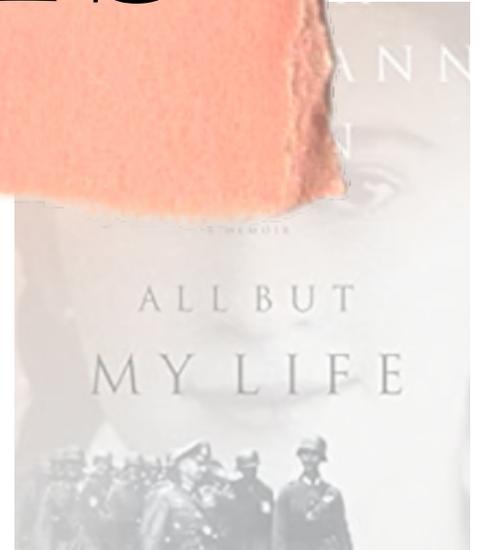
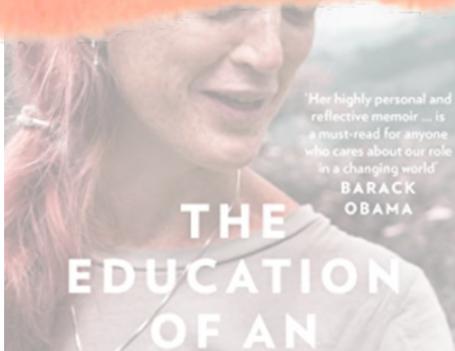
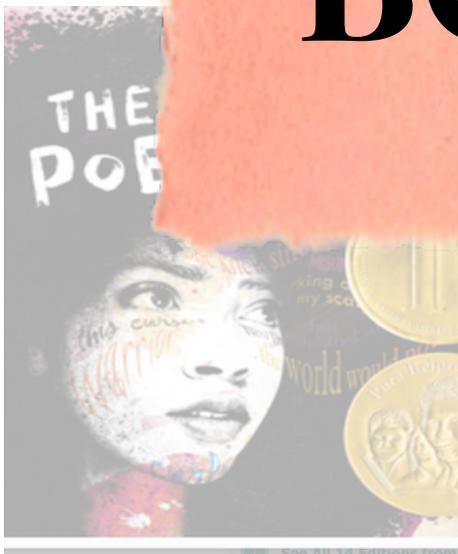


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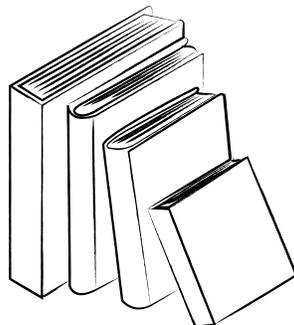
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The HRC was established in 1982 to foster and reinforce ongoing awareness of the Holocaust among students, teachers and community members. From its inception, the founders recognized education as the integral driving force behind the organization.

Today, the Center continues to honor its founders by promoting messages of respect, understanding and empowerment. We fulfill our educational mandate in three ways: collections, commemorative events and continuing education.

Classroom book sets are available for a four-week loan period free of charge to Council on Global Education and Citizenship members. Unless otherwise noted, each set contains 30 copies of the book, lesson plans, and additional resources and reading where available.

Pick-up and delivery or courier costs are the responsibility of the teacher and must be scheduled during HRC's operating hours. If you require assistance outside of office hours, please contact [hrc@kean.edu](mailto:hrc@kean.edu).



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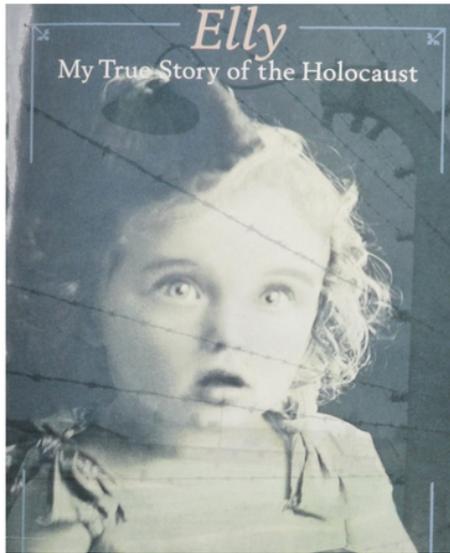
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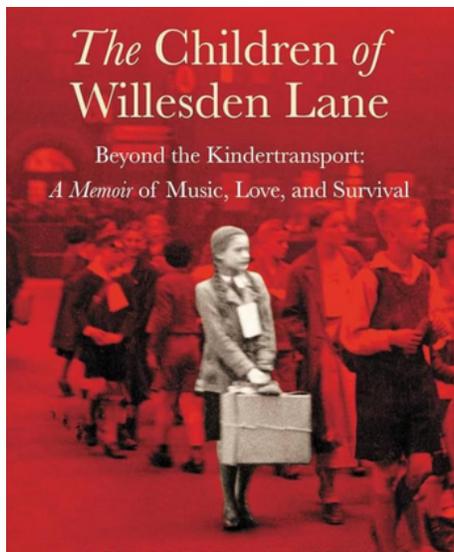


## **Elly: My True Story of the Holocaust by Elly Berkovits Gross**

At just 15, Elly, her mother, and brother were taken from their Romanian town to the Auschwitz-II/Birkenau concentration camp. When they arrived at Auschwitz, a soldier waved Elly to the right; her mother and brother to the left. She never saw her family alive again.

Thanks to a series of miracles, Elly survived the Holocaust. Today she is dedicated to keeping alive the stories of those who did not.

