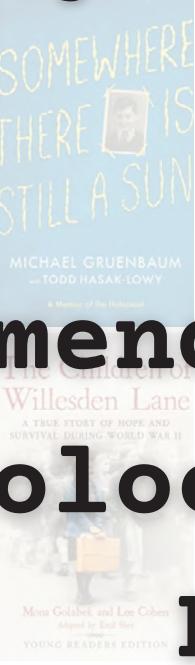
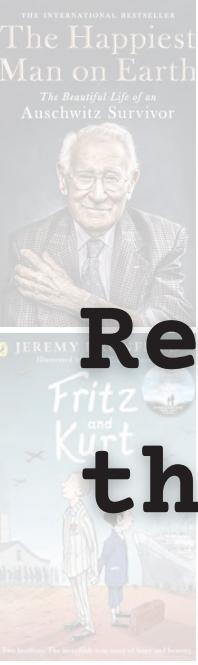


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Recommended Books about the Holocaust for Young Readers



Suggestions for ages 8 to 16+



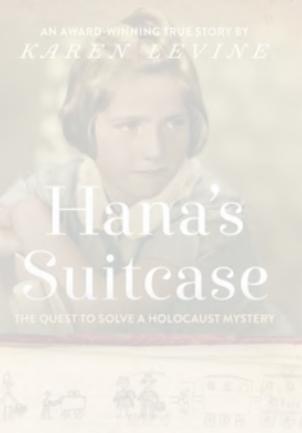
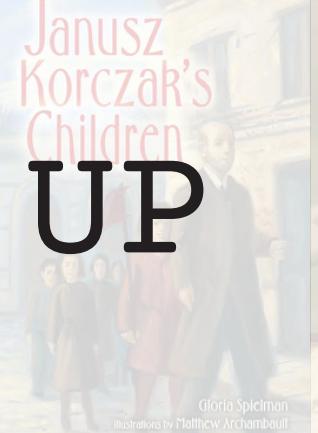
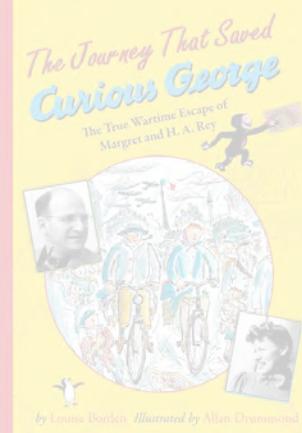
ABOUT THE LIST

With so many books published about the Holocaust, we are often asked which titles we recommend for young readers that are both age-appropriate and historically accurate. This list offers some suggestions, but it is not exhaustive.

In an age of disinformation and misinformation, books are not exempt from spreading inaccuracies about the Holocaust. Many popular titles are poorly researched or purely fictional yet sometimes marketed as “based on a true story,” or widely perceived as factual when they are not.

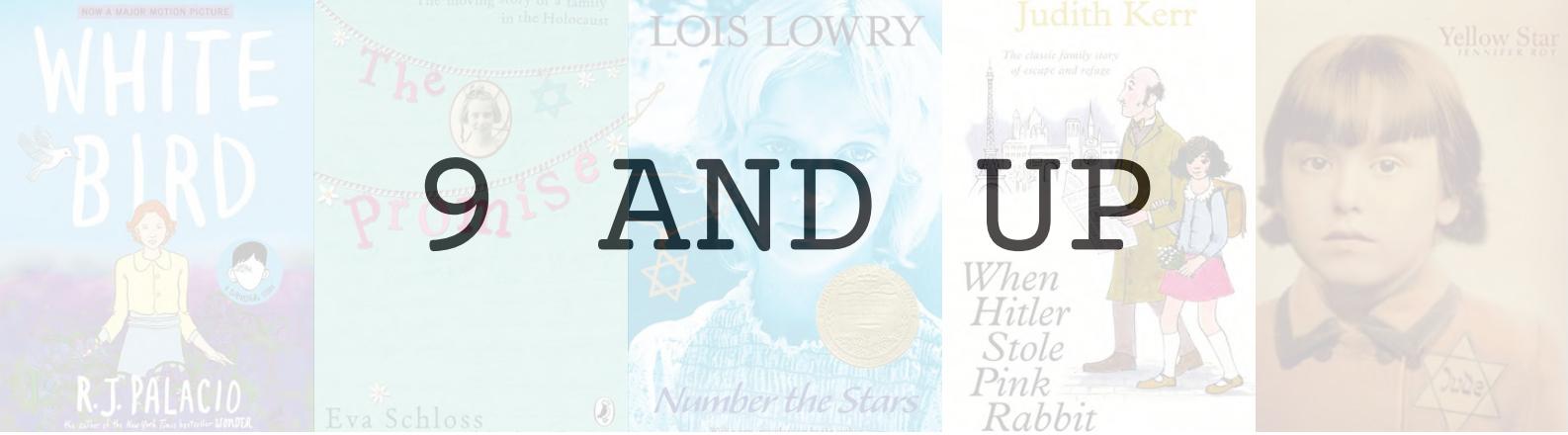
This list includes both fiction and nonfiction. We encourage teachers and parents to use these books as starting points for discussion. It is important to remember that all works of fiction – even when well researched – may contain inaccuracies, and that memoirs reflect personal experiences, which may not always align fully with the broader historical record.

