Teaching About the Holocaust
A Selected Bibliography

The books selected for this bibliography are considered some of the best resources to use in the classroom, grades 6-12. A variety of genres and formats are listed with a brief summary of each and any awards, booklists, and/or starred reviews that the resource has received. Included below is a list of significant awards/recognitions that these resources may have received and the granting organizations.

**Cybil Award**: Given each year by bloggers for the best children’s and young adult titles

**McNally Robinson Award**: Established in 1995 to celebrate the best in Manitoba (Canada) writing

**John Newbery Medal**: The Newbery Medal is awarded annually by the American Library Association for the most distinguished American children's book published the previous year.

**Notable Social Studies Trade Books**: The books that appear in these annotated book lists were evaluated and selected by a Book Review Committee appointed by National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) and assembled in cooperation with the Children's Book Council (CBC). NCSS and CBC have cooperated on this annual bibliography since 1972.

**Scott O’Dell Award**: Established in 1982 by Scott O’Dell. It goes to a meritorious work of historical fiction, children or young adult. It was established to encourage authors to write historical fiction for young people.

**Orbis Pictus Award**: Awarded by the National Council of Teachers of English through a committee for outstanding writing in nonfiction for youth.

**Robert Sibert Award**: Awarded by the Association for Library Service to Children and is given to the author/illustrator of the most distinguished informational book.

**Sydney Taylor Award**: Awarded by the Association of Jewish Libraries and goes to the outstanding books for children and teens that portray an authentic Jewish experience.

**Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Best Books**: This list is created by a committee of librarians/teachers/etc. who serve teens in some way. The books chosen for this list are both fiction and nonfiction and are chosen for their proven appeal to teens.

**Young Adult Choices, IRA**: This is a list project created by the International Reading Association. The list is compiled and teens select the best of the books.
Historical Fiction


In October, 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hubener, 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.

*Cybil Award*  
*Sydney Taylor Book Awards*  
*YALSA Best Books for Young Adults*


In 1944, an Upstate New York Teenager named Christine meets and falls in love with Adam, a Yugoslavian Jew living in a refugee camp, despite their parents’ conviction that they do not belong together.

*Best of the Bunch, Association of Jewish Librarians*  
*YALSA Best Books for Young Adults*  
*Scott O’Dell Award for Historical Fiction*


Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called “Out-With” in 1942, Brune, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.

*School Library Journal Book Review Stars*  
*Young Adults’ Choices, IRA*


In 1938, Edith Westerfeld, a young German Jew, is sent by her parents to Chicago, Illinois, where she lives with an aunt and uncle, and tries to assimilate into American culture, while worrying about her parents and mourning the loss of everything she has ever known.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education*  
*Booklist Top 10 Historical Fiction for Youth*  
*Sydney Taylor Book Award*

The story of the boy who loved Anne Frank.


Escaping from Nazi Germany to Cuba in 1939, a young Jewish refugee dreams of finding his parents again, befriends a local girl with painful secrets of her own, and discovers that the Nazi darkness is never far away.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education
*School Library Journal Book Review Stars
*Sydney Taylor Book Awards, Winner Teen Readers


In Vienna, Austria, in 1940, two-nine-year-old boys, one Jewish and one Aryan, are classmates and best friends when events of the Nazi occupation draw them even closer together as they fight to survive and escape together.

*Booklist Book Review Stars
*Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People
*Publishers Weekly Book Review Stars
*School Library Journal Book Review Stars


After living in a Catholic Orphanage for nearly four years, a naïve Jewish boy runs away and embarks on a journey across Nazi-occupied Poland to find his parents.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education
*YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults
*Sydney Taylor Book Award


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. This is the follow up to *Once*.

*Kirkus Star Reviews
*Publisher’s Weekly Star Reviews
*YABBA (Young Australians’ Best Book Award) 2009 Winner

Nine-year-old Helen is confused by the disappearance of her Jewish friend during the German occupation of Paris.

*Best of the Bunch, Association of Jewish Librarians  
*Notable Children’s Books  
*Sydney Taylor Book Awards


In an attempt to save his daughter’s life, Eva’s father sends her from Poland to a labor camp in Czechoslovakia where she and her sister survive the war.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education  
*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People  
*Publisher’s Weekly Book Review Stars  
*YALSA Best Books for Young Adults, ALA


After spending years fleeing from the Nazis in war-torn Europe, twelve-year-old Karin Levi and her older brother Marc find a new home in a refugee camp in Oswego, New York.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education  
*Booklist Book Review Stars  
*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People  
*Young Adults’ Choices, IRA


A Jewish girl and the daughter of a Nazi have been best friends since they started school, but in 1938 the thirteen-year-olds find their close relationship difficult to maintain.