**\*\*Note: 25 copies available**



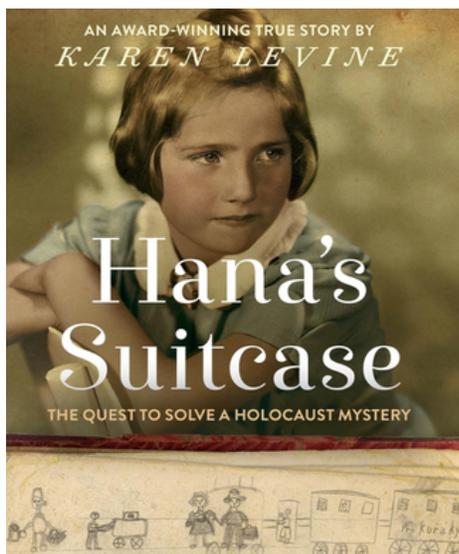
## **The Children of Willesden Lane - Beyond the Kindertransport: A Memoir of Music, Love and Survival by Mona Golabek and Lee Cohen**

Jewish musical prodigy Lisa Jura has a wonderful life in Vienna. But when the Nazis start closing in on the city, life changes irreversibly. Although he has three daughters, Lisa's father is able to secure only one berth on the Kindertransport. The family decides to send Lisa to London so that she may pursue her dreams of a career as a concert pianist.

Separated from her beloved family, Lisa bravely endures the trip and a disastrous posting outside London before finding her way to the Willesden Lane Orphanage.

**\*\*Note: 32 copies available**

**Topics: Auschwitz, Kindertransport, orphanage**

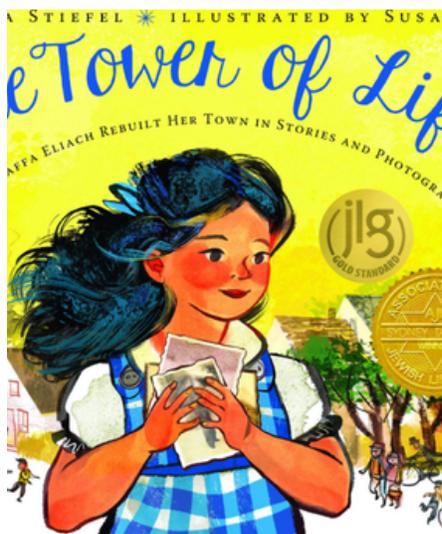


## Hana's Suitcase: The Quest to Solve a Holocaust Mystery by Karen Levine

This award-winning true Holocaust story, newly updated, connects generations through one woman's quest to find the truth behind a mysterious suitcase. In March 2000, Fumiko Ishioka, the curator of a small Holocaust education center in Tokyo, received an empty suitcase from the museum at Auschwitz. On the outside, in white paint, were the words "Hana Brady, May 16, 1931, Orphan."

Fumiko and the children at the center were determined to find out who Hana was and what happened to her all those years ago, leading them to a startling and emotional discovery.

**\*\*Note: 38 copies available**



## The Tower of Life by Chana Stiefel

This is the stunning true story of how Yaffa made it her life's mission to recover thousands of her town's photographs from around the world. Using these photos, she built her amazing tower of life, a permanent exhibit in the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, to restore the soaring spirit of Eishyshok.

**\*\*Note: 12 copies available**

Topics: Auschwitz, recovering historical artifacts



# RECOMMENDED GRADES 5+

CZNIK KIEROWCY B

PARTE  
HISTORII  
EUROPY

Wieloletni doświadczenia  
Kierowcy i Instruktorzy

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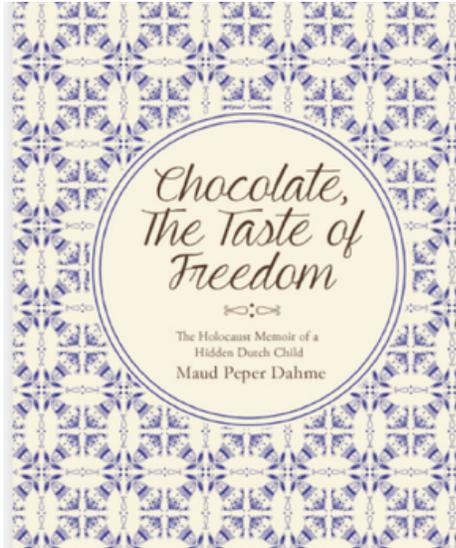
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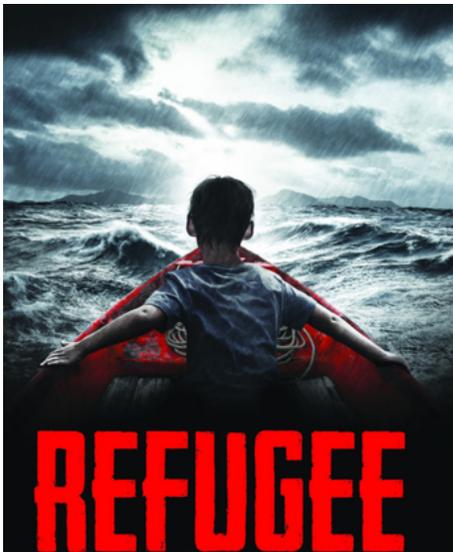
## Chocolate the Taste of Freedom by Maud Dahme

Of the 1.6 million Jewish children who lived in Europe before WWII, only 100,000 survived the Holocaust. Most were hidden children. Dahme was one of those hidden children, hidden from the Nazis by righteous gentiles in the Netherlands.

*Chocolate, the Taste of Freedom* chronicles not only the wartime adventures of Dahme but also her post-war experiences -- reunion with parents, immigration, U.S. schools, marriage, and Holocaust education advocate.

**\*\*Note: 25 copies available**

## Refugee by Alan Gratz



Josef is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the latest threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world.

Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America.

Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe.

All three children go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face face unimaginable dangers—from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end.

