

Personal Narratives in the Children's and Young Adult Collection

Title: My Childhood Under Fire: a Sarajevo Diary

Author: Nadja Halilbegovich

Call Number: DR1313.32.S27 H349 2006

Pages: 120

Halilbegovich was just 12 years old on April 6, 1992, when she was told there would be no school that day, not because of a holiday, but because of a war. In her diary, she reveals the hurt, pain, and despair brought on by the fighting within her country and describes the bombings, deaths, and destruction. Through journal entries from her childhood, and looking-back sections written as an adult, readers are exposed to the realities of war.

Title: Hana's Suitcase

Author: Karen Levine

Call Number: D804.34 L48 2002

Pages: 111

Levine divides her narrative into two strands; she follows Fumiko's quest to find as much information as possible about the owner of this otherwise ordinary brown suitcase and offers readers an in-depth look into the life of Hana Brady who, at thirteen, died in the gas chambers at Auschwitz.

Title: Another Place at the Table

Author: Mary Cook

Call Number: PS8555.O5368 A82 1998

Pages: 149

It's 1988, and Harrison, a happily married mother of three, takes a job with Head Start, working with at-risk four-year-olds. Her heart goes out to the foster kids; before long, she and her husband take state training and adopt two sisters.

Title: Dracula

Author: Bram Stoker

Call Number: JUV PR6037 .T617 D714

Pages: 64

The novel is mainly composed of journal entries and letters written by several narrators who also serve as the novel's main protagonists; Stoker supplemented the story with occasional newspaper clippings to relate events not directly witnessed by the story's characters.

Title: Letters to My Mother

Author: Teresa Cárdenas

Call Number: PQ7390.C2613 C3713 2006

Pages: 103

A young African-Cuban girl is sent to live with her aunt and cousins after the death of her mother and begins to write letters to her deceased mother telling of the misery, racial prejudice, and mistreatment at the hands of those around her.

Title: Appel is forever: a child's memoir

The author describes her experiences during the Holocaust between the ages of five and nine, in Amsterdam, as a prisoner in the Westerbork and Bergen-Belsen concentration camps, and eventually in the United States.

Pages: 168 p

Call number: DS135 .N6 .W54 1999

Title: As the waltz was ending

An autobiographical account of a young girl whose ballet career with the Vienna State Opera was interrupted by the invasion of the Nazis and who later had to fight for her life during the Russian occupation.

Pages: 187 p

Call number: D811.5 .B93 1982

Title: The big lie : a true story

The author describes her experiences as a survivor of the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz during World War II.

Pages: 79 p

Call number: D804.3 .L45 1992

Title: The bite of the mango

The author, who lived in a small rural village in Sierra Leone, recounts how tasting the nectar of a mango gave her the will to live after surviving a brutal attack by heavily armed rebel soldiers and living in a refugee camp.

Pages: 216 p

Call number: DT516.828.K34 A3 2008

Title: Call me doctor

Call Me Doctor documents the gruelling hours, misgivings, bizarre situations, and profound ambivalence of the entire process. It wasn't easy for the author, who had to learn the hard way what it meant to be a doctor while also charged with the task of becoming an adult. Ultimately, this is a tale of assuming responsibility, of a man responsible for others but not yet responsible for himself, of someone becoming a doctor despite his own worst efforts, and of someone improved by the experience.

Pages: 142p

Call number: R464 N39 A3 2006

Title: The cat with the yellow star: coming of age in Terezin

The author recounts her experiences in the Terezin concentration camp, detailing how, despite sickness and loss, the adults tried to make the children's lives bearable and she managed to forge lifelong friendships.

Pages: 40p

Call number: DS135.C97 W45537 2006

Title: Clara's story.

The author describes her own and her family's experiences during the two and one-half years they spent in hiding in Antwerp, Belgium, during World War II

Pages: 119 p

Call number: DS135 .B42 A575 1984

Title: The diary of a young girl / Anne Frank

A young girl's journal records her family's struggles during two years of hiding from the Nazis in war-torn Holland.

Pages: 283 p

Call number: D810.J4 F8 1993

Title: Don't you know there's a war on?

The author recalls his efforts to win the Second World War, including planting a victory garden, collecting tin foil, and looking for spies.

Pages: 32 p

Call number: PS3569 .T4557 Z465 1992

Title: Eleanor's story: an American girl in Hitler's Germany

The author shares her experience of World War II, from her trip across the Atlantic to dealing with the Gestapo.

Pages: 268 p

Call number: D811.5 .G26 1999

Title: Four perfect pebbles: a Holocaust story

Provides a factual reflection of the life of a young girl and her family during the Holocaust.