*Sydney Taylor Book Awards


Based on the true story of a nine-year-old boy who escapes the Warsaw Ghetto and Must survive throughout the war in the Nazi-occupied Polish countryside.

*Booklist Book Review Stars

Anneke, a Dutch Jewish teenager, is sent with her family to Theresienstadt, a "model" concentration camp, where she confronts great evil and learns to do what it takes to survive.


In the winter of 1943, a Polish physician and her older daughter make a dangerous and arduous trek to Hungary while seven-year-old Malka, who they were forced to leave behind when she became ill, fends for herself in a ghetto.


From 1939, when Syvia 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.


Follows the experiences of Nicole, a teenaged French Jew, from 1943 to 1948, as she loses her parents and sister to the concentration camps and then leaves her native France to make a new life for herself in New York City.

In 1936 Berlin, fourteen-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.

*Kirkus Star Review, 2011
*Publisher’s Weekly Star Review, 2011


We see the brutal reality of the holocaust through the eyes of a young boy who has no memory of who he is.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year
*Booklist Book Review Stars
*Kirkus Book Review Stars
*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People
*YALSA Best Books for Young Adults
*Young Adults’ Choices
*Golden Kite Award
*Heartland Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature
*National Jewish Book Award
*Iowa Teen Award, nominee

Williams, Laura E. *Behind the Bedroom Wall*. Minneapolis: Milkweed Editions, 1996.

Thirteen-year-old Korinna must decide whether to report her parents to her Hitler youth group when she discovers that they are hiding Jews in a secret place behind Korinna’s bedroom wall.

*Best of the Bunch, Association of Jewish Librarians


Marta and her family survive with the help of Raoul Wallenberg.

*McNally Robinson Book for Young People Award
*Society of School Librarians International Book Award


Takes the story of Briar Rose (commonly known as Sleeping Beauty) and links it to the Holocaust—set this time in the forests patrolled by the German army during World War II. This title is Historical Fantasy.

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. This title is Historical Fantasy.

*Best of the Bunch, Association of Jewish Librarians*
*YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults*
*Sydney Taylor Book Award*


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.

*Notable Books for a Global Society, 2007 (IRA)*
*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People, 2007 (NCSS)*
*YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults, 2009*
*Michael Printz Award Honor Book, 2007*

**Non-Fiction**


Discusses the events of the Holocaust and includes personal accounts from survivors of the persecution and the death camps.

*Best of the Bunch, Association of Jewish Librarians*


How the Holocaust affected the daily lives of innocent people.

*Best of the Bunch: Association of Jewish Librarians*
*Notable Children’s Books*
*Notable Children’s Trade Books in the Field of the Social Studies*
*School Library Journal: Best Books for Young Adults*

The story of a generation of German young people who devoted all their energy to the Hitler Youth, the propaganda that gave Hitler his power, and how the youths resisted the Nazi movement. An audio version is also available.


Offers a multifaceted view of the Holocaust, from a child’s bewilderment at having to wear a star and later go into hiding, to the agony of the camps themselves.


The author describes her experiences during World War II when she and her family were sent to the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz.


Traces the history of anti-Semitism from biblical times through the twelve years of the Nazi era, 1933-1945, and describes Hitler’s plans to annihilate European Jews by focusing on the Warsaw Ghetto and the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camps. Also discusses the continuing effort to remember the horrors of the Holocaust.

Provides brief biographies of well-known Jewish–Americans.

*Booklist Top 10 Religion Books for Youth
*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People


Tells the true stories of children who escaped Nazi Germany on the Kindertransport, a rescue mission led by concerned British to save Jewish children from the Holocaust.


Looks at the suffering of survivors immediately after the war.

*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People*


Details what happened to young Holocaust survivors after the war.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education.
*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People*


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

*Notable Children’s Trade Books in the Field of the Social Studies*


Draws on interviews with three women who recount their experiences as child survivors of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the Nazi death camp.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education.*

A story of surviving the Holocaust in Poland, illustrated in a collection of embroidered panels, and told in the survivor’s own words.