**\*\*Note: 9 copies available**

Topics: hidden children, immigration, Cuban riots, refugees



RECOMMENDED  
GRADES 6\*

CZNIK KIEROWCY B

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HISTORIA  
EUROPY

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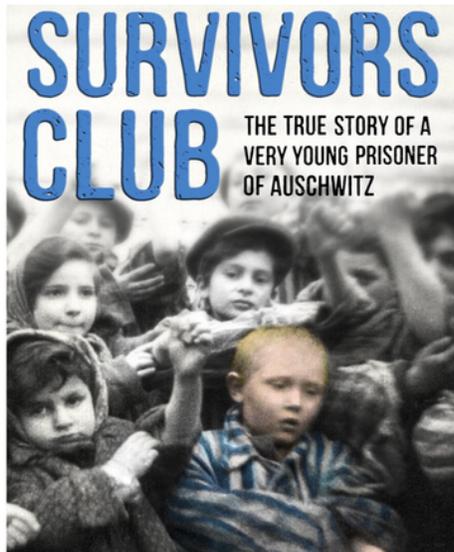
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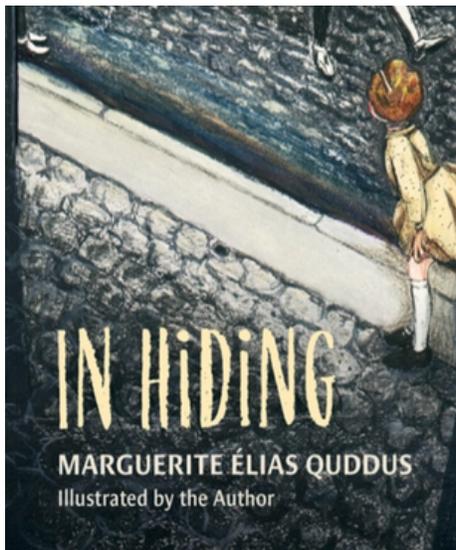


## **Survivors Club: The True Story of a Very Young Prisoner of Auschwitz** by Michael Bornstein and Debbie Bornstein Holinstat

*Survivors Club* tells the unforgettable story of how a father's courageous wit, a mother's fierce love, and one perfectly timed illness saved his life, and how others in his family from Zarki, Poland, dodged death at the hands of the Nazis time and again with incredible deftness.

Working from his own recollections as well as extensive interviews with relatives and survivors who knew the family, Michael relates his inspirational Holocaust survival story with the help of his daughter, Debbie Bornstein Holinstat.

**\*\*Note: 16 copies available**



## **In Hiding** by Marguerite Quddus

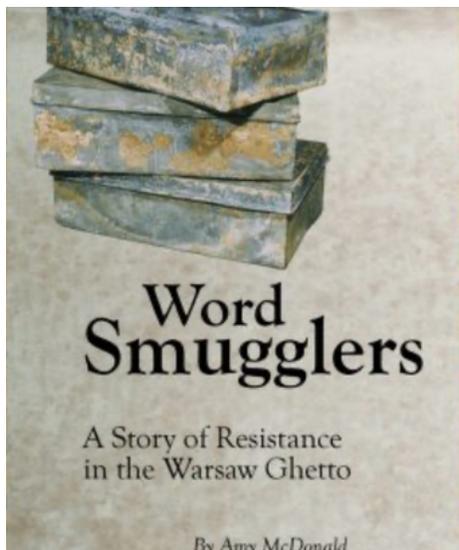
"I'm ready, but I'm overcome with sadness. Mama hugs us and kisses us: 'Goodbye, children! Go, and don't look back . . .'"

With these last words from their mother, two little girls, Marguerite and her older sister, Henriette, start on a long and wandering journey that will last three years.

Given new identities, they must forget everything about their former, familiar lives. Taken from farms to convents, they learn how to remain silent, to pretend, to lie in order to survive, to adapt repeatedly to new environments. Through it all, they manage to keep their hopes alive. This story, beautifully illustrated by Marguerite Élias Quddus, tugs at our hearts and allows us a remarkable insight into history through the eyes of a very young child.

**\*\*Note: 30 copies available**

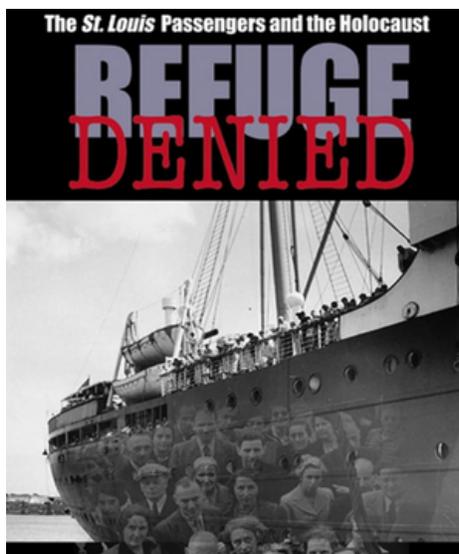
**Topics: Auschwitz, new identities, children in hiding**



## Word Smugglers: A Story of Resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto by Amy McDonald

*Word Smugglers: A Story of Resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto* tells the story of the Oyneg Shabes archive from the perspectives of Dr. Emanuel Ringelblum, Rachel Auerbach, Israel Lichtenstein, David Graber, and Nahum Grzywacz. It is a story about a courageous group of men, women, and young people who chose to resist and fight back against cruelty and fear. This group did not fight back with guns and weapons. They fought back with words, stories, and truth.

**\*\*Note: 29 copies available**



## Refuge Denied by Sarah A. Ogilvie and Scott Miller

In the spring of 1939, more than 900 Jewish refugees boarded the *St. Louis* in Hamburg, Germany, hoping to escape escalating oppression by the Nazi government. Except for a small group that had special visas and was able to disembark in Havana, the ship and its passengers were denied entry by Cuba and the United States.

Returning on an uncertain voyage to Europe, the refugees eventually were accepted by four western European countries. Other than the 288 sent to England, most once again fell under the Nazi grip that closed upon continental Europe a year later.

Although the episode of the *St. Louis* is well known, the actual fates of the passengers, once they disembarked, slipped into historical obscurity. Prompted by a former passenger's curiosity, Sarah Ogilvie and Scott Miller of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum set out to discover what happened to each of the 937 passengers.

