

Holocaust Books that have Won Awards Books

(How to stay up to date on good Holocaust Literature for Children)

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To find awards examine the **Children's Literature Comprehensive Database**, an online library resource available at many libraries (If you library does not own it, suggest to a librarian that they obtain it).

Sydney Taylor Book Award (for Jewish Literature)
http://www.jewishlibraries.org/ajlweb/awards/st_books.htm

2005

The Journey that Saved Curious George. by Louise Borden, Illus. by Allan Drummond. (Houghton Mifflin).

Hidden Child, by Isaac Millman. (Farrar Straus Giroux)

The Secret Seder, by Doreen Rappaport. (Hyperion).

The Flag with Fifty-Six Stars. Susan Goldman Rubin. Illus. Bill Farnsworth. (Holiday House).

Always Remember Me: How One Family Survived World War II. (Atheneum).

2004

Daniel Half Human, by David Chotzewitz. (Atheneum).

The Cats in Krasinski Square. By Karen Hesse. Illus. Wendy Watson. (Scholastic)

2003

Who Was the Woman who Wore the Hat? By Nancy Patz. (Dutton).

One Candle, by Eve Bunting. Illus. K. Wendy Popp. (HarperCollins).

2002

Hana's Suitcase, by Karen Levine. (Second Story Press).

Smoke and Ashes: The Story of the Holocaust. (Holiday House)

2000

The Key is Lost, by Ida Vos. (HarperCollins).

Fireflies in the Dark: The Story of Friedl Dicker-Brandeis and the Children of Terezin.
by Susan Goldman Rubin. (Holiday House)

1999

When the Soldiers Were Gone, by Vera Propp. (Putnam).

1998

No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War. By Anita Lobel. (Greenwillow)

1997

I Have Lived a Thousand Years. By livia Bitton-Jackson. (Simon & Schuster)

Orbis Pictus Award (For nonfiction literature)

www.ncte.org/elem/awards/orbispictus/

2006

Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow, by Susan Campbell Bartoletti (Scholastic)

2001

Darkness over Denmark: The Danish Resistance and the Rescue of the Jews
by Ellen Levine (Holiday House)

Nazi Germany: The Face of Tyranny by Ted Gottfried Illustrated by Stephen Alcorn
(Twenty First Century Books)

1998

Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story by Ken Mochizuki Illustrated by Dom Lee
Afterword by Hiroki Sugihara (Lee & Low). Picture book about the Japanese diplomat
who saved thousands of Jews.

Notable Books in Language Arts

<http://www.ncte.org/elem/notable/index.shtml>

1998

Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story by Ken Mochizuki (Lee & Low)

Notable Books for a Global Society

<http://www.csulb.edu/org/childrens-lit/>

International Reading Association Children's Lit and Reading Special Interest Group

2005

The Cats in Krasinski Square, by Karen Hesse, Ill. Wendy Watson (Scholastic)

Daniel Half Human and the Good Nazi, by David Chotzewitz (Simon & Schuster)

2004 (for books published in 2003)

Hana's Suitcase by Karen Levine (Albert Whitman)

A Japanese Holocaust Museum curator sets out to discover Hana Brady's Holocaust story after receiving a suitcase with her number on it for the museum.

Malka by Mirjam Pressler (Philomel) 280 pp. MS/HS

Fictionalized account of a real Jewish family in Poland and Hungary during the Holocaust
Dreaming in Black and White by Reinhardt Jung; Translated by Anthea Bell (Phyllis Fogelman) MS/HS The Holocaust experiences of handicapped people in institutions

Luba: The Angel of Bergen-Belsen Told to Michell R. McCann by Luba Trysznska-Frederick, Ill. by Ann Marshall (Tricycle Press) Picture book.

2001 (for books published in 2000)

Anne Frank: A Hidden Life by Mirjam Pressler. Translated by Anthea Bell. (Dutton)

The Butterfly by Patricia Polacco. (Philomel Books) Picture book about relatives.

