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When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit



Synopsis

Based on the gripping real-life story of the author, this poignant, suspenseful middle-grade novel has been a favorite for over forty years. Perfect for Holocaust Remembrance Month. Anna is not sure who Hitler is, but she sees his face on posters all over Berlin. Then one morning, Anna and her brother awake to find her father gone! Her mother explains that their father has had to leave and soon they will secretly join him. Anna just doesn't understand. Why do their parents keep insisting that Germany is no longer safe for Jews like them? Because of Hitler, Anna must leave everything behind.

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Customer Reviews

"An engrossing autobiographical novel." School Library Journal, starred review
"This book is an exploration of family solidarity in a time of personal crisis. An engrossing and sensitive narrative."
--Horn Book
"Anna does not really understand why her family leaves Germany . . . but during the next three years in Switzerland, France, and England she learns from firsthand experience what it is like to be a refugee. . . The narrative is absorbing and believable." --Booklist
An ALA Notable Book
A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year
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A Horn Book Fanfare Title
A Library of Congress Best Children's Book

Anna was only nine years old in 1933, too busy with her school work and friends to take much notice of Adolf Hitler's face glaring out of political posters all over Berlin. Being Jewish, she thought, was just something you were because your parents and grandparents were Jewish. But then one day her father was unaccountably, frighteningly missing. Soon after, she and her brother, Max, were hurried out of Germany by their mother with alarming secrecy. Reunited in Switzerland, Anna and her family embark on an adventure that would go on for years, in several different countries. They learn many new things: new languages, how to cope with the wildest confusions, and how to be poor. Anna soon discovers that there are special skills to being a refugee. And as long as the family stayed together, that was all that really mattered. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Nice book through the eyes of a little girl in a cruel changing world. It's a good book for someone younger than I but I enjoy these books also. I am saving this book for my grandchildren as they grow older. It is a sort of history lesson, as well.

This book is an interesting account of the challenges and sacrifices made by a well-to-do and somewhat famous writer and his family to escape Hitler's wrath during WWII. Judith Kerr's father was a well-known journalist whose writings were decidedly pro-Jewish, and he became one of the Nazi regime's most wanted. The story is told from his daughter's perspective, and is a what I would consider a juvenile/young adult book. It is interesting, but not especially thrilling. I will read the other books in this series.

A look into a part of WW II German history that is often overlooked

What a wonderful true story of a family fleeing from Hitler's demonic plan of destroying Jews.

Great

The story provides a girl's journey, a family's journey through the troubling times of WWII. The reader can try and imagine the sights, smells, sounds and tastes of the time. One wonders how they would have dealt with all the things this family had to. The epilogue reminds how close it was to all going horribly wrong for them.

I liked it. It was different

Sensitively written, with a persuasive point of view from the child narrator, this novel depicts the importance of the coherence of family to this nine-year-old child, even through disruption and the growing threat of Nazism in 1933.

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