**\*\*Note: 9 copies available**

**Topics: Warsaw Ghetto, uprising, Jewish refugees, tracing history**



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HISTORIA  
EUROPY

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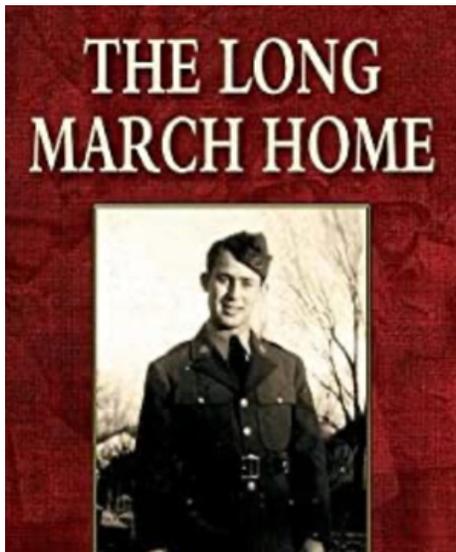
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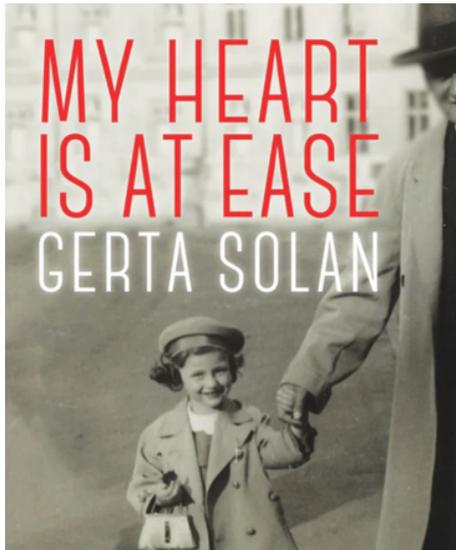
## The Long March Home by Robert R. Max

Newly enlisted in the Army during World War II, 21-year-old Bob Max soon found himself recruited into the Fort Dix Swing Band to play alongside some of the top musicians in the country--sidemen who performed with the big bands of Tommy Dorsey, Les Brown, Harry James, and Benny Goodman. Bob was thrilled.

One day his name appeared on a list of recruits to be shipped out for basic training, preparation for ultimate combat. Bandleader Jack Leonard arranged for the order to be set aside, but feeling the call of duty, Bob chose to ship out anyway.

He told Jack that he expected to be back with the band someday.

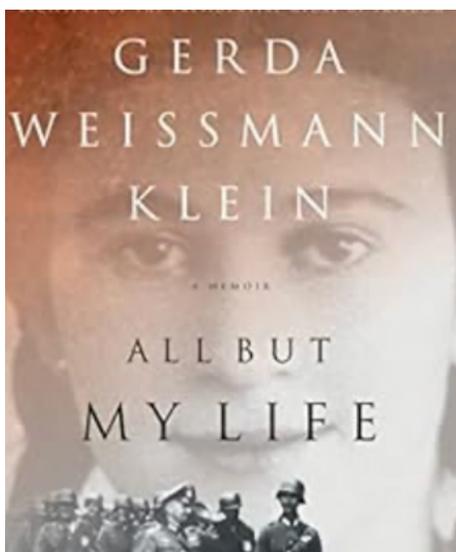
**\*\*Note: 22 copies available**



## My Heart is at Ease by Gerta Solan

What keeps 15-year-old Gerta Solan going in the Auschwitz children's barracks is dreaming of the normal life that had been torn from her. Deported with her parents from Prague to the Theresienstadt "model camp" in June 1942, Gerta describes the lengths to which the Nazis went to mislead the International Red Cross about their treatment of Jewish prisoners. Then comes Auschwitz, where she has to learn to cope on her own with the corruption, brutality and desperation around her.

**\*\*Note: 30 copies available**



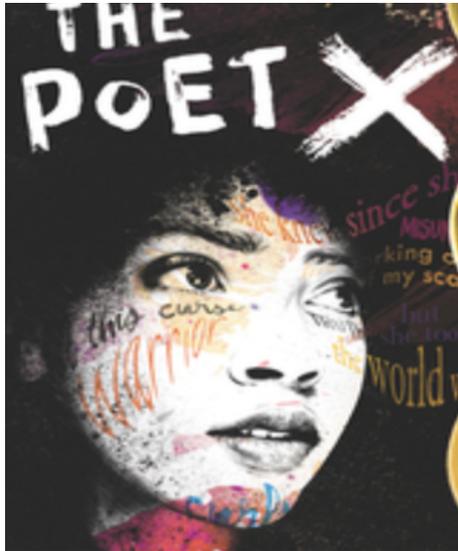
## All But My Life by Gerda Weissmann Klein

*All But My Life* by Gerda Weissmann Klein is the true story of her family's tragic struggle as Polish Jews during the German invasion in World War II. Their family, relatives, and friends, along with the young teen's hopes and dreams, are destroyed by the invading Nazis.

**\*\*Note: 25 copies available**

**Topics: Army soldier, Auschwitz, ghettos**





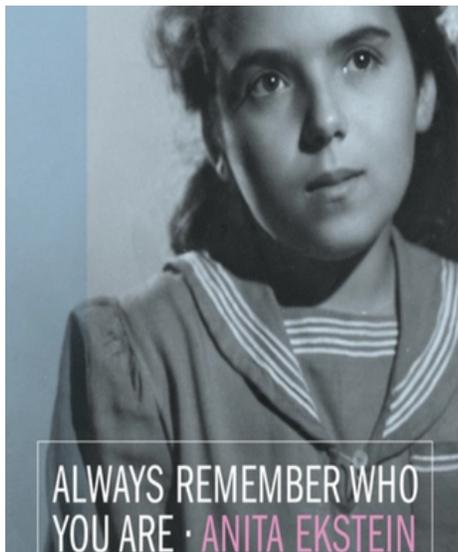
## The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo

A young girl in Harlem discovers slam poetry as a way to understand her mother's religion and her own relationship to the world. Debut novel of renowned slam poet Elizabeth Acevedo. Xiomara Baptista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood.

Because in the face of a world that may not want to hear her, Xiomara refuses to be silent.

**\*\*Note: 97 copies available**

## Always Remember Who You Are by Anita Epstein

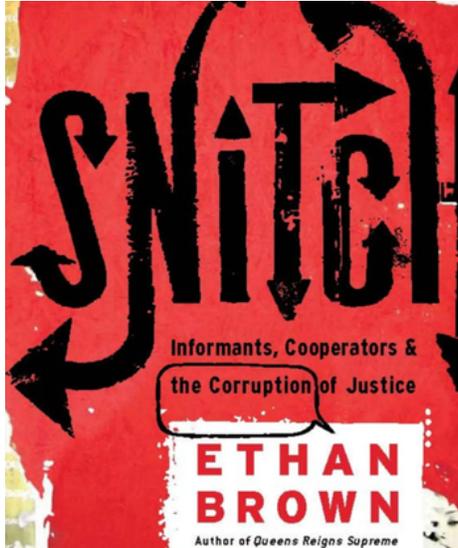


When the Nazis invade eastern Poland in 1941, young Anita Ekstein, a cherished only child in a large, close-knit family, is suddenly living in the shadow of fear and violence. At seven years old, she and her parents are forced from their home into a ghetto, and one day, her mother is gone. As Anita's father desperately tries to save his beloved daughter, he befriends a Catholic man who smuggles Anita out of the ghetto, risking his own life to save hers.

