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Stone Angel



Synopsis

The Nazis may have taken their home, but the family still has a guardian angel. In this emotionally rich story, a little girl and her family live happily in Paris until Nazi soldiers arrive during World War II. She and her family must flee or risk being sent to a concentration camp, so they run into the woods, where they meet resistance fighters. But they're still not safe. They must cross tall mountains and sail in a rickety boat to England. Yet the whole time they're struggling to survive, the little girl thinks of the stone angel near their apartment in Paris and imagines it watching over her family. Offering a never-before-told story of the Holocaust, Jane Yolen returns to the material she mined in the award-winning *THE DEVIL'S ARITHMETIC*. Filled with sorrow, hope, comfort, and triumph, this gorgeously illustrated book is sure to become a modern classic "offering adults a perfect vehicle with which to share a difficult subject. Praise for *STONE ANGEL*:* "This story provides a wonderful addition to materials about World War II and the Holocaust, and is appropriate for even the gentlest of readers."--School Library Connection *STARRED*

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

The book is very good for getting children to understand the plight of some during the holocaust. The description said this book is a first edition, and I find no confirmation of this in or on the book. But it is still a great book to own if you want to begin to explain the holocaust to a young person. The

illustrations are quite nice, too

Perfect for a child: direct about the war experience but not too scary. And with the lovely tale-telling that Yolen has fine-tuned. Plus the illustrations are charming.

This is a beautiful book, in both words and pictures. It's difficult to write about the Holocaust in a way that young children can understand. This book gives the right amount of information. We sense the danger that our young narrator and her family are in, but the love of her family always surrounds her. The story begins with a Jewish girl and her brother enjoying happy days in Paris, running to the bakery in the mornings and going to school, and then we see them fleeing with their family to the woods to escape the Nazi soldiers, traveling to England, and finally returning to Paris when the war is over. The thread of a stone angel, and of angels watching over the family, runs through the book and provides additional comfort to the little girl. But there is no mistaken the dread and danger brought on by the Nazis. One moment in particular stands out to me: when the little girl offers the boat captain her teddy bear in exchange for safe passage and he responds with kindness. The author's note is very informative. Adults and children will both learn about the Nazi occupation of France through this book. I know it's early in 2015 but I think this is going to be one of the most acclaimed children's books of the year.

Simple transaction, book as described, used for daughter's book report at school.

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