Pages: 130 p

Call number: DS135 .G5 L336 1996t

Title: Hell & high water : Canada and the Italian campaign

The pictorial history examines the Italian Campaign from the view of the soldiers serving there.

Regiments represented in interviews in this book include the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry, the Perth Regiment, the Governor-General's Horse Guards, the Ontario Regiment, the 48th Highlanders, the Calgary Regiment, the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, the Royal Canadian Dragoons, and the Royal Canadian Navy.

Pages: 273p

Call number: D763.I8 G63 2007

Title: Hidden child

The author details his difficult experiences as a young Jewish child living in Nazi-occupied France during the 1940s.

Pages: 73 p

Call number: DS135.F9 M576 2005

Title: Hiding to survive: stories of Jewish children rescued from the Holocaust

First person accounts of fourteen Holocaust survivors who as children were hidden from the Nazis by non-Jews.

Pages: 166 p

Call number: D804.3 .R6625 1994

Title: Hostage to war: a true story

The author relates her experiences from 1941-1953 as she struggles to survive as a Russian teenager caught up in all the horrors of World War II and its aftermath.

Pages: 188 p

Call number: D805 .G3 V36513 1997

Title: In Flanders fields: the story of the poem by John McCrae

Presents the context for the writing of the famous poem by the Canadian medical officer who attended injured soldiers in Flanders during the First World War.

Pages: 36p

Call number: PS8475.C83 I634 2005

Title: In my hands: memories of a Holocaust rescuer

Recounts the experiences of the author who, as a young Polish girl, hid and saved Jews during the Holocaust.

Pages: 276 p

Call number: D804.66 .O73 1999

Title: I have lived a thousand years: growing up in the Holocaust

The author describes her experiences during World War II when she and her family were sent to the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz.

Pages: 224 p

Level: Teens 720

Call number: DS135.H93 J33 1998

Title: I remember Korea

Personal accounts of more than thirty men and women who served with the American and Canadian forces in Korea during the years 1950-1953.

Pages: 136 p

Call number: DS921.6 .G73 2003

Title: I will plant you a lilac tree: a memoir of a Schindler's list survivor

Presents the true story of a young girl from a Polish ghetto who was sent to a series of concentration camps and survived the war after being placed on Schindler's List, finally marrying a fellow survivor.

Pages: 243 p

Call number: DS135.G5 H48654 2005

Title: Juno Beach

Book intended for use with CD-ROM and web site

Digital Wizards Ontario, Inc

CD-ROM disc in pocket inside back cover

Includes bibliographical references (p 88-89) and index

Pages: 91p

Call number: D768.15 L36 2003

Title: Memories of survival

A story of surviving the Holocaust in Poland, illustrated in a collection of embroidered panels, and told in the survivor's own words.

Pages: 63 p

Call number: DS135.P63 .K7355 2005

Title: My childhood under fire: a Sarajevo diary

Presents the author's diary written during the siege of Sarajevo, describing how she survived the constant bombings, sniper attacks, and a critical lack of basic supplies for three long years.

Pages: 120p

Call number: DR1313.32.S27 H349 2006

Title: No pretty pictures: a child of war

The author, known as an illustrator of children's books, describes her experiences as a Polish Jew during World War II and for years in Sweden afterwards.

Pages: 193 p

Level: Teens 750

Call number: DS135.P63 L63 1998

Title: One more border: the true story of one family's escape from war-torn Europe

Follows a Lithuanian family's escape.

Pages: 61 p

Call number: D804.196 .K36 1998

Title: Outside the wire: the war in Afghanistan in the words of its participants

A remarkable collection of first-hand accounts written by soldiers, doctors and aid workers on the front lines of Canada's war in Afghanistan.

Level:

Pages: 294p

Call number: DS371 .412 O98 2007

Title: Red land, Yellow River: a story from the Cultural Revolution

Describes the author's experiences as a teenager during China's Cultural Revolution, including his attempt to join the Red Guards and his re-education as a peasant.

Pages: 55 p

Call number: DS778.7 .Z42 2004

Title: Remember WW II: kids who survived tell their stories

A narrative of eyewitness accounts, archival images, detailed maps, and a timeline of key events that paint a vivid picture of daily life in wartime as experienced by children who lived it.

Pages: 61 p

Call number: D810.C4 R47 2005

Title: Snow falling in spring: coming of age in China during the Cultural Revolution

Bringing to life a dark time in China's history, this powerful memoir follows the author, who, during the summer of 1966 when student Red Guards launched brutal assaults and forced confessions, finds solace

in a world of imagination and learning when her father smuggles a reading list of banned books to her from labour camp.

