



HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK BOOKS

This book list is for K-5 education around Holocaust themes. Non-highlighted items are centered around themes such as empathy, kindness love of other, and the dangers of apathy and hatred. Holocaust-related books are highlighted.

Ada, Alma Flor, Violet J. Harris, and Lee Bennett Hopkins. *I Love the World and other Voices from the Chorus*, ages 7-11.

A delightful book of poetry designed to help develop literacy

Adler, David A.: *A Hero and the Holocaust*, nonfiction, Ages 8-11

The heroic story of Janusz Korczak and his orphans when they were sent by the Nazis from the Ghetto to the Treblinka and Janusz refused to leave them.

Adler, David A.: *Hiding from the Nazis*, nonfiction, Ages 7-9

A tale of one brave girl's efforts and courage to find safety during the Holocaust.

Antony, Steve: *Green Lizards vs. Red Rectangles*, fiction, Ages 3-5

A book about working together and living peacefully.

Boon, Emilie: *Ella & Monkey at Sea*, fiction, Ages 3-7

Speaks to all children and especially those who have left their homes and loved ones behind to embark a journey to a new home.

Chung, Arree: *Mixed: A Colorful Story*, fiction, Ages 3-8

An inspiring book about color, tolerance, and embracing differences.

Coy, John: *Their Great Gift: Courage, Sacrifice, and Hope in a New Land*, nonfiction, Ages: 4-8

Explores the experiences of immigrants in the twenty-first century, focusing on the lives of children.

Davies, Nicola: *King of the Sky*, fiction, Ages 7-10

Depicts the sense of dislocation many new immigrants feel and the relief of discovering an emotional connection to their new home.

Deedy, Carmen Agra: *14 Cows for America*, nonfiction, Ages 6-10

For a heartsick Maasai nation, the gift of fourteen cows is a soft light of hope and friendship.

Deedy, Carmen Agra: *The Yellow Star: The Legend of King Christian X of Denmark*, Ages 6-10.
This is the gently told story of how Denmark's people, led by the king, saved over 90% of its Jewish population.

Elvgren, Jennifer: *The Whispering Town*, fiction, Ages: 7-11

An inspiring story of a Danish town that worked together to usher Jewish people to safety in Sweden. Though the story is fiction, the Danish people rescued most of their Jewish citizens.

Foreman, Michael: *A Child's Garden*, fiction, Ages 5-8

A beautifully illustrated story about gardening, healing, hope, and the power of the human spirit.

Foreman, Michael: *The Seeds of Friendship*, fiction, Ages 4-11

A story of how friendship can grow in our world.

Freund, Bill: *The Cookie That Saved My Family*, nonfiction, Ages 5-9

The story of a family who started a new life in America with a special, memorized cookie recipe.

Freund, Bill: *The Towel That Saved Elizabeth*, nonfiction, Ages 5-10

Dedicated to all the young children who often do brave and important things all by themselves.

Gay, Marie-Louise: *Mustafa*, fiction, Ages 5-8

A gentle, thoughtful story about coming to feel at home in a new place.

Gilani-Williams, Fawzia: *Yaffa and Fatima: Shalom, Salaam*, fiction, Ages 4-9

We can all help create a world in which thinking of others comes naturally.

Gilchrist, Jan Spivey: *My America*, poetry, Ages 4-8

In this stunning tribute to our country, America's strength and beauty come from the diversity of its people, wildlife, and landscape.

Gruener, Ruth: *Out of Hiding*, Ages 9-12

Non-fiction account of a hidden child's journey through the Holocaust and struggles of healing.

Halahmy, Miriam: *Saving Hanno: The Story of a Refugee Dog*, fiction, Ages 9-12: Chapter Book

The compelling tale of a boy fleeing for his life and struggling with leaving his dog behind.

Herman, Michael: *Under the Sabbath Lamp*, fiction, Ages 3-8

The story of a family that preserves and appreciates Jewish cultural tradition.

