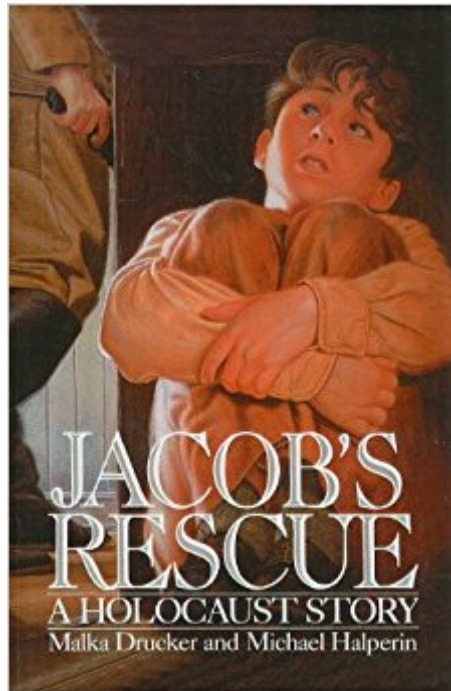




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Jacob's Rescue: A Holocaust Story



Synopsis

Once Jacob Gutgeld lived with his family in a beautiful house in Warsaw, Poland. He went to school and played hide-and-seek in the woods with his friends. But everything changed the day the Nazi soldiers invaded in 1939. Suddenly it wasn't safe to be Jewish anymore. One afternoon, eight-year-old Jacob slipped through a hole in the ghetto wall to meet Alex Roslan, a kind Christian man who agreed to be his new "uncle." The Roslan family, at the risk of their own lives, kept Jacob's identity as a Jew hidden. Every day of hiding meant a new danger and a threat of discovery. Jacob worried about his real family and longed to go to school and play outside like the Roslan children. The fear, the hunger, and the hardships brought Jacob closer to the Roslan family -- until at last they were able to begin a new chapter in their lives.

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Filled with small but telling moments, this fact-based novel concerns a courageous Polish family that hides two Jewish brothers during WW II. Ages 9-12. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Grade 5-9-- The year that she is eight, Marissa asks a fifth question at the family Passover Seder. She wants to know who the two guests are who have been staying with her family; they are participating in and enjoying the Seder, and they're "not even Jewish." The response is what her

father calls a story from the heart, the story of how Alex and Mela Roslan saved him and his brother during the Holocaust. The remainder of the book is that story, set in Poland between 1941-1945. Characters are well developed and multidimensional, and the story is a poignant one. While it might be difficult for today's readers to understand the kind of heroism and goodness demonstrated by the Roslan family, who risked their lives every day to protect children who were not even related to them, they will become immersed in another time and place. Powerful emotions are described and presented in an understandable format. This is a fictionalized account of a true story and real people; unfortunately, no mention is made of the relationship between the authors and the characters. --Susan Kaminow, Arlington County Public Library, VACopyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Jacob's Rescue is a very exciting and suspenseful novel. I liked that it made me want to read on and finish it right away. Jacob lives in a house with his family and has a butler named Stasek who is playful with the children. He is living a peaceful life when all of a sudden the Nazis invade Poland! Then Jacob is forced to live in a ghetto with his mother and Aunt Hannah, which is a miserable place. His other family members died in the invasion. Alex and Mela Roslan are brave enough to risk their lives to save a Jewish child and hide Jacob from the Nazis. Jacob becomes friends with their children, Yurek and Marishka. Meanwhile, the Nazis have strict control over Poland and the family's safety is continually threatened. If Jacob is discovered, the whole family will be killed. Will anyone come to the Polish's side to aid them or will it stay this miserable wasteland forever and what will happen to Jacob? I loved this book and it was so vivid, I felt like I was present in the story at some nerve-chilling points. Jacob's Rescue gave me different kinds of emotions from sad to happy and I recommend you read this novel because it really helped me understand more about World War II.

I would highly recommend Jacob's Rescue to anyone who loves action, adventure, and history. The book takes place in Germany during World War Two. Jacob's a little boy who is taken from his home by the Nazi's and forced to live in a ghetto. When Jacob's grandmother finds a German man to take him, things turn. He has to go into hiding so he doesn't get caught and get his new family in trouble. This is where suspense and adventure begin. I don't want to give too much away, but the book will keep you riveted.

Excellent book.

incredible book...my 9 year old grandson read the book and now he is reading it to the family out loud...I bought the book for him because I believe we are living in scary times of the world forgetting what was...and then we repeat what was.

Assigned for a summer reading project. Although the material was sad it was not overly so. You really felt connected with Jacob and the book was an easy read.

My son loves this book it basically gave him a view of the trouble that the Jews went thru during the reign of Adolf Hitler. It mostly focused on a little boy who went through this ordeal but later survived and got married and had his own children. The story did have a happy ending.

This was a good book. It is very easy to read. I recommend this book for young adults and adults.

Great book

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