: coming of age in Terezin*, by Susan Goldman Rubin. New York : Holiday House, c2006. 40 p.



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.

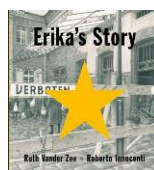


Summary: This is a story of the Warsaw Ghetto told through the eyes of Froim Baum, a young Jewish boy who was able to survive the horrors of Nazi Germany.

**Call number: J 940.53 ADL**

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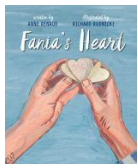
*Erika's story* by Ruth Vander Zee. Minnesota : Creative Editions, c2003. 24 p.



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**

- **Grades 3-6**

*Fania's heart* by Anne Renaud. Toronto, ON : Second Story Press, 2018.



Summary: Based on a true story, tells about a tiny birthday card, crafted against all odds within the confines of Auschwitz. **Call number: J 940.53 REN**

- **Grades 3-6**

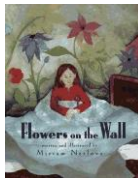
*The feather bed journey* by Paula Kurzband Feder. Illinois : A. Whitman, c1995.



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**

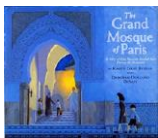
*Flowers on the wall* by Miriam Nerlove. New York : M.K. McElderry books, c1995.



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**

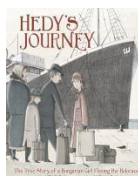
*Grandpa's third drawer: unlocking Holocaust memories* by Judy Tal Kopelman. Pennsylvania : The Jewish Publication Society, c2014. 26 p.



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**

*Hedy's journey: the true story of a Hungarian girl fleeing the Holocaust*, by Michelle Bisson. North Mankato, MN : Capstone Press, 2017. 40 p.

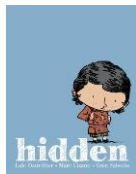


Summary: Based on a true story. Join Hedy, a Jewish girl from Hungary, on her journey to flee Holocaust and get to America. Hedy's Journey adds an important voice to the canon of Holocaust stories, and her courage will make a lasting impact on young readers.

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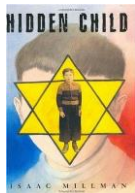
- **Grades 3-6**

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



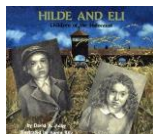
Summary: A grandmother shares the story of her experiences in WWII with her granddaughter in this graphic novel for young readers. **Call number: J 940.53 DAU**  
- **Grades 3-6**

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



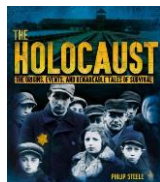
Summary: The author details his difficult experiences as a young Jewish child living in Nazi-occupied France during the 1940s. **Call number: J 940.53 MIL**  
- **Grades 4-8**

*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**

*The Holocaust: the origins, events, and remarkable tales of survival*, by Philip Steele.



Summary: Color photographs, maps, and historical documents trace the events of the Holocaust, from the roots of Jewish persecution in Europe and the rise of National Socialism to the Final Solution and lasting impact of the Holocaust.

**Call number: J 940.53 STE**

**Grade 5 and up**

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

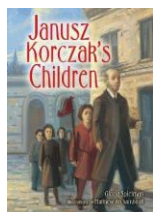


Summary: The story of Irena Sendler, a Polish Catholic social worker who helped rescue nearly 2500 Jewish children from the Warsaw Ghetto in Nazi-occupied Poland during World War II. Includes afterword, author's note, sources, and glossary.

**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**

*Jars of hope: how one woman helped save 2,500 children during the Holocaust*, by Jennifer Roy. North Mankato, MN: Capstone, c2016. 32 p.



Summary: Tells Irena Sendler's story of saving 2,500 children during the Holocaust.

**Call number: J 940.53 ROY**

- **Grades 3-6**

*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**

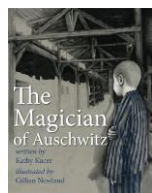
*Luba: the angel of Bergen-Belsen* by Michelle Roehm McCann. California: Tricycle Press, c2003. 64 p.



Summary: A biography of the Jewish heroine, Luba Trzysynska, 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**

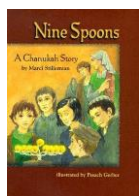
- **Grades 2-5**

*Mister Doctor: Janusz Korczak & the orphans of the Warsaw ghetto*, by Irene Cohen-Janca. Buffalo: Annick Press, c2015. 63 p.



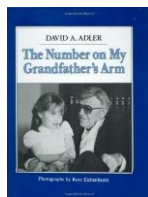
Summary: November 1940. A circus parade walks through the streets of Warsaw, waving a flag and singing. They are 160 Jewish children, forced by the Nazis to leave their beloved orphanage. It's a sad occasion, but led by Doctor Korczak, their inspirational director, the children are defiantly joyful. **Call number: J 940.53 COH**  
- **Grades 4-8**

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



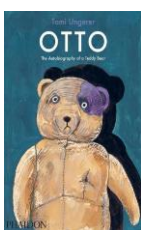
Summary: A few brave souls in a Nazi camp are determined to gather nine spoons to make a menorah for Chanukah. **Call number: J 296.435 STI**  
- **Grades 1-2**

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



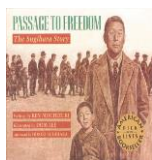
Summary: A little girl questions a number printed on her grandfather's arm and he explains how he received it in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II. **Call number: J 940.53 ADL**  
- **Grades 1-4**

*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**

*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**

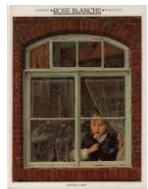
*Promise of a new spring: the Holocaust and renewal* by Gerda Weissmann Klein. New York: Rossel Books, c1981. 48 p.