Hesse, Karen: *The Cats in Krasinski Square*, fiction, Ages 7-10

Inspired by true events, this book honors the courage of brave young women and men who, at great risk, resisted the Nazis not with weapons, but with their hearts and souls – and cats.

Kerascoët: *I Walk with Vanessa*, fiction, Ages 4-10

With no words, this beautifully illustrated book about kindness to the new person in town is suitable for all children, regardless of ability in English or literacy.

Kopelman, Judy Tal: *Grandpa's Third Drawer*, fiction, Ages: 7-10

A story which enables young readers to understand the hardest of stories to hear.

Libenson, Terri: *Becoming Brianna*, Ages 8-12

Brianna prepares for her bat mitzvah and overcomes her stage fright.

Morales, Yuyi: *Dreamers*, nonfiction, Ages 4-8

All immigrants, regardless of our status, are Dreamers: we enter a new country carried by hopes and dreams, and carrying our own special gifts, to build a better future.

Morgenstern, Naomi: *I Wanted to Fly like a Butterfly*, nonfiction, Ages 8-10

A Child's Recollections of the Holocaust, As Seen Through Their Eyes

Palacio, R.J. *White Bird*, Ages 8-12, historical fiction

This beautifully illustrated graphic novel details a teen girl's escape and hiding from Nazis in France. This book highlights resistance and rescue during the Holocaust.

Richards, Doyin: *What's the Difference? Being Different is AMAZING*, fiction, Ages 3-6

What matters most is not our differences, but what we do together as friends, as families, as colleagues, as citizens.

Ringgold, Faith: *We Came to America*, fiction, Ages 5-8

An celebration and ode to Americans of every background, and a tribute to each child who will carry its message of diversity into our nation's future

Rubin, Susan Goldman: *The Anne Frank Case*, nonfiction, Ages 9-12

Simon Wiesenthal, a renowned Nazi hunter, begins a five-year long search for the Gestapo officer who arrested the Frank family. This inspiring and suspenseful account testifies to the difference that one man's dedication and brilliance can make.

Ruelle, Karen & DeSaix, Deborah: *The Grand Mosque of Paris*, nonfiction, Ages 8 and up

Tells the little known story of the resistance staged by the Kabyle Muslims and how their courage, faith, and devotion to justice saved the lives of so many Jewish people.

Russo, Marisabina: *Always Remember Me*, nonfiction, Ages 9-11

Illuminates the story of the Holocaust through artifacts and family memories.

Russo, Marisabina: *I Will Come Back for You*, Ages 6-9

Based on the experiences of the author's own family, this deeply moving book is a story of a brave family in hiding during the Holocaust.

Sanna, Francesca: *The Journey*, fiction, Ages 5-7

What is it like to leave everything behind and travel many miles to somewhere unfamiliar and strange?

Seuss, Dr.: *Yertle the Turtle*, fiction, Ages 7-12

The tale of stacking turtles higher and higher teaches a young audience about how power corrupts.

Seuss, Dr.: *The Sneetches*, fiction, ages 5-12

This classic helps children understand that how you look and what you wear shouldn't matter.

Simon, Richard & Simon, Tanya: *Oskar and the Eight Blessings*, fiction, Ages 4-8

Oskar, a refugee from Nazi Europe, arrives on the seventh day of Hanukkah and Christmas Eve, 1938. As he wonders the length of Manhattan, he receives acts of kindness from its people, welcoming him to the city and a life in the new world.

Sosa, Kena: *Kindertransport: A Child's Journey*, fiction, Ages 8-12

The story of people who sent their children away on a train to faraway places to live with strangers so that they would be safe until the danger passed.

Steinwender, Cherry: *Bread is a Simple Food: Teaching Children about Cultures*, fiction, Ages 4-13

A beautiful illustration of the oneness of the human family, this book celebrates culture through a classroom show and tell of different types of bread.

Wiviott, Meg: *Benno and the Night of Broken Glass*, fiction, Ages 7-11

This is the story of how Benno the cat is affected by the November Pogrom (Kristallnacht), aided by an afterword and bibliography that provide background to the topic for discussion.