All books are hyperlinked to a blurb



8 AND UP

- *Irena Sendler and the Children of the Warsaw Ghetto* by Susan Goldman Rubin
- *Fritz & Kurt* by Jeremy Dronfield
- *The Journey That Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H.A. Rey* by Louise Borden
- *Janusz Korczak's Children* by Gloria Spielman
- *Hana's Suitcase* by Karen Levine



9 AND UP

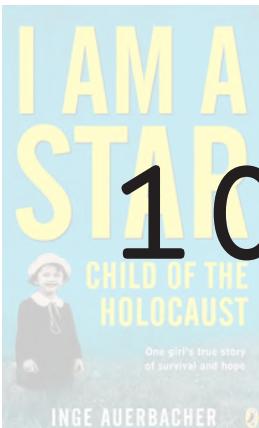
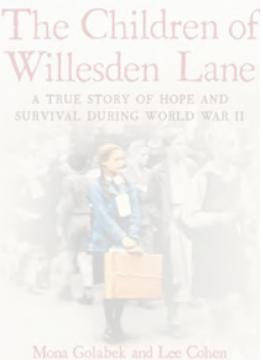
▀ *The Promise* by Eva Schloss

▀ *Yellow Star* by Jennifer Roy

▀ *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit* by Judith Kerr

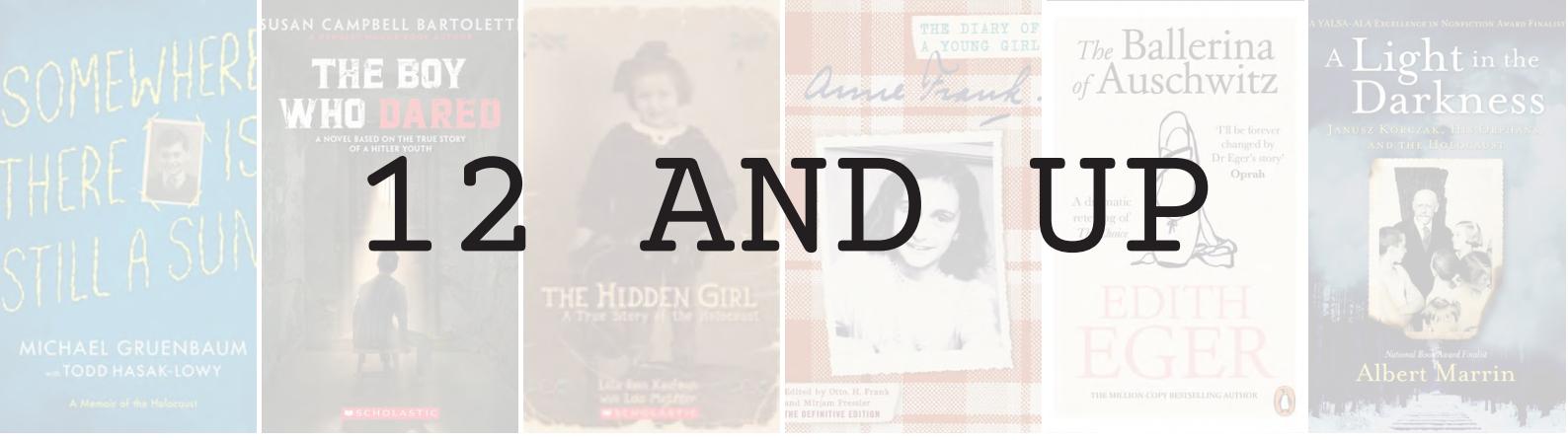
▀ *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry

