

World War II



Colman, Penny. Rosie the riveter : women working on the home front in World War II. New York : Crown Publishers, c1995.

Summary: Describes the many roles assumed by women in the U.S. after the country's entry into World War II.

Reading Level: 8.0

Call Number 331.4 COL

Adler, David A. Hilde and Eli, children of the Holocaust. New York : Holiday House, c1994.

Summary: The story of Hilde, from Germany, and Eli, from Czechoslovakia, during the early years of Nazi rule in Germany.

Reading Level: 4.6

Call Number 920 ADL

Greenfeld, Howard. The hidden children. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, c1993.

Summary: Describes the experiences of those Jewish children who were forced to go into hiding during the Holocaust and survived to tell about it.

Reading Level: 6.7

Call Number 920 GRE

Adams, Simon. World War II. New York : Dorling Kindersley Pub., 2004.

Summary: Provides an overview of World War II with text supported by pictures from the conflict itself, and photographs of war memorabilia.

Reading Level: 8.3

Call Number 940.53 ADA

Adler, David A. We remember the Holocaust. New York : H. Holt, 1995.

Summary: Discusses the events of the Holocaust and includes personal accounts from survivors of their experiences of the persecution and the death camps.

Reading Level: 7.1

Call Number 940.53 ADL

Bachrach, Susan D., Tell them we remember : the story of the Holocaust. Boston : Little, Brown, c1994.

Summary: Presents the story of the Holocaust and shows how it affected the lives of innocent people throughout Europe.

Reading Level: 8.7

Call Number 940.53 BAC

Josephson, Judith Pinkerton. Growing up in World War II, 1941-1945. Minneapolis : Lerner, c2003.

Summary: Presents the true stories of life for American children who lived during World War II.

Reading Level: 5.7

Call Number 940.53 JOS

Panchyk, Richard. World War II for kids : a history with 21 activities. Chicago : Chicago Review Press, c2002.

Summary: Provides information for kids about World War II including excerpts from wartime letters, personal anecdotes from survivors of the war, and activities for kids to help them understand what life was like during the war.

Call Number 940.53 PAN

Nicholson, Dorinda Makanaonalani Stagner. Remember World War II : kids who survived tell their stories. Washington, D.C. : National Geographic, c2005.

Summary: Contains survival stories by a variety of people, young and old, based on Japanese and European memories after World War II.

Reading Level: 6.7

Call Number 940.53 REM

Rubin, Susan Goldman. The flag with fifty-six stars : a gift from the survivors of Mauthausen. New York : Holiday House, c2005.

Summary: Describes how prisoners at the Nazi concentration camp Mauthausen secretly made an American flag from memory inadvertently sewing fifty-six stars on it as a gift for the liberators they hoped would come to free them.

Reading Level: 6.2

Call Number 940.53 RUB

Ruggiero, Adriane. World War II. New York : Benchmark Books, c2003.

Summary: Presents the history of the United States participation in World War II, including the role of women and African Americans and the internment of Japanese Americans.

Reading Level: 7.

Call Number 940.53 RUG

Russo, Marisabina. Always remember me : how one family survived World War II. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2005.

Summary: Presents a sensitive story about a little girl named Rachel who learns from her Jewish grandmother how her grandmother, mother, and two aunts survived the Holocaust in Germany and came to America after World War II. The story is based on the author's life.

Reading Level: 4.6

Call Number 940.53 RUS

Tunnell, Michael O. The children of Topaz : the story of a Japanese American internment camp : based on a classroom diary. New York : Holiday House, c1996.

Summary: The diary of a third-grade class of Japanese-American children being held with their families in an internment camp during World War II.

Reading Level: 7.6

Call Number 940.53 TUN

Welch, Catherine A. Children of the relocation camps. Minneapolis : Carolrhoda Books, c2000.

Summary: Explores the experiences of Japanese American children who were moved with their families to relocation centers during World War II, looking at school, meals, sports, and other aspects of camp life.

Reading Level: 4.1

Call Number 940.53 WEL

Whitman, Sylvia. Children of the World War II home front. Minneapolis : Carolrhoda Books, c2001.