Fireflies in the Dark: The Story of Friedl Dicker-Brandeis and the Children of Terezin by Susan Goldman Rubin. (Holiday House)

1999 (for books published in 1998)

Marianthe's Story One: Painted Words/Marianthe's Story Two: Spoken Memories by Alike. (Greenwillow) Picture book about a child who flees the Holocaust to America

No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War by Anita Lobel. (Greenwillow) Autobiographical.

1998 (for books published in 1997)

Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story by Ken Mochizuki. Il. Dom Lee. (Lee & Low)

Notable Trade Books in Social Studies

<http://www.socialstudies.org/resources/notable/>

List comes out in the May-June issue of *Social Education* but they don't release it to non-members until later.

2005

Escape to West Berlin. by Maureen F, Dahlberg (Farrar Straus Giroux)

Impact of the Holocaust. By Linda Jacobs Altman. (Enslow)

2004

Hana's Suitcase by Karen Levine (Albert Whitman)

Milkweed, by Jerry Spinelli (Knopf)

2003

The Life and Death of Adolf Hitler. James Cross Giblin. Photographs. Clarion.

Auschwitz: The Story of a Nazi Death Camp, Clive A. Lawton, Photos. Candlewick.

2002

After the Holocaust. Howard Greenfeld. photographs. Greenwillow.

Rescued Images: Memories of a Childhood in Hiding. Ruth Jacobsen. Mikaya Press. 96pp. Built around fabulous visuals from the author's collage work and photographs.

Anne Frank in the World. Compiled by the Anne Frank House. photos. Alfred A. Knopf.

Displaced Persons: The Liberation and Abuse of Holocaust Survivors, (series). Ted Gottfried. Ill Stephen Alcorn. Millbrook. 112pp. [Also recommended in this series:

Children of the Slaughter: Young People of the Holocaust. 112pp.

Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps. Andrea Warren. photographs. HarperCollins 160pp. Based on an interview with a survivor.

2001

The Butterfly, Patricia Polacco. Philomel. 48 pp. (P, I) Based on lives of the author's relatives, Sevrine, a young Jewish girl hides from the Nazis in war-occupied France (courage of the French Resistance).

Darkness over Denmark: The Danish Resistance and the Rescue of the Jews. Ellen Levine. photos. Holiday House. 164 pp

Fireflies in the Dark: The Story of Freidl Dicker-Brandeis and the Children of Terezin. Susan Goldman Rubin. Illustrated with photographs and prints. Holiday House. 48 pp.

Forging Freedom. Hudson Talbott. Putnam's. 64 pp. A tribute to Jaap Penraat, who saved over 400 Jews during the Nazi occupation of Holland by forging documents

My Secret Camera: Life in the Lodz Ghetto. Frank Dabba Smith. Ill. photographs by Mendel Grossman. Gulliver. 32 pp. (I) Haunting black-and-white photographs.

Nazi Germany: The Face of Tyranny. (The Holocaust series). Ted Gottfried. Ill Stephen Alcorn Twenty-First Century Books. 128 pp. [Also recommended in this series: *Martyrs*

To Madness: The Victims of the Holocaust. Ted Gottfried. Ill. Stephen Alcorn 128 pp.

A Special Fate: Chiune Sugihara: Hero of the Holocaust. Alison Leslie Gold. photographs. Scholastic 176 pp. Jeopardizing his career and his family's lives, Japanese Vice Counsel to Lithuania Chiune Sugihara issued 6000 illegal visas to Jews.

Torn Thread. Anne Isaacs. Scholastic 160 pp. A 12-year-old in Poland.

The Yellow Star: The Legend of King Christian X of Denmark, Carmen Agra Deedy. Ill. Henri Sorensen. Peachtree. 32 pp.

2000

Eleanor's Story: An American Girl in Hitler's Germany. Eleanor Ramrath Garner. photographs. Peachtree. 268 pp. An Am. family caught in Germany during World War II.
Good Night Maman. Norma Fox Mazer. Harcourt Brace/Harcourt Trade. 160 pp Twelve-year-old Karin and her brother board a ship for America after fleeing the Nazis. Based on actual events from a refugee camp in Oswego, New York.

