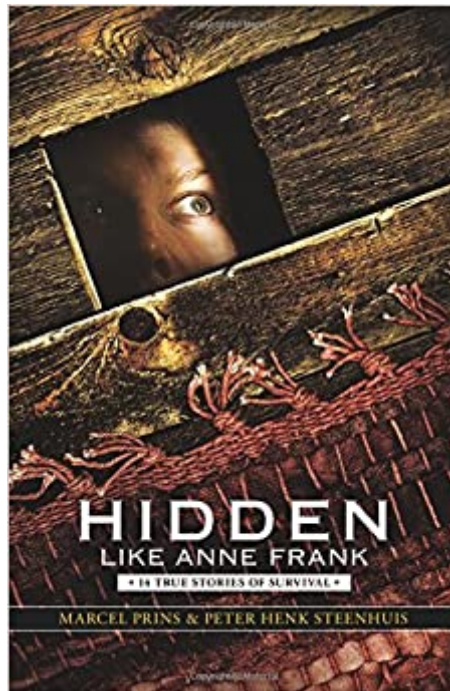




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# Hidden Like Anne Frank: 14 True Stories Of Survival



## Synopsis

Jaap Sitters was only eight years old when his mother cut the yellow stars off his clothes and sent him, alone, on a fifteen-mile walk to hide with relatives. It was a terrifying night, one he would never forget. Before the end of the war, he would hide in secret rooms and behind walls. He would suffer from hunger, sickness, and the looming threat of Nazi raids. But he would live. This is just one of the true stories told in *Hidden Like Anne Frank*, a collection of eye-opening first-person accounts that share the experience of going into hiding to escape the Holocaust. Some were just toddlers when they were hidden; some were teenagers. Some hid with neighbors or family, while many were with complete strangers. But all know the pain of losing their homes, their families, even their own names. They describe the secret network that kept them safe. And they share the coincidences and close calls that made all the difference.

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 7 Up—While Anne Frank may have been the most famous of those who went into hiding during World War II, there were hundreds of others who did just about anything they could to escape the Nazis. Though most did not survive, this compilation of 14 stories describes those who did live to tell their tale. Inspired by his mother's account of hiding when she was just six years old, Prins interviewed other survivors. The tales are all horrifying and harrowing in their own ways yet

are marked by an unvarnished tone that conveys an immediacy that sweeps readers into the narrative, making this tragic episode of history real and dramatic. One survivor had as many as 42 different addresses, while another describes hiding under floorboards for hours while German officers walked overhead. The threat of exposure by collaborators was ever present, and the trauma didn't end after the war, as most lost many family members or had their homes given away and all traces of their former lives were gone. Photographs of the contributors, both now and then, as well as a glossary are included. An accompanying website with excerpts, maps, animations, and other material is quite engaging and worth perusing. This moving and powerful title is an important addition to any history collection. --Jody Kopple, Shady Hill School, Cambridge, MA --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

First published in the Netherlands in 2011, this powerful book has personal origins; Prins' mother was a Jewish child hidden with a Christian family during WWII. Hers is among the 14 first-person narratives representing a breadth of experience not always so similar to the famous story referenced in the title. Some of the children were hidden in plain sight because they did not look Jewish; others barely identified themselves as Jewish until the war forced it upon them. Each life was at the mercy of neighbors, and the contradiction between the enormous bravery of ordinary people and the callousness of informers is always potent. Places like Hollandsche Schouwburg, Westerbork, and Auschwitz appear in each successive story, as civil liberties and livelihoods are stripped away. Photographs and original documents complement the narratives. A glossary of terms appears at the end of the book and definitions of terms appear as footnotes when first appearing in the text. This is a powerful read where survival, not happiness, is the goal. Grades 7-10. --Kara Dean --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this kid's book. I learned a great deal more than I expected to and when I was done with it, I passed it on to my 9 year old who likes history. My only warning is this. If you do not want to have a conversation about sex, it might be better to wait to read this book. Although it is only one paragraph, it is a striking paragraph.

I loved this book because you got to take a look at what it was like for these children & their families, not just one person's story. And to hear a child's perspective. Most only hear of Anne Frank & her story. This gives you a better perspective. Not all children were treated well, they never stayed in one place/home & the confusion they must have had so young. Incredible what these people went

through. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who is interested in the holocaust. Especially because I haven't found many books that focus on the children.

Very moving! Can't wait to add it to my classroom library!

This was a great book. I bought books as a class set for my 5th graders. However, we will skip around due to one story talking about sex and another. Not graphic, just a line or two of one story of how the girl felt like "she had to" She felt guilty, etc. but that's one part we will skip. I pair it up with Number the Stars, so we read the WHOLE fiction book, but we still read "Hidden" because we are able to bypass something that may be inappropriate, but at the same time, the stories are important. Maybe more middle school than fifth grade to read alone. Overall, my students loved it. Again, we didn't read the whole thing, but we did read the majority of this book, particularly children their age and younger. Its in separate chapters for each child. At the end of the book it has pictures of the children today. It has great text features, pictures, captions, bolded words, footnotes, etc. Students enjoyed reading this paired up with Number the Stars.

This book is a bit basic for most adults and many young adults. It presumes readers know little about the Holocaust or the Occupation, and the writing seems aimed at about the 6th grade level. That said, its narratives of children's and young persons' survival in hiding under the Nazi Occupation are often gripping and well done.

very interesting

I truly enjoyed reading this book and will read it again and again.

Completely satisfied.

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