Frightened, living among strangers and missing the warmth her parents provided, Anita learns how to be Catholic and spends most of her days inside and in silence. Always at risk of being discovered, Anita has only her newfound faith to accompany her on the lonely path of survival. After the war, orphaned and struggling with her identity, Anita finds her way through her grief and confusion to fulfill her father's last request to Always Remember Who You Are.

**\*\*Note: 30 copies available**

**Topics: slam poetry, understanding/ creating identity, religion, finding faith**



## Snitch by Ethan Brown

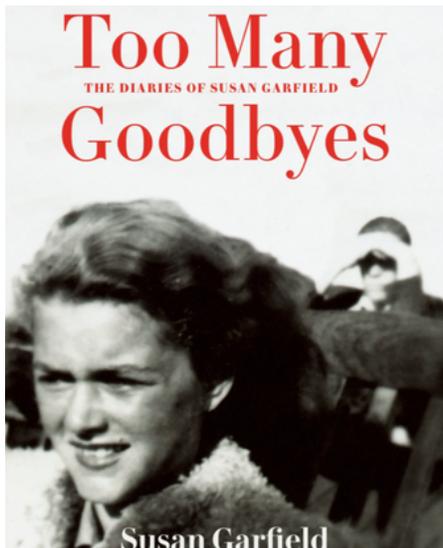
Our criminal justice system favors defendants who know how to play the "5K game": criminals who are so savvy about the cooperation process that they repeatedly commit serious crimes knowing they can be sent back to the streets if they simply cooperate with prosecutors.

In *Snitch*, investigative reporter Ethan Brown shows through a compelling series of case profiles how the sentencing guidelines for drug-related offenses, along with the 5K1.1 section, have unintentionally created a "cottage industry of cooperators," and led to fabricated evidence.

The result is wrongful convictions and appallingly gruesome crimes, including the grisly murder of the Harvey family in Richmond, Virginia and the well-publicized murder of Imette St. Guillen in New York City.

**\*\*Note: 30 copies available**

## Too Many Goodbyes: The Diaries of Susan Garfield by Susan Garfield



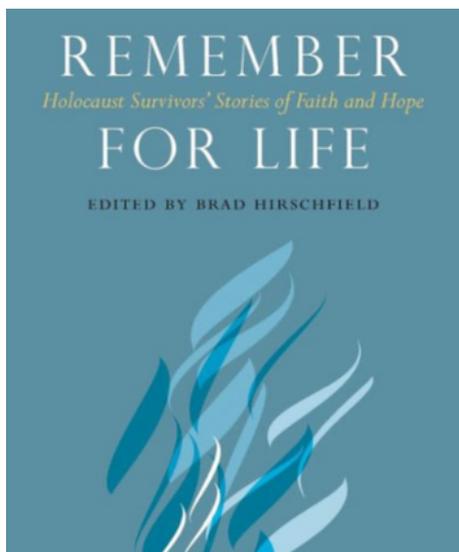
In 1944, as Budapest's Jews began to suffer under German occupation, eleven-year-old Susie wrote in her diary. Precocious and charming, Susie records the mundane along with the poignant, describing her family, friends and her daily life against a backdrop of war and persecution.

Soon, Susie's young life is marred by farewells — to her father, forced into labor service, and then to her mother when collaborators take her away. After the war, Susie makes a fateful decision to embark on a journey to a new country. Lonely and struggling to adapt in Canada, Susie's diary is now filled with angst.

In *Too Many Goodbyes*, Susan's memoir picks up the story where her younger self left it — close to finding a place where she truly belongs.

**\*\*Note: 30 copies available**

Topics: criminal justice system, wrongful convictions, immigration

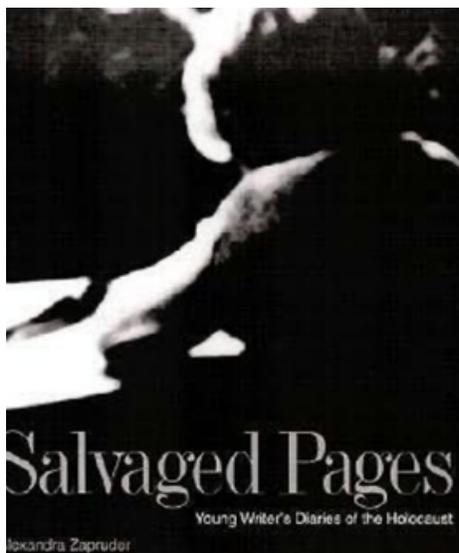


## Remember for Life Brad Hirschfield, editor

71 first-hand stories from survivors of the Holocaust teach us to choose to remember for life, for their words are not about hatred and death but about ethics, decency, and love.

The stories are arranged to accompany the weekly Torah readings and Jewish holidays.

**\*\*Note: 31 copies available**



## Salvaged Pages by Alexandra Zapruder

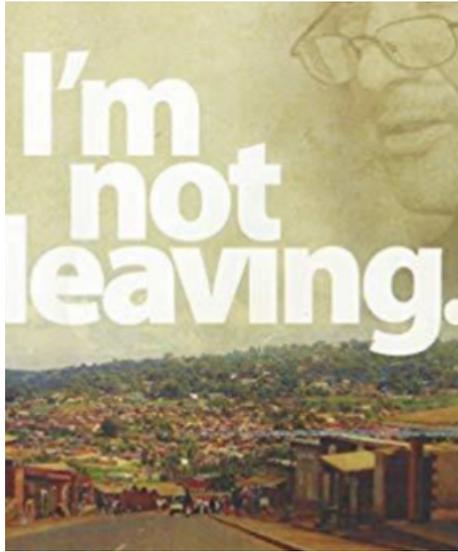
This stirring collection of diaries written by young people during the Holocaust reflects a vast and diverse range of experiences—some of the writers were refugees, others were hiding or passing as non-Jews, some were imprisoned in ghettos.