*Booklist Book Review Stars  
*Notable Books for a Global Society  
*Publishers Weekly Book Review Stars  
*School Library Journal Book Review Stars  
*Sydney Taylor Book Awards- Honor Book Older Readers


An account of people in Denmark who risked their lives to protect and rescue their Jewish neighbors from the Nazis during World War II.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education  
*Best of the Bunch, Association of Jewish Librarians  
*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People  
*YALSA Best Books for Young Adults  
*Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children


A recounting drawn from historic source material of the many individual acts of heroism performed by gentiles who sought to thwart the extermination of the Jews during the Holocaust.

*Best Books for Young Adults  
*Best of the Bunch, Association of Jewish Librarians  
*Sydney Taylor Book Awards, Honor Book


Experience the war through the real-life accounts of kids who survived the war in Europe, the Pacific, and on the home front.

*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People

Discusses the events surrounding the imprisonment and execution of millions of Jews in Nazi concentration camps during World War II and the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine following the war.


Examines the causes, events, and legacies of the Holocaust which resulted in the extermination of six million Jews.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education
*Sydney Taylor Book Awards, Honor Book


First person accounts of fourteen Holocaust survivors who as children were hidden from the Nazis by non-Jews.

*YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers


Discusses how, between 1938 and 1945, the Nazis planned and carried out a program of extermination against the Jews of Europe now known as the Holocaust, and how the Holocaust continues to affect our everyday lives.


The detailed story of a school that added the Jewish Holocaust to their curriculum and the artistic memorial that resulted.

*Notable Children’s Books of Jewish Content


Photographs taken secretly by a young Jewish man document the fear, hardship, generosity, and humanity woven through the daily life of the Jews forced to live in the Lodz ghetto during the Holocaust.

*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People

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.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education
*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People
*Sydney Taylor Books Awards


Through inmates’ own voices—from secret diary entries and artwork to excerpts from memories and recordings narrated after the war—“Terezin” explores the lives of Jewish people in one of the most infamous of the Nazi transit camps.

*School Library Journal Book Review Stars


This is an in depth and documented look at 5 diaries of young people who did not survive the holocaust.

*Notable Children’s Trade Books in the Field of the Social Studies
*YALSA Best Books for Young Adults


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.

*Booklist Editors’ Choice: Adult books for Young Adults


Artistic responses to the Holocaust and Holocaust experiences.

2007.

An encyclopedia overview of the Jewish Holocaust.

*Publishers Weekly Book Review Stars
*Sydney Taylor Book Awards

(Auto)Biography/Memoir


Explores the life of Hitler, from his desolate childhood to his success as a politician.


Alternating chapters explore the experiences of a Nazi Youth and a young Jewish mother. This duo would later end up on the lecture circuit together.

*Notable Children’s Trade Books in the Field of the Social Studies
*YALSA Best Books for Young Adults


A Romanian Jew tells of her survival of the Holocaust.

*YALSA Best Books for Young Adults


In 1945, after surviving a harrowing year in Auschwitz, fourteen-year-old Elli returns, along with her mother and brother, to the family home, now part of Slovakia, where they try to find a way to rebuild their shattered lives.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education
*Best of the Bunch, Association of Jewish Librarians
*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People

Provides family, historical, and social context to Anne Frank’s life story.

*Book Sense Children’s Picks
*Booklist Book Review Stars


A biography of Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese consul in Lithuania, who saved the lives of thousands of Jews during World War II by issuing visas against the orders of his superiors.

*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People

Recounts the story of Hannah Goslar, a close friend of Anne Frank and one of the last to see her alive.

*Best of the Bunch: Association of Jewish Librarians
*Notable Children’s Trade Books in the Field of the Social Studies
*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People


*Notable Books for Older Readers, Association of Jewish Librarians


The story of 10 year-old Evakor who, along with her twin sister, faced extreme evil and cruelty at the hands of Dr. Josef Mengele.

A biography of a Czech girl who died in the Holocaust, told in alternating chapters with an account of how the curator of a Japanese Holocaust center learned about her life after Hana’s suitcase was sent to her.

*Book of the Year Award for Children, Winner Canada
*International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), Honor List


Narrative poems that detail life in Nazi Germany, based on the 1938 autograph book belonging to the author’s mother.

