

Holocaust Resisters and Rescuers

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Introduction:

Stories of resistance emphasize the stoic nature of the Jews who were persecuted. They are an important part of the story of the Holocaust. The stories of the rescuers who were not Jewish are good ally stories and point out the importance of not taking action when people are victimizing others.

Adler, David A. (2002). *The Courage of Janusz Korczak* New York : Holiday House. (MS) A biography of the man who accompanied the children from his orphanage to the death chamber at Treblinka.

Axelrod, Toby. (2001). *Hans and Sophie Scholl: German Resisters of the White Rose* (Holocaust Biographies series). Rosen Publishing Group. 112 pp (MS, HS)
The White Rose was a German resistance group led by the Scholls, a German sister and brother who along with other brave college friends.

Beyer, Mark. (2001). *Emmanuel Ringelblum Historian of the Warsaw Ghetto*. (Holocaust Biographies series). Rosen Publishing Group. 112 pp (MS)

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. (2003). *For Freedom: The Story of a French Spy*. New York: Delacorte. 181 pp. A French girl studying opera makes the decision to become a spy. Based on interviews with the real Suzanne David.

Callahan, Kerry P. (2001). *Mordechai Anielewicz Hero of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising*. (MS) Another book in the series about Jewish resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Deedy, Carmen, A. (2000). *The Yellow Star: The Legend of King Christian X of Denmark*. Atlanta, GA: Peach Tree. (E)
A fictional account of the legend about the King of Denmark who had all his people wear a Jewish star so the Jews could not be singled out for persecution.

Fogelman, Eva (1994). *Conscience and Courage The Rescuers of the Jews During the Holocaust*. New York : Doubleday. (MS, HS)
Individuals such as Oskar Schindler, Raoul Wallenberg, Alexander Roslan, and Louisa Steenstra risked their lives to help people considered enemies of the State.

Gies, Miep. (1987). *Anne Frank Remembered: The Story of the Woman Who Helped Hide the Frank Family*. New York: Simon and Schuster.
Miep hid the Frank family for two years.

Gpdyke, I. G. & Armstrong, J. (2000). *In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer*. New York: Random House. Also a Random House Audiotape.
A Polish teenager, who is a laborer in a German officer's mess hall joins the Resistance.

Hesse, Karen. (2004). *The Cats in Krasinski Square*. Ill. Wendy Watson. Scholastic.
Children release wild cats from the ghetto to disrupt deliveries at a train station.

Innocenti, Robert. (1985). *Rose Blanche*. Mankato, MN: Creative Education, 32pp. (older children)
A German girl defies authority by sneaking food to prisoners in a nearby work camp.

Ippisch, Hanneke. (1996). *Sky*. Simon & Schuster: New York. 146pp.
The true story of a young girl's involvement with the Dutch Resistance during World War II and her subsequent arrest and imprisonment by the Germans. (MS, HS)

Kallen, Stuart A. (1994). *The Faces of Resistance* Edina: ABDO Publishing Group (Series).
Kallen describes organized resistance fighting, the work of rescuers in several European countries, and individuals such as Raoul Wallenberg and Oskar Schindler. (UE, MS)

Krinitz, Esther Nisenthal and Steinhardt, Bernice. (2005). *Memories of Survival*. After her parents and brother are sent to labor and death camps, Esther made up identities for her sister and herself posing as Catholic girls and found jobs in small villages in Poland, and hid during Nazi raids. She joined the Polish army and was one of the first to reach Berlin at the end of the war. Her story is told in her stitching.

Levine, Ellen. (2000). *Darkness Over Denmark: The Danish Resistance and the Rescue of the Jews*. New York: Holiday House, 164 pp.
Levine interviewed 20 Danish survivors, rescuers, and resistance fighters-- doctors, clergy, and policemen who refused to obey the Nazis during the Nazi invasion of Denmark on April 9, 1940. During a two-week period over 1000 Jewish Danes were safely ferried to Sweden. A nice blend of eye-witness accounts and narrative history.

Lowry, Lois. (1989). *Number the Stars*. New York: Houghton Mifflin. 137pp.
In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

Lyman, Darryl. (1999). *Holocaust Rescuers: Ten Stories of Courage* Berkeley Heights: Enslow Publishers.
Ten individuals who risked their lives to save the lives of Jewish people during the Holocaust. (MS, HS)

Matas, Carol. (1987). *Lisa's War*. New York: Scribner.
Lisa joins her brother Stefan as a member of the Danish resistance, becoming a secret messenger for rescue missions to Sweden. (UE, MS)

McCann, Michelle R. and Tryszynska-Frederick, Luba. (2003). *Luba, The Angel of Bergen-Belsen*. Berkeley: Tricycle Press.

Meltzer, Milton. (1988). *Rescue: The Story of How Gentiles Saved Jews in the Holocaust*. New York: HarperCollins.

This nonfiction book shares many inspiring accounts of escape due to the rescue efforts of individuals, whole villages and even some nations. (UE/MS).

Mochizuki, Ken Lee, Dom Illustrator, Sugihara, Hiroki Afterword (1999). *Passage to Freedom The Sugihara Story*. New York : Lee & Low Books. 32 pages.