This seminal National Jewish Book Award winner was the first comprehensive collection of such writings, with extensive excerpts from fifteen diaries, ten of which had never before been translated and published in English.

The diarists ranged in age from twelve to twenty-two; some survived the Holocaust, but most perished. Taken together, their accounts of daily events and their often unexpected thoughts, ideas, and feelings serve to deepen and complicate our understanding of life during the Holocaust.

**\*\*Note: 30 copies available**

**Topics: survivor testimonies with Torah readings,  
diarists age 12 to 22**

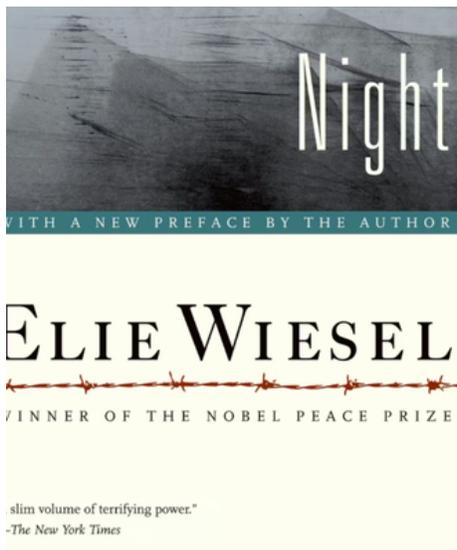


## **I'm Not Leaving** by Carl Wilkens

Why did Carl Wilkens decide to remain in Rwanda in 1994, with a genocide swirling around him? How did he and his wife Teresa maintain communication during the one-hundred days of terror when Tutsis were being hounded to death by Hutu militia extremists? How does the only American who chose to stay—in order to protect two Tutsi household workers—look back on that fearful time?

Working from tapes made for his family, which chronicle daily events from the sublime to the horrific, Carl reconstructs in fascinating detail both personal and political events triggered by the April 6 plane crash assassination of the Presidents of Rwanda and Burundi. He takes us through the poignant good-bye to his family, as they join the mass exodus of expatriates leaving this dangerous situation.

**\*\*Note: 28 copies available**

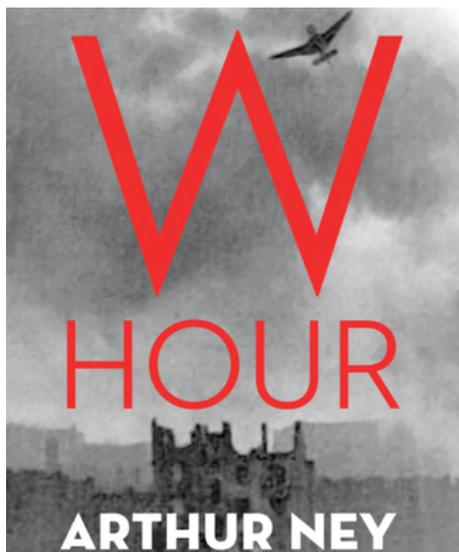


## **Night** by Elie Wiesel

Despite warnings about German intentions towards Jews, Elie's family and the other Jews in the small Transylvanian town of Sighet (now in modern-day Romania) fail to flee the country when they have a chance. As a result, the entire Jewish population is sent to concentration camps. There, in a camp called Auschwitz, Elie is separated from his mother and younger sister, but remains with his father. Though Elie survives the concentration camps, he leaves behind his own innocence and is haunted by the death and violence he has witnessed.

**\*\*Note: 29 copies available**

**Topics: Rwandan Genocide, Auschwitz**



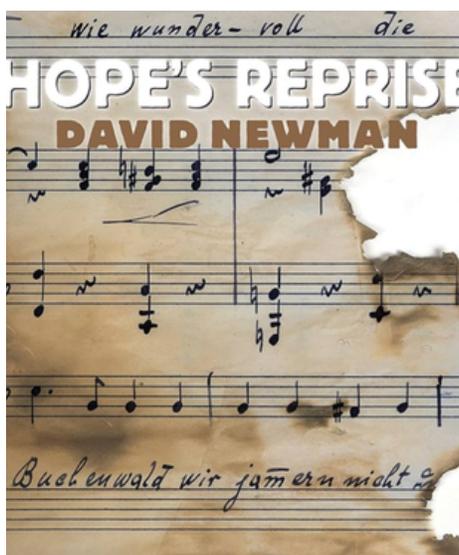
## W Hour by Arthur Ney

Arthur Ney, a 12-year-old smuggler outside the Warsaw ghetto walls when the ghetto uprising began in the spring of 1943, fled to the countryside with false papers to work on a farm.

Almost a year later he returned to Warsaw and faced the realization that his family was gone.

Under the protection of the Salesian Fathers as a "Christian" boy, he struggled with loneliness, guilt, fear and indecision regarding his "dual identity." When the Warsaw Uprising—codenamed W Hour—began on August 1, 1944, then-14-year-old Arthur joined the barricades and fought the Nazis.

**\*\*Note: 31 copies available**



## Hope's Reprise by David Newman

David Newman's gifts as a musician and a teacher carry him through years of brutality during the war. Torn from his family in Poland and deported for forced labor at Skarżysko-Kamienna, David battles desperation and the mounting death toll by writing songs, poems and satires about life in the camp.

Later, in the infamous Buchenwald camp, the resistance recruits him for a clandestine initiative to protect the Jewish children there. With his soulful songs and his lessons for the children, David is able to rouse a chorus of hope, both in himself and those around him.