The Holocaust, Hitler, and nazi Germany. (The Holocaust Remembered series). Linda Jacobs Altman. photographs. Enslow. 128 pp.

My Bridges of Hope: Searching for Life and Love after Auschwitz. Livia Bitton-Jackson. Simon & Schuster. 272 pp. Fourteen-year-old Elli and her family return to Czechoslovakia from Auschwitz. Thus begins a six-year journey to America.

When the Soldiers Were Gone. Vera W. Propp. Putnam. 112 pp. Benjamin, a young Jewish boy, has been hidden by a Dutch family during World War II. When his parents claim him at war's end, he at first denies their existence.

1999

Halinka. Miriam Pressler. Translated by Elizabeth D. Crawford. Holt. 214 pp. Bantam, Doubleday, Dell. Because her mother is too emotionally damaged to care for her, Halinka lives in a home for troubled girls in Germany just after World War II.

The Holocaust Survivors. (The Holocaust Remembered series). Tabatha Yeatts. Illustrated with photographs. Enslow. 128 pp. Compelling eyewitness accounts to explain what life was like for those who survived. [Also recommended in this series: *The Holocaust Camps.* Ann Byers. Enslow. 128 pp. *The Holocaust Ghettos.* Linda Jacobs Altman. Enslow. 128 pp. *The Holocaust Heroes.* David K. Fremon. Enslow. 128 pp. *The Holocaust Overview.* Ann Byers. Enslow. 128 pp.

A Traitor Among Us. Elizabeth Van Steenwyk. Eerdmans. 133 pp. During World War II, people in occupied Holland found that the Germans were not their only enemies.

Witnesses to War: Eight True-Life Stories of Nazi Persecution. Michael Leapman. Illustrated with photographs and maps. Viking. 128 pp.

The Beautiful Days of My Youth: My Six Months in Auschwitz and Plaszow. Ana Novac. Translated by George L. Newman. Holt. 314pp.

The Broken Mirror. Kirk Douglas. Simon and Schuster. Orphaned and persecuted, a young man finds his way back to happiness, a personal identity, and religion.

Hostage to War: A True Story. Tatjana Wassiljewa. Scholastic Press. 176pp.) Tajana, torn from her Russian family to serve as a forced laborer for Nazi Germany.

I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing Up in the Holocaust. Livia Bitton-Jackson. Simon and Schuster Elli Friedmann's unforgettable memoir of Auschwitz.

In My Pocket. Dorrieth M. Sim. Illustrated by Gerald Fitzgerald. Harcourt Brace. 32pp. A little girl as she is sent to live in Scotland.

A Knock at the Door. (Publish-a-Book series). Eric Sonderling. Illustrated by Wendy Wassink Ackison. Raintree/Steck-Vaughn. 32pp. In 1944 Germany, the Schmidt family shelters a young girl who appears mysteriously on their doorstep one rainy night.

Memories of Anne Frank: Reflections of a Childhood Friend. Alison Leslie Gold. Illustrated with various photographs. Scholastic Press. 176pp.

The Never Ending Greenness. Neil Waldman. Illustrated by the author. Morrow Junior. 40pp.. A lyrical text and vibrant acrylics present a vision of hope as a young refugee plants trees in Israel to restore "a greenness" to his soul.

Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story. Ken Mochizuki. Illustrated by Dom Lee. Lee & Low. 32pp.) In 1940, a Japanese diplomat in Lithuania issued thousands of visas to Jewish refugees-against the order of his government.

Sacred Shadows. Maxine Rose Schur. Dial.. 224pp. Lena, a German Jew, grows up in Poland.

Stones in Water. Donna Jo Napoli. Dutton. 154pp. Puffin 1999. A group of boys go to a forbidden movie in Italy during WW II. They, along with others, are kidnapped by the Nazis for use as forced labor. This survival story is based upon actual happenings.