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**

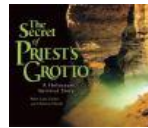
*Rose Blanche* by Roberto Innocenti. Minnesota: Creative Education, Inc., c1985. 27 p.



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 Priest's Grotto: a Holocaust survival story.* by Peter Lane Taylor Minneapolis: Kar-Ben Pub., c2007. 64 p.



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

- **Grades 5-8**

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

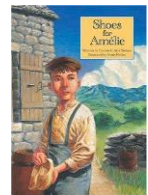


Summary: Anton, who was laughed at and called a fool in his small village, proves himself a hero when he hides a Jewish family from the Nazis during the Holocaust.

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**

*Six million paper clips* by Peter W. Schroeder. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben Pub., c2004. 64 p.



Summary: With clear and concise language, color photographs, and an attractive layout, this book tells the inspiring and touching story of the teachers, students, and community of Whitwell Middle School in Tennessee, and their quest to understand and teach about the Holocaust. The authors, White House correspondents for a group of German newspapers, helped the school publicize the project to collect six million paper clips to show just how many people were murdered and obtained a German railcar to

house them. **Call number: J 940.53 SCH**  
- **Grades 4-8**

*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**

*Stone angel* by Jane Yolen. New York: Philomel Books, c2015. 1 v. (unpaged).



Summary: While trying to escape with her family from the Nazis, a young Jewish French girl feels protected by angels. **Call number: J 940.53 YOL**  
- **Grades 2-5**

*Stumbling on history: an art project compels a small German town to face its past*, by Fern Schumer Chapman. Lake Bluff, IL: Gussie Rose Press, c2016. 1 v. (unpaged).



Summary: When 89-year-old Edith Westerfeld returns to the small German town where her Jewish family had lived for hundreds of years to witness the installation of a memorial to her family-- part of an effort throughout Europe to confront the genocide of World War II, she experiences how art is helping today's generation face and atone for crimes of the past. **Call number: J 940.53 CHA**  
- **Grades 6 and up**

*The tattered prayer book* by Ellen Bari. East Stroudsburg: Gihon River Press, c2013. 1 v. (unpaged)



Summary: A gentle introduction to the Holocaust for children ages 6-10. Ruthie discovers a secret about her father while looking through a box of mementos from "the old country." As her father tells his surprising story, Ruthie learns a slice of Jewish history and the circumstances under which the family fled Nazi Germany. A burnt prayer book taken in secret from a destroyed synagogue after Kristallnacht offers solace to a young boy at the most difficult time in his life. Once safely settled in America, he tries to bury the prayer book along with his painful past. Many years later, sharing the story with Ruthie allows father to heal and daughter to grow. **Call number: J 940.53 BAR**  
- **Grades 1-5**

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

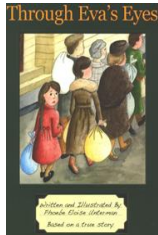


Summary: In this allegory, the author's reaction to the Holocaust, the animals of the forest are carried away, one type after another, by the Terrible Things, not realizing that



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.



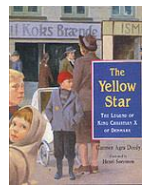
Summary: Eva was born in Lodz, Poland in 1932, and by the time she was six, Nazi occupation of Poland forced her family to move from their home into the Lodz ghetto, where they remained until they were ordered onto a transport to Auschwitz and then on to other equally frightening destinations. Eva stayed 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**

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



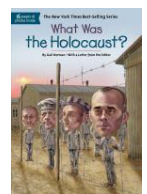
Summary: A child, who remembers life at home before life in a concentration camp, makes toys with the women to give to the other children at the very special party they are going to have when the soldiers arrive to liberate the camp. **Call number: J 940.53 WIL**  
- **Grades 3-5**

*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**

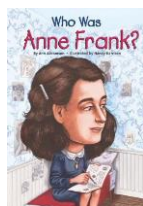
*What was the Holocaust?*, by Gail Herman. New York: Penguin Workshop, 2018. 106 p.



Summary: A thoughtful and age-appropriate introduction to an unimaginable event--the Holocaust. **Call number: J 940.53 HER**

**Grades 3-8**

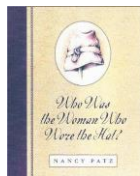
*Who was Anne Frank?* by Ann Abramson. New York: Grosset and Dunlap, c2007. 103 p.



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**

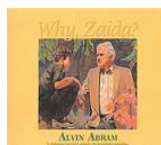
*Who was the woman who wore the hat?* by Nancy Patz. New York: Dutton Books, c2003.



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 Little sugar. 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**

*The Wren and the Sparrow* by J. Patrick Lewis. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben Pub., c2015. 1 v. (unpaged)



Summary: An allegorical tale about Nazi occupied Poland in which a town's residents are forced to turn over their musical instruments. A young student rescues the hurdy-gurdy of her teacher, who has presumably befallen a terrible fate, and later, a young boy finds the instrument and intends to pass it--and the importance of remembering--on to his future grandchildren. **Call number: J 940.53 LEW**

- **Grades 4 and up**

## Websites

Anne Frank Museum, Amsterdam

<http://www.annefrank.org/en/Anne-Frank/>

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

<https://www.ushmm.org/wlc/en/article.php?ModuleId=10005210>

Yad Vashem – The World Holocaust Remembrance Centre

<https://www.yadvashem.org>

## Databases

Articles from journals, magazines, encyclopedias, primary sources, and AV materials about Anne Frank are accessible through **Biography In Context** at [www.winnipegjewishlibrary.ca](http://www.winnipegjewishlibrary.ca)

\* Search up *Anne Frank*