

The Ancona School

Full Details Holocaust

940.53 Mochizuki
Passage to Freedom: the Sugihara Story

[book]
Mochizuki, Ken

Grades 3-5. Add this to the stories of the Righteous Gentiles. In 1940 Chiune Sugihara, the Japanese consul in Lithuania, saved the lives of hundreds of Polish Jewish refugees. He personally wrote out visas that enabled the Jews to escape the Nazis. To do that, he risked the lives of his own family and disobeyed the instructions of the Japanese government. The story is told in the first person by the consul's son, Hiroki, who remembers himself at the age of five when desperate refugees were crowding at his father's door. He remembers how his father consulted his family and how they all discussed their choice: if they helped those people, the family could be in danger; if they did nothing, all the refugees could die.9781584301578
Lee & Low Books, New York, 1997

940.53 Millman
Hidden child

[book]
Millman, Isaac

Book Description A powerful story of survival, loss, and hope Isaac was seven when the Germans invaded France and his life changed forever. First his father was taken away, and then, two years later, Isaac and his mother were arrested. Hoping to save Isaac's life, his mother bribed a guard to take him to safety at a nearby hospital, where he and many other children pretended to be sick, with help from the doctors and nurses. But this proved a temporary haven. As Isaac was shuttled from city to countryside, experiencing the kindness of strangers, and sometimes their cruelty, he had to shed his Jewish identity to become Jean Devolder. But he never forgot who he really was, and he held on to the hope that after the war he would be reunited with his parents. After more than fifty years of keeping his story to himself, Isaac Millman has broken his silence to tell it in spare prose, vivid composite paintings, and family photos that survived the war. Grades 4-7.9780374330712
Frances Foster Books, N.Y., 2005

940.53 Russo
Always remember me : how one family survived World War II

[book]
Russo, Marisabina

Book Description Rachel's Oma (her grandmother) has two picture albums. In one the photographs show only happy times -- from after World War II, when she and her daughters had come to America. But the other album includes much sadder times from before -- when their life in Germany was destroyed by the Nazis' rise to power. For as long as Rachel can remember, Oma has closed the other album when she's gotten to the sad part. But today Oma will share it all. Today Rachel will hear about what her grandmother, her mother, and her aunts endured. And she'll see how the power of this Jewish family's love for one another gave them the strength to survive. Marisabina Russo illuminates a difficult subject for young readers with great sensitivity. Based on the author's own family history, Always Remember Me is a heartbreaking -- and inspiring -- book sure to touch anyone who reads it.0689869207
Atheneum, N.Y., 2005

E Stillerman
Nine Spoons : a Chanukah story

[book]
Stillerman, Marci

From School Library Journal Kindergarten-Grade 2?As her grandchildren cluster around Oma on the last night of Chanukah, she tells them about a long-ago celebration when she was a young woman in a Nazi concentration camp. Her bunkmate, an artist named Raizel, declared that she could make a menorah for the children in the barracks if only she had nine spoons. Such utensils were a rare and precious commodity, but the interned women took risks and made sacrifices to obtain them. By twisting and bending the spoons together, Raizel fashioned a menorah, and the children experienced their own Chanukah miracle. This moving story, based on a real incident, is told in a simple and straightforward manner. The horrors of the camp are not graphically depicted, but even young children will gain an understanding of the deprivations faced by the inmates.0922613842
Hachai Publishing, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1998

E Bunting
One Candle

[book]
Bunting, Eve

Book Description For one family the traditional Hanukkah celebration has a deeper meaning. Amidst the food and the festivities, Grandma and Great-Aunt Rose begin their story -- the one they tell each year. They pass on to each generation a tale of perseverance during the darkest hours of the Holocaust, and the strength it took to continue to honor Hanukkah in the only way they could. Their story reaffirms the values of tradition and family, but also shows us that by continuing to honor the tragedies and the triumphs of the past there will always be hope for the future.0060085606
HarperTrophy, N.Y., 2002

940.53 Rubin
Irena Sendler and the Children of the Warsaw Ghetto

[book]
Rubin, Susan Goldman

Grades 4-up. Irena Sendler was a diminutive Polish social worker who helped spirit more than four hundred children out of the Warsaw Ghetto during World War II. Using toolboxes, ambulances, and other ingenious measures, Irena Sendler defied the Nazis and risked her own life by saving and then hiding Jewish children. Her secret list of the children's real identities was kept safe, buried in two jars under a tree in war-torn Warsaw. An inspiring story of courage and compassion, this biography includes a list of resources, source notes, and an index.9780823422517
Holiday House, N.Y., 2011

940.53 Dauvillier
Hidden
a child's story of the Holocaust
written by Loïc Dauvillier ; illustrated by Marc Lizano ; color by Greg Salsedo ; translated by Alexis Siegel.
text-unmediated-volume
Dauvillier, Loïc,
Lizano, Marc.,
Siegel, Alexis.,

"Originally published in 2012 by Le Lombard under the title L'Enfant Caché"--Copyright page."A grandmother shares the story of her experiences in WWII with her grandchild in this graphic novel for young readers"--20130231689781596438736
First Second, New York :, 2014.