*Kirkus Book Review Stars
*Publishers Weekly Book Review Stars
*School Library Journal Book Review Stars
*Sydney Taylor Book Award


The author, known as an illustrator of children’s books, describes her experiences as a Polish Jew during World War II and her years in Sweden afterwards.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education
*Best of the Bunch; Association of Jewish Librarians
*Bulletin Blue Ribbons
*Notable Children’s Books, ALSC
*YALSA Best Books for Young Adults
*Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children, Honor Book
*Sydney Taylor Books Awards Honor Book, Honor Book


At a time when most Americans ignored the atrocities going on in Europe in 1940, American journalist Varian Fry put himself in great danger to save strangers in a foreign land. He was instrumental in the rescue of more than 2,000 refugees, including novelist Heinrich Mann and artist Marc Chagall.

*Cybil Award
*Society of School Librarians International Book Awards

The author details his difficult experiences as a young Jewish child living in Nazi-occupied France during the 1940s.

*Notable Books for a Global Society
*Notable Children’s Books of Jewish Content
*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People


Describes six years in the life of a daring and resourceful Polish Jewish boy and his family, who survived the Holocaust by using false papers and posing as Catholics.


A record of life triumphing over death.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education
*Notable Children’s Trade Books in the Field of the Social Studies
*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People.


Recounts the experiences of the author who, as a young Polish girl, hid and saved Jews during the Holocaust.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education
*Booklist Book Review Stars
*Publishers Weekly Book Review Stars
*School Library Journal Book Review Stars
*YALSA Best Books for Young Adults


Marion Blumenthal Lazan recalls the devastating years that shaped her childhood.

*Best of the Bunch, Association of Jewish Librarians
*Notable Children’s Books, ALSC American Library Association
*YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers

Describes the background in which Anne Frank’s life and diary were set as she hid in an attic in Nazi-occupied Holland for two years.


After struggling to survive in Nazi-occupied Lithuania, a young Jewish girl and her mother endure much suffering in Kaiserwald, Stutthof, and Tautentzien concentration camps and on an eleven-day death march before being liberated by the Russian army.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education
*Best of the bunch, Association of Jewish Librarians
*Notable Children’s Books
*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People


Follows the life of Oskar Schindler from his youth to his death in 1974.


A little cat pinned with a star, a Nazi concentration camp and an opera production. This is the story of one girl’s coming of age in Terezin.

*Notable Books for a Global Society
*Notable Books for Older Readers, Association of Jewish Librarians
*Notable Children’s Books
*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People
*Orbis Pictus Award


Using ingenious methods, Irena Sendler saved and hid Jewish children and kept a secret list of their identities.

*Booklist Star Review, 2011
*Publisher’s Weekly Star Review, 2011

Provides a glimpse of life during World War II in both the Netherlands and the United States through the correspondence of Anne Frank and her Iowa pen pals.

*Although this book received so-so reviews, teachers may be interested for its Iowa connection.


Nine-year-old Piri describes the bewilderment of being a Jewish child during the 1939-1944 German occupation of her hometown (then in Hungary and now in the Ukraine) and relates the ordeal of trying to survive in the ghetto.

*Boston Globe-Horn Book Award for Excellence in Children’s Literature
*John Newbery Medal, Honor Book


The author recalls her experiences when she and her mother were hidden from the Nazis by a Gentile couple in Lwow, Poland, during World War II.

*Best of the Bunch, Association of Jewish Librarians
*Notable Children’s Trade Books in the Field of the Social Studies
*IRA Children’s and Young Adult’s Book Award
*Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children


*Bulletin Blue Ribbons; Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books
*Notable Children’s Books
*Notable Children’s Trade Books in the Field of the Social Studies
*School Library Journal: Best Books for Young Adults
*YALSA Best Books for Young Adults
*Mildred L. Batchelder Award
*Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children

Jack survives the life-and-death game he is forced to play with his Nazi captors.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education
*Notable Children’s Books
*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People
*Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal, Honor Book


Born in the town of Sighet, Transylvania, Elie Wiesel was a teenager when he and his family were taken from their home in 1944 to the Auschwitz concentration camp, and then to Buchenwald. This book is the terrifying record of Elie Wiesel’s memories of the death of his family, the death of his own innocence, and his despair as a deeply observant Jew confronting the absolute evil of man.