**\*\*Note: 29 copies available**

**Topics: Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, Buchenwald resistance, poems**



RECOMMENDED  
GRADES 10\*

CZNIK KIEROWCY B

PARTE  
HISTORIA  
EUROPY

Wieloletni doświadczenia  
w pracy z dziećmi

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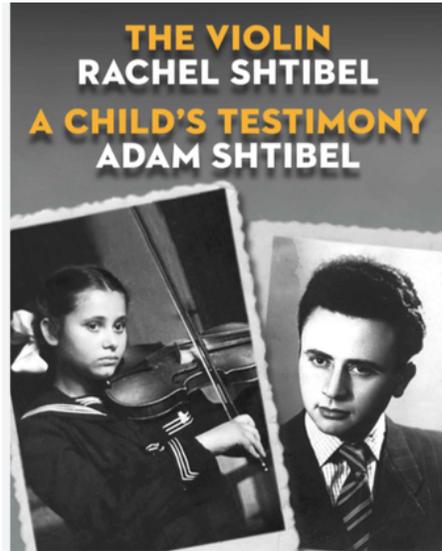
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## The Violin: A Child's Testimony by Rachel Shtibel



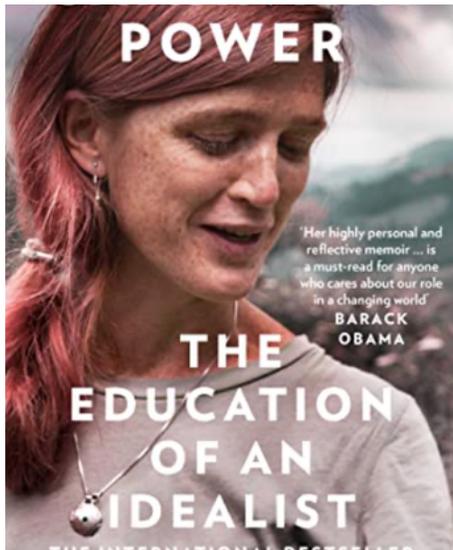
Rachel Milbauer, a vivacious and outgoing music lover, lay hidden and silent with her family and a family friend in an underground bunker in Nazi-occupied Poland for nearly two years.

Adam Shtibel, only eight years old when the war broke out, survived in the forest with other Jewish children until he was taken in by a gentile couple and "passed" as a non-Jew.

After the war, the recovered violin, case and photos hidden away by her beloved Uncle Velvel became cherished symbols of survival and continuity. Saved by inner fortitude, luck, and the courage and caring of friends and strangers, Rachel and Adam met and fell in love, and set about building a new life together.

**\*\*Note: 30 copies available**

## The Education of An Idealist by Samantha Power



Power transports us from her childhood in Dublin to the streets of war-torn Bosnia to the White House Situation Room and the world of high-stakes diplomacy, offering a compelling and deeply honest look at navigating the halls of power while trying to put one's ideals into practice.

Along the way, she lays bare the searing battles and defining moments of her life, shows how she juggled the demands of a 24/7 national security job with raising two young children, and makes the case for how we each can advance the cause of human dignity.

This is an unforgettable account of the power of idealism—and of one person's fierce determination to make a difference.

**\*\*Note: 29 copies available**

Topics: life in hiding, Dublin childhood, diplomacy, making a difference



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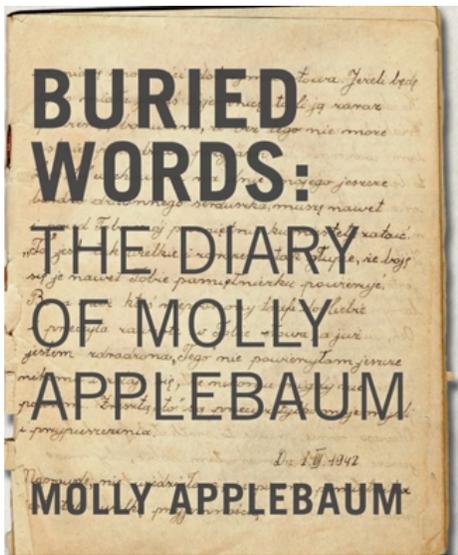
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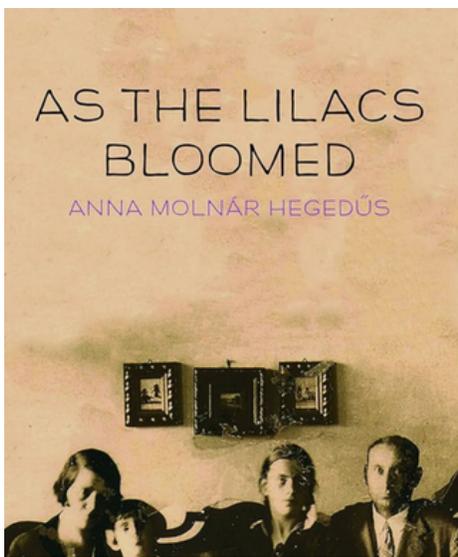


## Buried Words: The Diary of Molly Applebaum by Molly Applebaum

A unique and poignant document, Molly's diary is a stark confession of her fears and anxieties, her despair and her secrets and, above all, her fervent wish to stay alive.

*Buried Words* presents Molly's extraordinary diary, never before published in English, and also the memoir she wrote in the 1990s. Molly Applebaum's courageous words, written fifty years apart, offer a fascinating reflection on both her wartime experiences and her post-war life.

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## As the Lilacs Bloomed by Anna Hegedus

It is June 1, 1945, as Anna Hegedüs writes her memoir from her hometown of Szatmár, Hungary.

She has survived the ghetto—the prologue to her Greek tragedy; survived Auschwitz—the first act; the horrific Schlesiersee camp—the second act; and a death march—the brutal third and final act.

It is there, however, that Anna was separated from her daughter, Agnes, and now, as she writes with her memories so raw, she waits desperately for Agnes's return.

