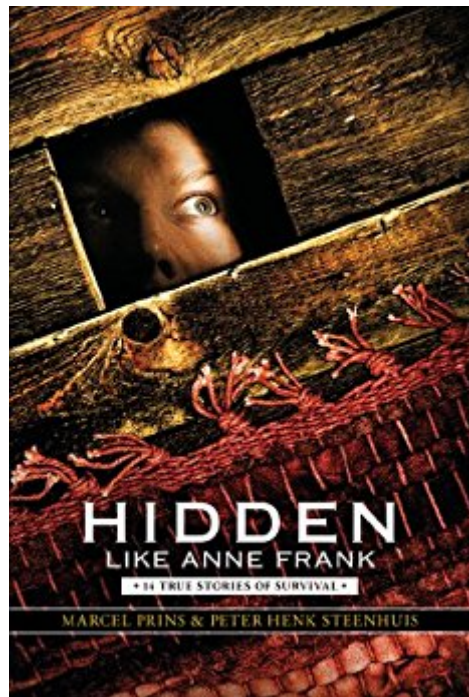


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# Hidden Like Anne Frank



## Synopsis

For readers of *The Boy Who Dared* and *Prisoner B-3087*, a collection of unforgettable true stories of children hidden away during World War II. 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

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.

This was an amazing story of survival as well as an emotional tale of compassion and love set in a tableau of death and terror. The book itself was well written and interspersed with images you really feel that you get to know the people that you are introduced to. The book was well researched and you get to hear the story of Dutch-born people that hid during World War II. I am a student of history and love learning more about our past and this book truly did this in a way that opened my eyes and my heart to these and all of the people that were impacted by the Holocaust.\*I received this for review -all opinions are my own\*

Hidden Like Anne Frank Marcel Prins, Peter Henk Steenhuis, Translator Peter Watkinson Copyright 2014 It's Holocaust Era Europe and throughout the continent, Jews are being hidden, by their neighbors their family and friends throughout the continent. Some of these people were well meaning but others treated these children like they were less than human. Parents were separated from their children, siblings from their sisters and brothers, entire families were displaced in hopes of saving at least someone. In some cases entire families were hidden together, unfortunately that was not always the case. Sadly though some of these children were treated more like prisoners than they were children, some were even beat if they dared called out for their parents. Everyone of the children in this book suffered inner scars from their time in hiding. Hidden Like Anne Frank is a compilation of fourteen stories of those who were Hidden during the Holocaust but unlike Anne Frank they survived...Five Stars...

This is one of those books that will stay with me long after I've read it. It's a combination of hopeful, sorrowful, and haunting that lingers on the mind, whether you'd like it to or not. Hidden Like Anne Frank is a collection of fourteen stories of children who were forced to go into hiding in order to survive during World War II. Different ages, different genders, and different social classes are all represented. They're told in the first person: the survivors themselves are the ones telling you their stories. While they are all hopeful to a degree (after all, these are survival stories), these people went through so much devastation. It's heartbreaking to see that so many children needed to do this just to escape with their lives, losing so much more in the process. This book is written at an easy-to-read level, making it a great book for young adults who are wanting to learn more about the

war. Each foreign word (be it in German, Hebrew, Dutch, or otherwise) was italicized and explained so that there was no confusion about terminology. Each story is also paired with photographs of the children, the places they hid, and the areas where they came from. It was fascinating to see history through their eyes. I also thought it was nice that at the end of the book, there's photographs of each of the survivors as they are today. The photographs make it seem all the more real. I think this book is a good one to have as a middle school or high school teacher to offer students who were interested in Anne Frank's diary. I'd recommend it to anyone interested in reading about World War II or the Holocaust. It's emotional but well done, and leaves you a bit in awe of just what some people have to do in order to survive. Thank you to Scholastic who provided me with a copy in exchange for my honest review.

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.

If we go back just a bit farther in time to Hitler and WW2 we come across stories of fear everywhere. Hidden Like Anne Frank should be a book read by classrooms everywhere to go along with Anne Frank and her diary. What I liked about this book is that as a person you could relate to the day to day routines. I could not relate with the tragedy, but I could with how terrible it must have felt to be taken from your parents, moved around, identity confusion, etc. I take many of these things for granted and when I read the stories I could not fathom dealing with these events. I am not a fan of Anne Frank so I will put that out there. I understand the importance of her diary, but this book brings to light so many other stories that need to be told. Anne was not the only one and this book showcases 14 unique individuals and their circumstances. As an educator I find a power in this book. This would lead to a powerful project where students reenact key scenes from these stories and others to show a night of remembrance for what people had to go through.

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