Summary: Provides information on the state of American children on the home front during World War II. Looks at how the war effected the daily lives of children and chronicles their war-effort activities.

Reading Level: 5.3

Call Number 940.53 WHI

Amis, Nancy. The orphans of Normandy : a true story of World War II told through drawings by children. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2003.

Summary: Relates how 100 young schoolgirls, many of them orphans, and their teachers managed to escape the chaos of the Allied invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944, by taking shelter in an iron mine for thirty-eight days and, after being forced out by the Germans, walking for twenty-nine days to reach safety behind Allied lines.

Reading Level: 4.5

Call Number 940.54 AMI

Brooks, Philip, The Tuskegee airmen. Minneapolis, Minn. : Compass Point Books, c2005.
Summary: Explores the history of African Americans serving in the military focusing on the development of the Tuskegee Army Airfield and the African American men who trained to become pilots there. Discusses the participation of the Tuskegee Airmen in World War II.
Reading Level: 6.9
Call Number 940.54 BRO

Cooper, Michael L., Remembering Manzanar : life in a Japanese relocation camp. New York : Clarion Books, c2002.
Summary: Uses firsthand accounts, oral histories, and essays from school newspapers and yearbooks to tell the story of the Japanese Americans who were sent to live in government-run internments camps during World War II.
Reading Level: 7.4
Call Number 940.54 COO

Drez, Ronald J., Remember D-day : the plan, the invasion, survivor stories. Washington, D.C. : National Geographic, c2004.
Summary: Discusses the events and personalities involved in the momentous Allied invasion of France on June 6, 1944.
Reading Level: 7.9
Call Number 940.54 DRE

Krensky, Stephen. Pearl Harbor. New York : Aladdin Paperbacks, 2001.
Summary: Historical account of the United States's role in World War II before and after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.
Reading Level: 5.8
Call Number 940.54 KRE

Pierce, Alan, The bombing of Pearl Harbor. Edina, Minn. : Abdo & Daughters, c2005.
Summary: Describes the bombing of Pearl Harbor and details the political events which led up to it. Includes a discussion on the leadership in Japan and the United States, the internment of Japanese-American citizens, and the dropping of atom bombs on two Japanese cities.
Reading Level: 6.7
Call Number 940.54 PIE

Uschan, Michael V., The bombing of Pearl Harbor. Milwaukee, WI : World Almanac Library, 2003.
Summary: Covers the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 including background information on World War II, the role of the United States in the war after the bombing, and tales of heroism and tragedy.
Reading Level: 8.4
Call Number 940.54 USC

Levine, Karen. Hana's suitcase : a true story. Morton Grove, Ill. : Albert Whitman, 2003.
Summary: A biography of a Czech girl who died in the Holocaust, told in alternating chapters with an account of how the curator of a Japanese Holocaust center learned about her life after Hana's suitcase was sent to her.
Reading Level: 5.0
Call Number B BRADY

McDonough, Yona Zeldis. Anne Frank. New York : Henry Holt and Company, c1997.
Summary: Traces the life of a Jewish girl who chronicled her day-to-day life in a diary as she hid in an attic in Nazi-occupied Holland for two years.
Call Number B FRANK

Frank, Anne, The diary of a young girl : the definitive edition. New York : Doubleday, c1995.
Summary: The diary of a young Holocaust victim. Includes entries previously omitted.
Reading Level: 6.5
Call NumberB FRANK

Adler, David A. A picture book of Anne Frank. New York : Holiday House, c1993.

Summary: Traces the life of the young Jewish girl whose diary chronicles the years she and her family hid from the Nazis in an Amsterdam attic.

Reading Level: 4.7

Call Number B FRANK

Poole, Josephine. Anne Frank. New York : Alfred A. Knopf : 2005.

Summary: Documents the life and tragedy of Anne Frank, a Jewish girl whose family lived in a hidden annex to avoid persecution by the Nazis. Describes Anne's childhood and the hatred that emerged under the rule of Adolf Hitler. Follows the Frank family and others who hid in the small, secret place where Anne kept a diary until they were discovered and sent to a German concentration camp.