*Best Books: Books for You, 1976
*Best Books: Recommended Literature: K-12, 2002


Lonek, an eleven-year-old Jewish boy, escapes from Nazi-occupied Poland in 1939, and is subsequently deported to a Siberian slave labor camp.

**Poetry**


A mediation on a woman’s hat once on display in the Jewish Historical Museum in Amsterdam.

*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young Readers
*Sydney Taylor Book Awards

**Fiction (Aftermath)**

Fifth-grader Paris learns some lessons about dealing with bullies of all kinds as she wonders how to stop a classmate from beating up her brother at school and as she learns about the Holocaust from her piano teacher, Mrs. Rosen.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year
*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People
*Sydney Taylor Book Award


A struggling American ventriloquist in post World War II Europe is possessed by the mischievous spirit of a young Jewish boy killed in the Holocaust. Author’s note details the murder of over one million children by the Nazis during the 1930s and 1940s.

*Kirkus Book Review Stars
*School Library Journal Book Review Stars
*YALSA Best Books for Young Adults


A novel about the Holocaust that captures not only the experience of the concentration camp but also its powerful legacy.

*Bulletin Blue Ribbons, 1994

Matas, Carol. *After the War*. Richmond Hill Ont.: Scholastic, 1996.

The unforgettable story of a Jewish teenager who survives World War II and embarks on a long and dangerous journey to a new land...and new life.

*Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction for Young Adults


After a school trip to Israel, Johanna discovers’ that her German grandfather acquired a clothing store during the Nazi regime according to the anti-Semitic laws of the Third Reich rather than starting it himself as her family has always stated. She struggles with whether to keep silent or to question her family’s history.

*Outstanding International Books, United States Board on Books for Young People Children’s Book Council, United States
*Sydney Taylor Book Award, Honor Award Teen Readers United States

While spending the summer on his grandfather’s farm in the French countryside, eleven-year-old Etienne discovers a secret dating back to World War II and encounters the ghost of Jewish children who suffered a dreadful fate under the Nazis.

*Best of the Bunch, Association of Jewish Librarians
*Sydney Taylor Book Awards

**Picture Books for Older Readers**

**Abels, Chana Byers. The Children We Remember.** Rockville, MD: Kar-Ben, 1983.

Text and photographs briefly describe the fate of Jewish children after the Nazis began to control their lives.


In 1912, a well-known doctor and writer named Janusz Korczak designed an extraordinary orphanage for Jewish children in Warsaw, Poland.

*National Jewish Book Award
*Sydney Taylor Book Awards


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.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education
*Booklist Book Review Stars
*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People
*Publisher’s Weekly Book Review Stars
*Sydney Taylor Book Awards, Honor Book


Separated from his parents in Poland during World War II, a young Jewish boy enslaved in a concentration camp, keeps hope alive while playing Schubert on his harmonica whenever the camp’s commandant orders him to play.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education
*Notable Children’s Books of Jewish Content, Association of Jewish Librarians

The story of one man’s remarkable courage, and the respect between a father and a son who shared the weight of witness and an amazing act of humanity.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education
*Notable Children’s Books, ALSC
*Notable Children’s Trade Books in the Field of the Social Studies
*Smithsonian Magazine’s Notable Books for Children.


A young journalist goes to Venice, Italy, to interview a famous violinist, who tells the story of his parents’ incarceration by the Nazis, and explains why they can no longer listen to the music of Mozart.

*Cybil Award 2008
*Sydney Taylor Book Awards 2009


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

*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education
*Best of the Bunch, Association of Jewish Librarians
*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People


Covers the years during which Friedl Dicker, a Jewish woman from Czechoslovakia, taught art to children at the Terezin Concentration Camp. Includes art created by teacher and students, excerpts from diaries, and interviews with camp survivors.

*Booklist Book Review Stars
*Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People
*School Library Journal Book Review Stars
*Sydney Taylor Book Awards, Honor Book Older Readers

During the Nazi occupations of Paris, many Jews found refuge in an unlikely place, the sprawling complex of the Grand Mosque of Paris.

*American Association of University Women Award for Juvenile Literature
*Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children


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.

*Amelia Bloomer List, ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table
*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education
*Best of the Bunch, Association of Jewish Librarians


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.

**Graphic Novels**


While searching his Dutch grandmother’s attic for yard sale items, Jeroen finds a scrapbook which leads Gran to tell of her experiences as a girl living in Amsterdam during the Holocaust, when her father was a Nazi sympathizer and Esther, her Jewish best friend, disappeared.

