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Hidden Like Anne Frank: 14 True Stories of Survival

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Book Review

Title: Hidden Like Anne Frank: 14 True Stories of Survival

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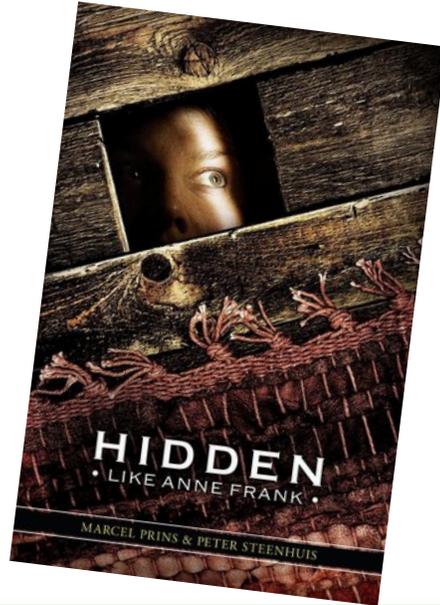
Publication Year: 2014

ISBN: 9780545543620

Number of Pages: 256

Interest Level: Young Adult

Rating: Outstanding



Review

As the title alludes, this book is a compilation of survival stories that are similar to Anne Frank's. These true stories are told by the survivors themselves, all Jews from the Netherlands, who were forced into hiding during World War II when they were just children. Each recollection is unique, since backgrounds, experiences, and outcomes differed for every individual, but they are bound together by a common culture (both Dutch and Jewish), a tragic history, and themes of courage and kindness of countless people that allowed these children to survive.

This poignant book will enlighten you on the historical, political, and religious aspects of the Holocaust, while at the same time pulling you into the lives and sorrows and triumphs of the individuals that endured it. The stories are different enough to each be uniquely interesting and touching, but similar enough that you really get a sense of what life was like for Jews in the Netherlands at that time. Every section starts with a map of where the child went into hiding, and there are several photographs of the survivor and the places he or she lived, making it easy to experience their narrative from their individual perspectives. Also, the text is written so that it is easily understood, with footnotes that aid in pronunciation or clarify information about the war, which makes this book ideal for young adult readers who want to learn more about the Holocaust. Overall, *Hidden Like Anne Frank* is an extremely well-written compilation of both heart-wrenching and heartwarming stories, featuring both the evils and the benevolence of humankind, and is highly recommended.

*Contains mild violence and mild sexual content.