Reading Level: 5.1

Call Number B FRANK

Rol, Ruud van der. Anne Frank, beyond the diary : a photographic remembrance. New York : Puffin Books, 1995.

Summary: Photographs, illustrations, and maps accompany historical essays, diary excerpts, and interviews, providing an insight to Anne Frank.

Reading Level: 6.8

Call Number B FRANK

Perl, Lila. Four perfect pebbles : a Holocaust story. New York : Greenwillow Books, c1996.

Summary: The Jewish author describes her and her family's survival from the prison camps of Nazi Germany.

Reading Level: 7.3

Call Number B LAZAN

Granfield, Linda. High flight : a story of World War II. Toronto ; Tundra Books, c1999.

Summary: Tells the story of John Magee, who died at age nineteen while flying in World War II, but who also left an indelible impression on generations of aviators through his poem "High Flight."

Reading Level: 6.7

Call Number

B MAGEE

Talbott, Hudson. Forging freedom : a true story of heroism during the Holocaust. New York : G.P. Putnam's Sons, c2000.

Summary: Chronicles the brave exploits of Jaap Penraat, a young Dutch man, who risked his life during World War II to save the lives of over 400 Jews.

Reading Level: 4.8

Call Number B PENRAAT

Reiss, Johanna. The upstairs room. New York : HarperCollins, c1972.

Summary: A Dutch Jewish girl describes the two-and-one-half years she spent in hiding in the upstairs bedroom of a farmer's house during World War II.

Reading Level: 2.9

Call Number B REISS

Mochizuki, Ken, Passage to freedom : the Sugihara story. New York : Lee & Low Books, c1997.

Summary: The story of one man's remarkable courage, and the respect between a father and a son who shared the weight of witness and an amazing act of humanity.

Reading Level: 4.1

Call Number B SUGIHARA

Takashima, Shizuye. A child in prison camp. Plattsburg, N.Y. : Tundra Books, [1998], c1971.

Summary: For three years during World War II, a Japanese-Canadian girl and her family are imprisoned with thousands of others considered possible security threats.

Reading Level: 3.8

Call Number B TAKASHIMA

Fiction

Hunter, Sara Hoagland. The unbreakable code. Flagstaff, AZ : Northland Pub., c1996.

Summary: Because John is afraid to leave the Navajo Reservation, his grandfather explains to him how the Navajo language, faith, and ingenuity helped win World War II.

Reading Level: 4.2

Call Number E HUN

Oberman, Sheldon. By the Hanukkah light. Honesdale, Pa. : Boyds Mills Press, 1997.

Summary: When the family gathers to celebrate Hanukkah, Grandfather tells his own story of the holiday from World War II.

Reading Level: 3.4

Call Number E OBE

Ackerman, Karen, The night crossing. New York : Dell Yearling, 2001, c1994.

Summary: In 1938, Clara and her family, who are Jewish, escape over the mountains into Switzerland.

Reading Level: 5.3

Call Number F ACK

Borden, Louise. The little ships : the heroic rescue at Dunkirk in World War II. New York : Aladdin, 2003.

Summary: A young English girl and her father take their sturdy fishing boat and join the scores of other civilian vessels crossing the English Channel in a daring attempt to rescue Allied and British troops trapped by Nazi soldiers at Dunkirk.

Reading Level: 4.5

Call Number F BOR

Bunting, Eve, Spying on Miss Muller. New York : Clarion Books, 1995.

Summary: At boarding school in Belfast, Jessie must deal with her suspicions about a teacher whose father was German and with her worries about her own father's drinking problem.

Reading Level: 4.4

Call Number F BUN

De Jong, Meindert, The house of sixty fathers. New York : HarperCollins, c1984.

Summary: Alone in a sampan with his pig and three ducklings, a little Chinese boy is whirled down a raging river, back to the town from which he and his parents had escaped the invading Japanese, and spends long and frightening days regaining his family and his home.

Reading Level: 5.5

Call Number F DEJ

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Lily's crossing. New York : Delacorte, 1997.

Summary: During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.

Reading Level: 4.6

Call Number F GIF

Haywood, Carolyn, Primrose day. Orlando, Fla. : Harcourt, 2005.

