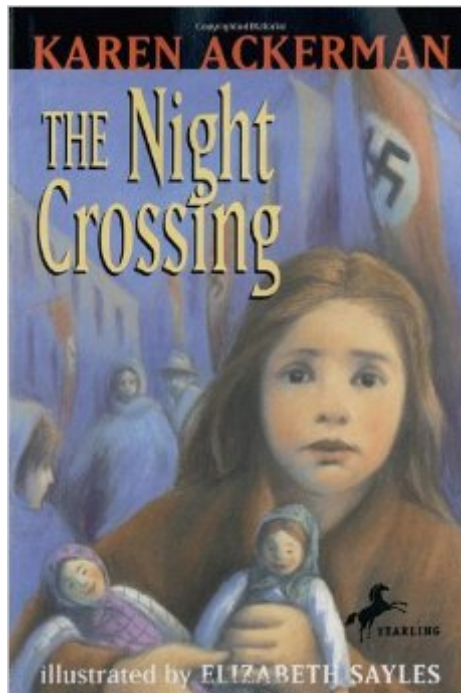


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The Night Crossing (First Bullseye Book)



Synopsis

Illustrated in black-and-white. It's hard to leave your home and friends, but the Nazis have invaded Clara's native Austria, and her Jewish family is no longer safe. Clara and her family take only what they can carry and travel by night to the Swiss border, where they hope to escape to freedom. Soldiers are everywhere, and it is Clara's heroism that carries the family across the border, their lives and few precious possessions intact.

Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

Not an ocean, but the mountains. How much must one sacrifice to keep the twin treasures of life and liberty in Nazi Europe? Not exactly *The Sound of Music* minus the score, but...a good, short read. A brave Jewish family, with two quick-witted daughters, determines to escape Austria in 1938, before they are relocated into a concentration camp. A brief introduction to elementary children about racial atrocities without the gore. Many historical details are quietly woven into this modest tale of familial determination. This book should stimulate questions and interest in the Holocaust.

WOW, what a great book. I think it was definitely intended for little children because it wasn't that

discriptive and wasn't that gross. So after that I rate it about a 8-9. I really recommend it to any one who really wants to hear of a girl who grows up in a war zone.

I read this book with my high 2nd grade readers. It was perfect for this group of kids. We actually spent just as much time learning about this time period, as we did reading the book. Since it was 8 year olds reading it, I figured that most of them would have no clue about World War 2 and all the horrible things that happened during it. Obviously, they didn't need to know about everything in detail, but I wanted them to understand that Hitler and the Nazi's were evil, and that they did horrible things to innocent people. This book gave just enough information about the fears of the Jewish people, without needing to explain much more. They understood the conditions the character's lived in, the hard choices they needed to make, the consequences of staying where they were and getting caught escaping. This book was simple and well written. I'm so glad that it gave an epilogue that I felt was true to what happened to so many Jewish families. It didn't give a perfect ending for everyone in their family. The people who decided to stay behind, did not fair as well. So, I would definitely recommend this book. For older students, or people who like reading books set in this time period, *The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen is EXCELLENT!

I like *The Night Crossing* by Karen Ackerman. It showed how hard it was to escape for freedom. It was a short book, but people probably went through more than what happened to them in the story. Some families may not have had as many people and then they couldn't carry a lot of their things. Some people didn't have place to stop for safety. These people had their hard times and easy times that is what makes this book good. I hope you read and enjoy it because it is great!

This is an excellent book written for young people in a way that enables them to understand the horror of War and man's inhumanity to man. A wonderful lesson of courage, family loyalty and the ability of children to adapt to unpleasant circumstances when necessary. I will recommend this book for my grandchildren to add to their reading list.

I like this teaching book. Easy for children to read and also gives them an insight to other cultures and the hard life of others.

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