796.6 Hoffman
The brave cyclist
the true story of a Holocaust hero
by Amalia Hoffman.
text-unmediated-volume
Hoffman, Amalia,

"Once a skinny and weak child, Gino Bartali rose to become a Tour de France champion and one of cycling's greatest stars. But all that seemed unimportant when his country came under the grip of a brutal dictator and entered World War II on the side of Nazi Germany. Bartali might have appeared a mere bystander to the harassment and hatred directed toward Italy's Jewish people, but secretly he accepted a role in a dangerous plan to help them. Putting his own life at risk, Bartali used his speed and endurance on a bike to deliver documents Jewish people needed to escape harm. His inspiring story reveals how one person could make a difference against violence and prejudice during the time of the Holocaust"--20190002029781684460632
Capstone Editions, North Mankato, Minnesota :, [2020]

940.53 Sis
Nicky & Vera
a quiet hero of the Holocaust and the children he rescued /
Peter Sís.
text-unmediated-volume
Sis, Peter,

"Caldecott Honoree and Sibert Medalist Peter Sís honors a man who saved hundreds of children from the Nazis. In 1938, twenty-nine-year-old Nicholas Winton saved the lives of almost 700 children trapped in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia—a story he never told and that remained unknown until an unforgettable TV appearance in the 1980s reunited him with some of the children he saved. Czech-American artist, MacArthur Fellow, and Andersen Award winner Peter Sís dramatizes Winton's story in this distinctive and deeply personal picture book. He intertwines Nicky's efforts with the story of one of the children he saved—a young girl named Vera, whose family enlisted Nicky's aid when the Germans occupied their country. As the war passes and Vera grows up, she must find balance in her dual identities—one her birthright, the other her choice. Nicky & Vera is a masterful tribute to a humble man's courageous efforts to protect Europe's most vulnerable, and a timely portrayal of the hopes and fears of those forced to leave their homes and create new lives"--20200411009781324015741
Norton Young Readers, An Imprint of W. W. Norton & Company, New York, NY :, [2021]

940.53 Fagan
Maurice and his dictionary
a true story /
Cary Fagan, Enzo Lord Mariano.

"On May 10, 1940, the Nazi Army invaded Belgium, setting into motion the refugee story of Cary Fagan's father, Maurice. Maurice was only 12 at the time, and he and his family had no idea they would never again return to Brussels, the city of his birth. Instead, they would travel through France, Spain, and Portugal, running from war. Every time they thought they might be safe, Maurice would try to restart his studies-he was determined to become a lawyer, convinced it was the law could make us all equals. But every time, his schooling was interrupted, and the family would have to escape again. Eventually, they found passage on the Serpa Pinto: the Destiny Ship. They travelled all the way to Jamaica and ended up in a refugee camp, worlds away from anything they knew. But this is a story of resourcefulness and resilience! Determined to get an education, Maurice went around finding teachers among the refugees and with their help-plus his trusty Chambers's English Dictionary-Maurice eventually worked his way into a local boys' school, where he was finally able to sit for his exams and earn his diploma. The story ends with Maurice boarding a plane, heading for the University of Toronto-it's the final leg of a long journey and at last, he thinks, "my new life really was starting." Quebec illustrator Enzo Lord Mariano brings the story to life in graphic novel format-showing us the family's fear and desperation, but also teasing out the moments of lightness and humour, of which there are many, including a scene in which Maurice's father thinks there is a scorpion in his new trousers, only to drop his pants and find a tailor's pin! The book ends with an Author's Note about Cary's father's journey, and how-unlike much of his family who perished in the Holocaust-Maurice ended up graduating from Osgoode Hall Law School. "All his life, he kept his Chambers's Dictionary. It rests here on the desk beside me as I write, a treasured possession." This relatable story about one refugee family's courage and resilience in the face of violence and racism still resonates today"--20199561849781771473231 Owlkids Books,., Berkeley :, 2020.

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