▀ *White Bird: A Wonder Story (A Graphic Novel)* by R. J. Palacio



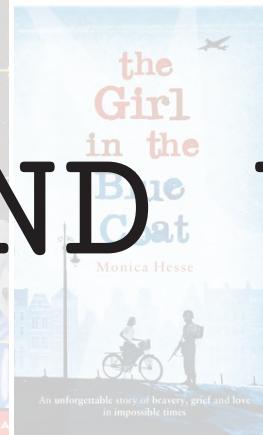
10 AND UP

- *The Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible...on Schindler's List* by Leon Leyson
- *I Am a Star: Child of the Holocaust* By Inge Auerbacher
- *Signs of Survival: A Memoir of the Holocaust* by Renee Hartman with Joshua M. Greene
- *I Will Protect You: A True Story of Twins Who Survived Auschwitz* by Eva Mozes Kor & Danica Davidson
- *The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen
- *The Children of Willesden Lane: A True Story of Hope and Survival During World War II* By Mona Golabek and Lee Cohen



12 AND UP

- ▀ *The Hidden Girl: A True Story of the Holocaust* by Lola Rein Kaufman with Lois Metzger
- ▀ *Somewhere There is Still a Sun: A Memoir of the Holocaust* by Michael Gruenbaum with Todd Hasak-Lowy
- ▀ *Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank
- ▀ *A Light in the Darkness: Janusz Korczak, His Orphans, and the Holocaust* by Albert Marrin
- ▀ *The Ballerina of Auschwitz: Young Adult Edition of The Choice* by Edith Eger
- ▀ *The Boy Who Dared* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti



13 AND UP

 *MAUS I* by Art Spiegelman

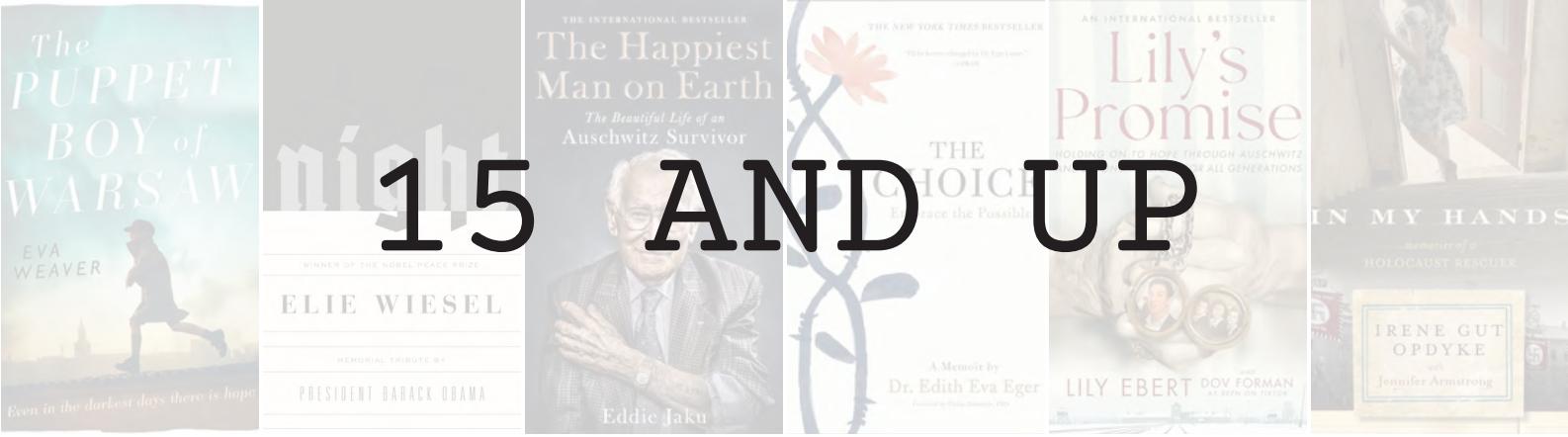
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 *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