Pages: 176 p

Call number: DS778.7 .L51155 2008

Title: Tell no one who you are: the hidden childhood of Régine Miller

Tells the story of Regine Miller, who hid with four Belgium families during the German occupation.

Pages: 185 p

Call number: D810 .J4 B83 1994t

Title: Thanks to my mother

After struggling to survive in Nazi-occupied Lithuania, a young Jewish girl and her mother endure much suffering in Kaiserwald, Stutthof, and Tauentzien concentration camps and on an eleven-day death march before being liberated by the Russian army.

Pages: 246 p

Call number: DS135 .L53 R34713 1998

Title: Too young to fight: memories from our youth during World War II

A book of recollection from some of the best-loved writers of Canadian children's literature. The contributors were children and teenagers during World War II. Though they were far from the fighting and too young to participate, they were old enough to remember their impressions and feelings.

Pages: 207 p

Call number: D810 C4 T66 1999

Title: Unsung heroes of the Royal Canadian Air Force

More than 250,000 courageous men and women were enlisted in the RCAF during World War II. They fought in all the major air operations. Thousands lost their lives. Only one in four aircrews completed their bomber tours: some were killed in action, some in training, others became prisoners of war.

Pages: 123 p

Call number: D792 C2 F37 2003

Title: Upon the head of the goat: a childhood in Hungary

Nine-year-old Piri describes the bewilderment of being a Jewish child during the 1939-1944 German occupation of her hometown (then in Hungary and now in Ukraine) and relates the ordeal of trying to survive in the ghetto.

Pages: 213 p

Call number: DS135 .R95 S547 1981

Title: The upstairs room

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.

Pages: 196 p.

Call number: D810 .J4 R42

Title: War child: a child soldier's story

Describes the harrowing youth of Emmanuel Jal, who was conscripted at the age of seven into the Christian Sudanese Liberation Army and who as a young man became a hip-hop music star in Kenya and a spokesperson for Amnesty International.

Pages: 262 p

Call number: DT157.672 .J35 2009

Title: We are witnesses: five diaries of teenagers who died in the Holocaust

Diary entries written by five Holocaust victims document the ordeals suffered in Nazi-occupied Lithuania, Hungary, Belgium, and Holland.

Pages: 196 p

Call number: D804.3 .W385 1995

Title: We remember the Holocaust

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

Pages: 147 p

Call number: D804.3 .A35 1989

Title: When grownups play at war

The author presents her childhood story of survival during the Second World War in Poland.

Pages: 147 p

Call number: PS9611.L88 Z4713 2005

Title: Zlata's diary: a child's life in Sarajevo

A chronicle of the war in Sarajevo from a child's perspective details Zlata's struggle for survival and a normal life in a chaotic nation.

Pages: 200 p

Call number: DR1313.32 .S27 F5513 1993t

Title: The Righteous Smuggler

Author: Debbie Spring

Call Number: PS8587.P75 R53 2005

Pages: 149

During World War II, when Hendrik, the young son of a fisherman in Amsterdam, notices his Jewish friends being barred from school and ostracized by their other classmates, he is determined to stand by them. His parents have always told him to fight injustice. So when Hendrik realizes what Hitler's policies ultimately mean for his Jewish friends and their families, he hatches a daring plan to help smuggle them out of the country by boat.

Title: Rosie's Dream Cape

Author: Zelda Freedman

Call Number: PS8611.R43 R68 2005

Pages: 113

Based on a true story, this novel recounts how eleven-year-old Rosie and her grandmother Bubba Sarah arrive in Toronto from Russia after fleeing one of the purges that carried away Rosie's mother, a famous Russian dancer. To help make ends meet, Rosie works in Yitzzy's factory sewing velvet capes for Eatons,

all the while dreaming of making such a cape from scraps, and wearing it to Toronto's Royal Alexandra Theatre.

Title: The Tunnel King

Author: Barbara Henher

Call Number: D805 G3 H364 2004

Pages: 145

THE GREAT ESCAPE was the most daring and meticulously planned prisoner-of-war breakout of the Second World War. Yet not many Canadians—least of all children—know the heroic story of Wally Floody, a Canadian airman imprisoned in Stalag Luft III, who was a key figure in digging a set of sophisticated tunnels. Now acclaimed children's writer Barbara Hehner has penned a gripping action-adventure that tells Floody's incredible story.

Title: Emperors of the Ice

Author: Richard Farr

Call Number: G850 1910 .S4 F37 2008

Pages: 217

Apsley George Benet Cherry-Garrard has always dreamt of becoming an explorer. So in the spring of 1910, when Captain Robert Falcon Scott offers young "Cherry" the position of Assistant Zoologist aboard the *Terra Nova*, Cherry considers himself the luckiest man alive.