

Kaufman Silverberg Library
Grade 6
Suggested Reading List
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Books with Judaic Content

Life, After, by Sarah Darer Littman. When poverty forces her family to leave their home in Buenos Aires, Argentina after an attack on a Jewish organization there, Dani has a hard time adjusting to life in New York City.

Now, by Morris Gleitzman. While her physician-parents are working in Africa, eleven-year-old Zelda is living with her grandfather, eighty-year-old Holocaust-survivor Felix Salinger, in Australia when disaster strikes. Sequel to *Then* and *Once*.

Once, by Morris Gleitzman. After living in a Catholic orphanage for nearly four years, a naive Jewish boy runs away and embarks on a journey across Nazi-occupied Poland to find his parents.

Then, by Morris Gleitzman. In early 1940s Poland, ten-year-old Felix and his friend Zelda escape from a cattle car headed to the Nazi death camps and struggle to survive, first on their own and then with Genia, a farmer with her own reasons for hating Germans.

We are their Voice: young people respond to the Holocaust, edited by Kathy Kacer. A collection of essays, poems, letters and drawings in which middle years students from Canada, United States and Europe express their meaningful connection to the Holocaust.

Fiction

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, by A. Conan Doyle; adapted by Malvina G. Vogel. Here, in one volume, are three of Sherlock's most celebrated cases that have been adapted for middle year's readers.

Against All Odds, by Natale Ghent. The Odds (Boney, Itchy and Squeak) have defeated their mortal enemy, Larry Harry, and his two sidekicks, but that doesn't stop these dastardly bullies from trying to compete against Squeak in a radio-controlled airplane contest.

Behind Enemy Lines: World War II, by Carol Matas. When a bomber is shot down over France during World War II, the pilot is trapped behind enemy lines. His task is to get back to England to fly more missions. Part of the *I am Canada* series.

Breaking Stalin's Nose, by Eugene Yelchin. In this award winning book in the Stalinist era of the Soviet Union, ten-year-old Sasha idolizes his father, a devoted Communist, but when police take his father away and leave Sasha homeless, he is forced to examine his own perceptions, values, and beliefs.

Finding Danny, by Linzi Glass. While searching for her lost dog, Danny, twelve-year-old Bree meets Rayleen--a volunteer at the local animal shelter--who helps Bree put her life in perspective.

The Enchantress: the secrets of the immortal Nicholas Flamel. Book 6, by Michael Scott. The twins of prophecy have been split. Nicholas Flamel is near death. John Dee has the swords of power and Danu Talis has yet to fall.

The One and only Ivan, by Katherine Applegate. When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

The Case of the Missing Deed, by Ellen Schwartz. When their grandmother is pressured to prove ownership of the cottage on Otter Island, five cousins work to solve the clues their grandfather left to find the hidden deed.

No Ordinary Day, by Deborah Ellis. Valli has always been afraid of the lepers living on the other side of the train tracks in the coal town of Jharia, India, so when a chance encounter with a doctor reveals she also has leprosy, Valli begins an uncertain life on the streets.

Plain Kate, by Erin Bow. Plain Kate's odd appearance and expertise as a woodcarver cause some to think her a witch, but friendship with a talking cat and, later, with humans help her to survive and even thrive in a world of magic, charms, and fear.

Racing in the Rain: my life as a dog, by Garth Stein. A dog decides that when he dies and returns to earth as a man, he will model his behavior after his beloved owner, a race car driver.

Stones for my Father, by Trilby Kent. Corlie Roux's life in South Africa is not easy. But when the British invade and drive out the Boer families, some of them are driven to internment camps. This happens to Corlie. Will the love of her country survive the British invasion?

The Tale of Despereaux: being the story of a mouse, a princess, some soup, and a spool of thread, by Kate DiCamillo. The adventures of a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves and the servant girl who longs to be a princess.

The Whole Truth, by Kit Pearson. It is 1932. Polly, almost ten, and her older sister travel by train and boat from Winnipeg to an island near Vancouver to live. Will the dark secret the sisters share threaten their newfound happiness and the bonds of family love?

Non Fiction

Escape! The story of the great Houdini, by Sid Fleischman. Profiling his early years, personal life, and great accomplishments in show business. The story of the famous magician, Harry Houdini, comes to life through a review of his greatest tricks and most amazing feats.

Explorers who got lost, by Diane Sansevere-Dreher. Examines the adventures of such early explorers of America as Columbus, Dias, and Cabot.

Have you filled a bucket today? A guide to daily happiness for kids, by Carol McCloud. The concept of bucket filling is an effective metaphor for encouraging kind and considerate behavior and for teaching children to express kindness and love on a daily basis.

Jean Laffite: the pirate who saved America, by Susan Goldman Rubin. This biography of the infamous Sephardic pirate Jean Laffite begins when he was a young boy and longed to be a pirate.

Mark Zuckerberg and Facebook, by Susan Dobinick. This is the astounding story of Zuckerberg's launch of "thefacebook," as it was originally called in 2004 and with it the revolutionizing of business and the way we communicate.

The Math of Basketball, by Ian F. Mahaney. Introduces the rules and play of basketball while focusing on mathematical concepts related to the game.

Sharks, by Beverly McMillan and John A. Musick. Introduces readers to sharks and their relatives using detailed color 3D illustrations.

Why did the Rise of the Nazis Happen? by Charles Freeman. Why the Germans embraced the Nazis' rise to power is examined in this thoughtful book, which includes panels featuring subject-matter and expert opinions to encourage critical thinking.