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## THE WEIGHT OF FREEDOM



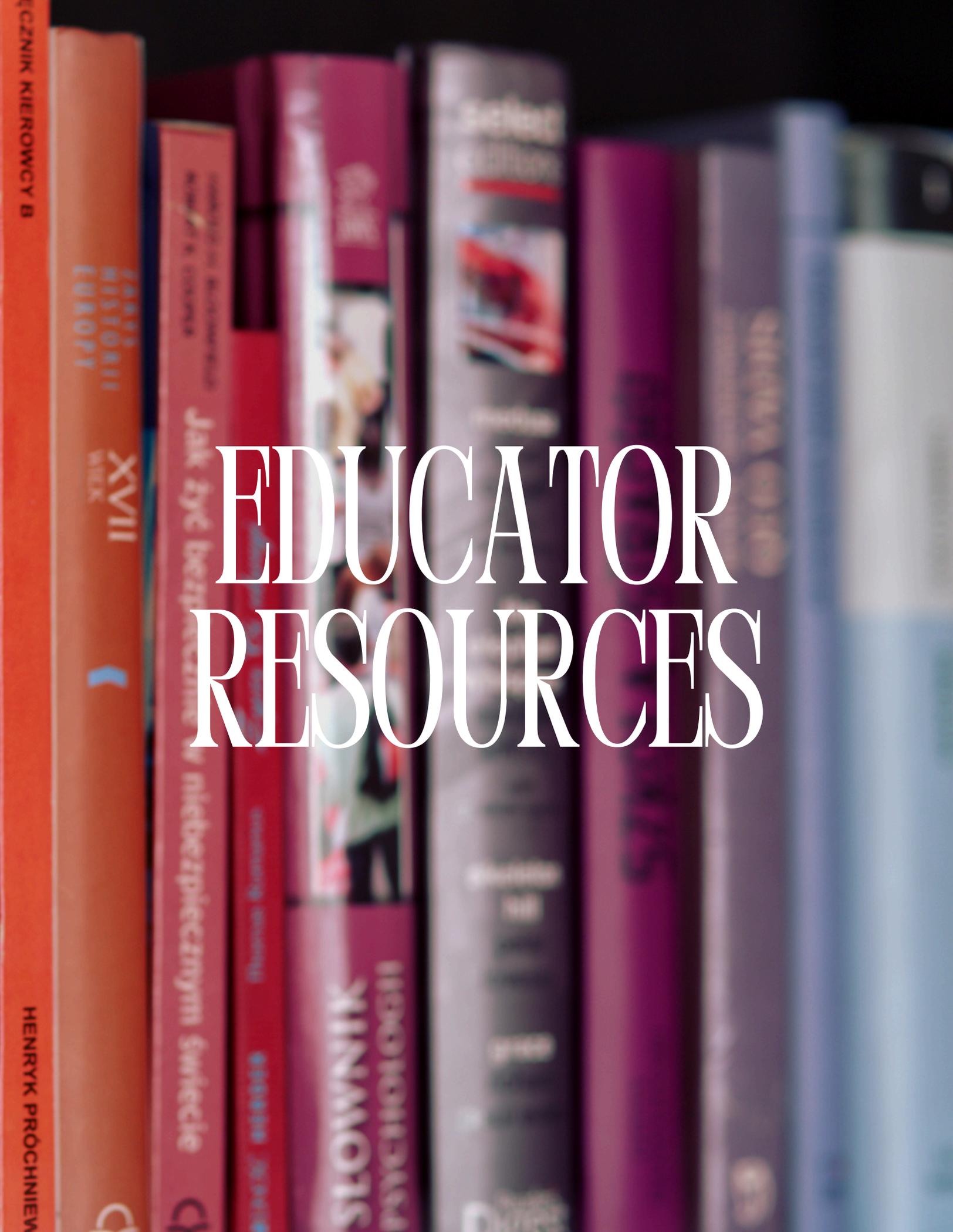
## The Weight of Freedom by Nate Leipziger

Nate Leipziger, a thoughtful, shy eleven-year-old boy, is plunged into an incomprehensible web of ghettos, concentration and death camps during the German occupation of Poland.

As he struggles to survive, he forges a new, unbreakable bond with his father and yearns for a free future. But when he is finally liberated, the weight of his pain will not ease, and his memories remain etched in tragedy.

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Topics: post-war life, Hungary



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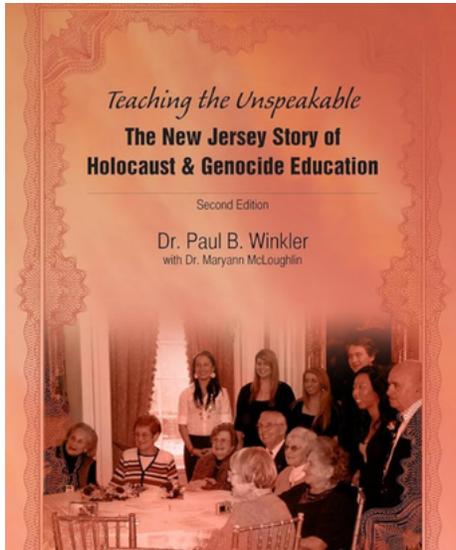
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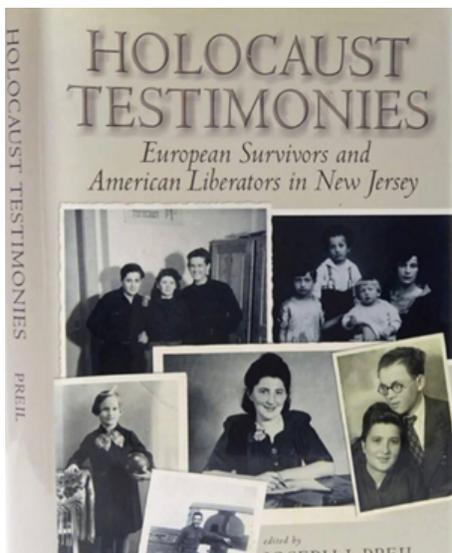
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## Teaching the Unspeakable by Dr. Paul Winkler

This book presents the thirty-year history of the State of New Jersey's involvement in Holocaust/Genocide education with the establishment of a Council/Commission by Governor Tom Kean and the passage of the legislative "Mandate" in 1994 that students in all grades must learn about the Holocaust and Genocide.

This book highlights many of the programs and curriculum developments over the years and the importance of the network of Holocaust/Genocide Centers throughout the State.



## Holocaust Testimonies: European Survivors and American Liberators in New Jersey by Joseph J. Preil

A project of the Holocaust Resource Center of Kean University, New Jersey, this book is a reference tool for teaching the Holocaust, for Holocaust survivors and their families, and for the general reader. Drawing on the center's central missions is to produce and preserve a series of oral-history videotapes based on the personal experiences of Holocaust survivors who reside in New Jersey.

**Topics: Holocaust Education Mandate, curriculum development, Holocaust survivor testimonies in New Jersey**