*Best Children’s Books of the Year, Bank Street College of Education
*Sydney Taylor Book Awards, 2010 Notable Book Teen Readers


Draws on the unique historical sites, archives, expertise, and unquestioned authority of the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam.

A stylized, personal interpretation of life in the German concentration camps, with mice portraying the Jews and cats portraying the Nazis. Includes a section dealing with life as a survivor.

*Booklist Editor’s Choice, 1991
*YALSA Best Books for Youth, 1992


A stylized, personal interpretation of life in the German concentration camps, with mice portraying the Jews and cats portraying the Nazis. Includes a section dealing with life as a survivor.

*Booklist Editor’s Choice, 1991
*YALSA Best Books for Youth, 1992

**Encyclopedia/Handbooks**


**Multimedia**

Anne Frank has become an international symbol of the horror and hatred of the Nazi regime an innocent, intelligent young girl swept up by their voracious killing machine. In this episode, the details of Anne’s life outside the attic are revealed. From the carefree days of her early childhood in Germany to the harrowing months she spent at Bergen-Belsen before succumbing to typhus, scholars and survivors tell what they know of the young girl who has become a worldwide icon.


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


An American Jewish teenager dreams that she has been transported through time to a Polish concentration camp.


Teenaged Anne Frank, a Dutch Jew, perished along with most of her family in a concentration camp, but her hopes, dreams, and optimistic outlook has endured through the publication of her diary in 1952. Her diary conveys the precariousness of the Frank family and that of their fellow exiles, the Van Daan family and fussy dentist Mr. Dussel. They spent their time hiding from the Gestapo in a tiny Amsterdam attic.


Traces the life of the Jewish girl who hid with seven other people in an attic for two years in Nazi-occupied Holland and chronicled her day-to-day life in a diary which was discovered after her death in German concentration camp.


“Eva Kor and her twin sister Miriam were victims of the infamous Nazi doctor Josef Mengele, who conducted sadistic experiments on human beings at Auschwitz concentration camp. Haunted ever since by these cruel acts, something even more shocking occurs: Eva finds the power to forgive him. Having finally liberated herself from her feelings of rage and victimhood, she becomes a tireless advocate of this new way of healing – but not everyone is ready to forgive the unforgiveable”

This video documentary is based on the experiences of David Bergman. A teenage boy who survives to tell of the terror. In his own words he gives us the facts, keeping them simple without exaggeration or embellishment.


Brings to life the diaries of young people who witnessed first-hand the horrors of the Holocaust. Through an emotional montage of sound and image, the film salutes this group of brave, young writers who refused to quietly disappear. The stories of the young Holocaust victims come to life by weaving together personal photos, handwritten pages and drawings from the diaries, and archival films. Original footage shot in Vinius, Lithuania, in the remnants of the old Jewish ghetto.


The sounds of broken glass, on the eve of November 9, 1938, will be forever etched in the collective memory.


Use interviews with witnesses and perpetrators, along with archival film and records, to examine how a political party as fundamentally evil as the Nazis could come to power in a modern European nation. Discusses the factors that enable the rise of Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party in the economically-devastated Germany of the post-World War I era and looks at the role of ordinary Germans in the Nazi suffering of World War II. Includes segments focusing on the occupation of Poland and on the holocaust and concentration camps, particularly Treblinka.

*One Survivor Remembers. New York: HBO, 2005*

Through a series of interviews, photographs and footage shot in the actual locations of her memories, Gerda Weissmann Klein takes us on her journey of survival of the Holocaust. Also includes Gerda Klein’s Academy Award acceptance speech.


Students at Whitwell Middle School in rural Tennessee attempt to collect 6 million paper clips as part of a school project on the Holocaust.

Examines the role of Raoul Wallenberg in saving Hungarian Jews during World War II, his disappearance after the Russians occupied Budapest, and the reports through the intervening decades that Wallenberg was imprisoned in Russia. Includes testimonies from Wallenberg’s associates, his sister, and Jews who survived because of Wallenberg’s intervention.


This documentary tells the story of Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara, consul to Lithuania during World War II. Sugihara defied Tokyo authorities and wrote transit visas that allowed hundreds of Jewish families to flee Europe through Russia to Japan and other countries. Includes home movies, photographs, film footage, and interviews with Holocaust survivors who owe their lives to Chiune Sugihara.