In 1940, young Hiroki Sugihara's father, Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat in Lithuania, saved the lives of thousands of Polish Jews by defying orders and writing them visas. (E)

Novac, Ana. (1992). *The Beautiful Days of My Youth*. New York: Henry Holt & Co. A diary of Ana Novac during her six months in Auschwitz. (MS, HS)

Opdyke, Irene Gut Armstrong, Jennifer (1998). *In My Hands Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer* New York: Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers 240 p ill. Publishers Weekly Best Books of the Year (winner)

Irene Gut, a blonde, blue-eyed Catholic 17 year-old student, was a waitress in a Nazi officer's dining room in Poland. Gradually she began supplying blankets and food to the Jews in the ghetto next door and eventually hid 12 Jews in the basement of the dining room. She became a most determined resistance fighter. (UE, MS)

Orlev, Uri. (1991). *The man from the other side*. translated from the Hebrew by Hillel Halkin. Boston: Houghton Mifflin.

Living on the outskirts of the Warsaw Ghetto during World War II, fourteen-year-old Marek and his grandparents shelter a Jewish man in the days before the Jewish uprising.

Petit, Jayne. (1996). *A Time to Fight Back*. New York: Houghton Mifflin. 164pp True stories of wartime resistance. (MS, HS)

Polacco, Patricia. (2000). *The Butterfly*. New York: Philomel. French girl hidden in a home. (Paris, France)

Rappaport, Doreen. (2005). *The Secret Seder*. Illus. Emily Arnold McCully. NY: Hyperion. French man and son go to mountains to celebrate a secret seder. (France)

Rittner, Carol & Sondra Myers, Ed. (1986). *The Courage to Care; Rescuers of Jews During the Holocaust*. New York: New York University Press. (MS, HS) (France)

First person accounts of rescuers and survivors of Nazi persecution, with photos of the people, hiding places, documents, and communities to supplement the text.

Shuter, Jane (2003). *Resistance to the Nazis*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann (MS/HS)
Describes how certain people, both Jews and Gentiles, were brave enough to stand up to the Nazis during the Holocaust despite the price they would pay if caught.

Stadtler, Bea. (1995). *The Holocaust, A History of Courage And Resistance*, Rev. Ed. Behrman House. (UE, MS, HS)
Many examples of courageous Jewish resistance to Nazi persecution are described in this book. They include fighting in the Warsaw Ghetto and artists' renderings of the realities of life in Theresienstadt.

Streissguth, Thomas, (2000). *Raoul Wallenberg Swedish Diplomat and Humanitarian*, New York: Rosen Publishing Group (Series). (ES, MS)
Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat, mobilized Swedish resources to save the lives of thousands of Hungarian Jews. He was arrested as a spy by the Soviet occupation forces and sent off to Siberia, never to be seen again. (MS, HS)

Talbott, Hudson (2000). *Forging Freedom A True Story of Heroism during the Holocaust* New York: Penguin Putnam.

Growing up in 1930s Amsterdam, Jaap Penraat, a friend of the author, sees the steady curtailment of the Jews' rights; after the 1940 Blitzkrieg, Jaap, now twenty, turns his architectural drafting skills to perfecting false identity and travel papers for his Jewish friends, leading to temporary imprisonment and a series of dangerous train journeys, during which he and his comrades evade Nazi suspicions and Allied bombings, across Belgium to France. Penraat eventually helped 406 people escape. Exciting graphics and adventurous doings make this Holocaust memoir stand out as more upbeat than the typical Holocaust story. NCSS Award

Trysznka-Frederick, Luba & Marshall, Ann. (2003). *Luba, The Angel of Bergen-Belsen*. Ill. by Michelle Roehm McCann. Tricycle Press. 48 pp. (UE)
Luba Trysznka, a young Polish Jewish woman, saved more than 50 Dutch Jewish children who had been abandoned in a snowy field behind her barracks in Bergen-Belsen. She sheltered the children, scavenged and stole for them, and cajoled food scraps, medicine, and wood to keep the children alive. McCann's third-person account is based on interviews with Luba, who now lives in the U.S.

Williams, Laura E. (1996). *Behind the Bedroom Wall*. Milwaukee: Milkweed.
Korinna is indoctrinated with Nazi propaganda at "Jungmadel" meetings which she must attend daily. She is amazed to discover that her parents are hiding a Jewish mother and her five-year-old daughter behind her bedroom wall.

Zeinert, Karen. (1993). *The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising*. Millbrook Press.
Facing the knowledge that their imminent deportation from the ghetto was to death camps, not work camps, the Jews of the ghetto planned their armed resistance. Their uprising stunned the Nazis and inspired the world with their courage. (MS)

American Resistance to Hate Crimes

Cohn, Janice. (1995). *The Christmas Menorahs: How a Town Fought Hate*. Ill.

Farnsworth, B. Albert Whitman. (E)

A true story about how the people of Billings, Montana fought hate crimes by putting pictures of menorahs in their windows.

Siskind, Leda. (1992). *The Hopscotch Tree*. New York: Bantam, Dell (E)

Ten-year-old Edith, who is tormented by a school bully for being Jewish, learns how to stand up for herself with integrity.