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### Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow

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Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. *Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow*. Scholastic, 2005. ISBN 0439353793. \$19.95. 176 pp.

Reviewer: Pat Castelli

Reading Level: Young adult

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Informational books;

Subject: National socialism and youth--Juvenile literature; Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--

Germany--Juvenile literature; Jewish youth--Germany--History--20<sup>th</sup> century--Juvenile literature;

Books--Reviews;

Narrative and illustration work together to tell the stories of young people in Germany growing up in Hitler's shadow. While members of the Hitler Youth organizations make up most of the book, it also includes young Jewish people and young people who resisted Hitler, who were sometimes executed for their activities. Bartoletti's powerful and moving book emphasizes the power young people can have for good or ill. She concludes with questions for the reader to ponder about whether or not the horror summarized in the book could be repeated at some future time.

The book includes source notes, a bibliography and an index. It won a 2006 Newbery Honor and the 2006 Sibert Award for the best work on nonfiction for young people.