Summary: During World War II, seven-year-old Merry Primrose Ramsay is sent from England to live with relatives in the United States, where, despite missing her parents and feeling homesick, she has many adventures while going to school and learning to fish and knit.

Reading Level: 3.8

Call Number F HAY

Lee, Milly. Nim and the war effort. New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2002.

Summary: In her determination to prove that an American can win the contest for the war effort, Nim does something which leaves her Chinese grandfather both bewildered and proud.

Reading Level: 4.3

Call Number F LEE

Levitin, Sonia. Journey to America. New York : Aladdin Paperbacks, 1987, c1970.

Summary: A Jewish family fleeing Nazi Germany in 1938 endures innumerable separations before they are once again united.

Reading Level: 4.7

Call Number F LEV

Lowry, Lois. Number the stars. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Co., 1989.

Summary: 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.

Reading Level: 4.5

Call Number F LOW

Maguire, Gregory. The good liar. New York : Clarion Books, c1999.

Summary: Now an old man living in the United States, Marcel recalls his childhood in German-occupied France, especially the summer that he and his older brother Rene befriended a young German soldier.

Reading Level: 5.1

Call Number F MAG

McSwigan, Marie. Snow treasure. New York : Dutton's Children's Books, 2005.

Summary: In 1940, when the Nazi invasion of Norway reaches their village in the far north, twelve-year-old Peter and his friends use their sleds to transport nine million dollars worth of gold bullion past the German soldiers to the secret harbor where Peter's uncle keeps his ship ready to take the gold for safekeeping in the United States.

Reading Level: 5.3

Call Number F MCS

Mochizuki, Ken. Baseball saved us. New York : Lee & Low, c1993.

Summary: A Japanese American boy learns to play baseball when he and his family are forced to live in an internment camp.

Reading Level: 3.9

Call Number F MOC

Orlev, Uri. The island on Bird Street. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, c1984.

Summary: During World War II a Jewish boy is left on his own for months in a ruined house in the Warsaw Ghetto, where he must learn all the tricks of survival under constantly life-threatening conditions.

Reading Level: 4.6

Call Number F ORL

Patneau, David. Thin wood walls. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 2004.

Summary: When the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor, Joe Hamada and his family face growing prejudice, eventually being torn away from their home and sent to a relocation camp in California, even as his older brother joins the United States Army to fight in the war.

Reading Level: 4.3

Call Number F PAT

Salisbury, Graham. Under the blood-red sun. New York : Dell Yearling, 2001.

Summary: Tomikazu Nakaji's biggest concerns are baseball, homework, and a local bully, until life with his Japanese family in Hawaii changes drastically after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941.

Reading Level: 4.0

Call Number F SAL

Uchida, Yoshiko. The bracelet. New York : Philomel Books, c1993.

Summary: Emi, a Japanese American in the second grade, loses a bracelet from her best friend while she and her family are in an internment camp during World War II.

Reading Level: 4.0

Call Number F UCH

Vos, Ida, Anna is still here. New York : Puffin Books, 1995.

Summary: Thirteen-year-old Anna, who was a "hidden child" in Nazi-occupied Holland during World War II, gradually learns to deal with the realities of being a survivor.

Reading Level: 3.3

Call Number F VOS

Vos, Ida, Hide and seek. New York : Puffin Books, 1995.

Summary: A young Jewish girl living in Holland tells of her experiences during the Nazi occupation, her years in hiding, and the aftershock when the war finally ends.

Reading Level: 3.6

Call Number F VOS

Wechter, Nell Wise. Taffy of Torpedo Junction. Chapel Hill : University of North Carolina Press, 1996.

Summary: In 1942, thirteen-year-old Taffy, living with her grandfather on Hatteras Island, inadvertently helps capture Nazi spies responsible for passing information to offshore German submarines engaged in torpedoing American ships.

Reading Level: 4.7

Call Number F WEC

Ylvisaker, Anne. Dear Papa. Cambridge, MA : Candlewick Press, 2002.

Summary: In September of 1943, one year after her father's death, nine-year-old Isabelle begins writing him letters, which are interspersed with letters to other members of her family, relating important events in her life and how she feels about them.

Reading Level: 4.6

Call Number F YLV

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