 *What Papa Told Me* by Felice Cohen

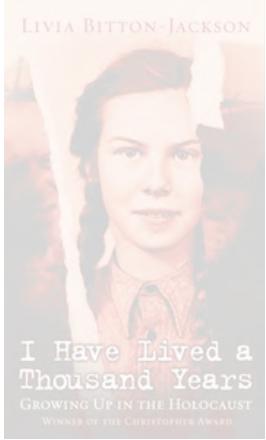
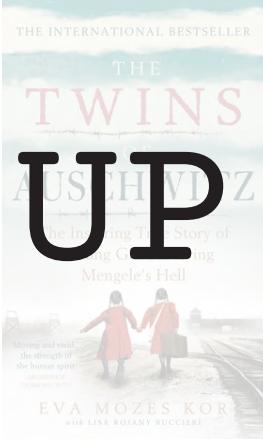
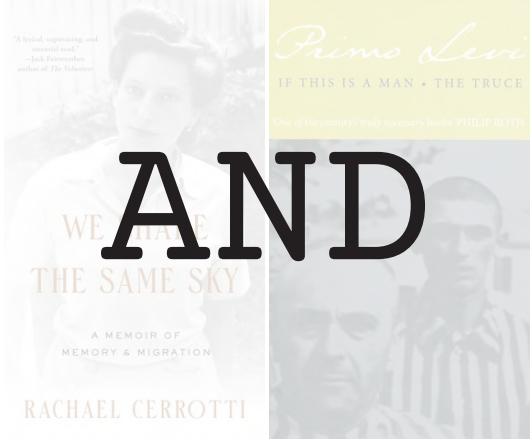
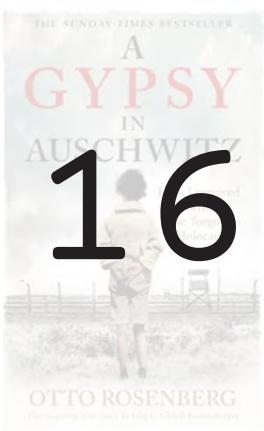
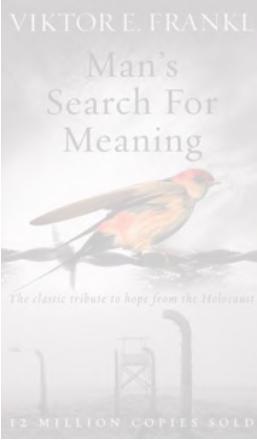
 *Children in the Holocaust and World War II: Their Secret Diaries* by Laurel Holliday

 *The Girl in the Blue Coat* by Monica Hesse



15 AND UP

- ▀ *Lily's Promise: How I Survived Auschwitz and Found the Strength to Live* by Lily Ebert with Dov Forman
- ▀ *Night* by Elie Wiesel
- ▀ *In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer* by Irene Gut Opdyke
- ▀ *The Choice: Embrace the Possible* by Edith Eger
- ▀ *The Happiest Man in the World: The Beautiful Life of an Auschwitz Survivor* by Eddie Jaku
- ▀ *The Puppet Boy of Warsaw* by Eva Weaver



16 AND UP



Man's Search for Meaning by Viktor Frankl



If This is a Man by Primo Levi



I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing up in the Holocaust by Livia Bitton-Jackson



The Twins of Auschwitz: The inspiring true story of a young girl surviving Mengele's hell by Eva Mozes Kor & Lisa Rojany Buccieri



A Gypsy in Auschwitz: How I Survived the Horrors of the "Forgotten Holocaust" by Otto Rosenberg



We Share the Same Sky: A Memoir of Memory & Migration by Rachael Cerrotti
Also available as a podcast