Teaching Tolerance

Book List

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“50 Children – One Ordinary American Couple’s Extraordinary Rescue Mission into the Heart of Nazi Germany
Steven Pressman
Based on the acclaimed HBO documentary, the astonishing true story of how one American couple transported fifty Jewish children from Nazi-occupied Austria to America in 1939—the single largest group of unaccompanied refugee children allowed into the United States.

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“94 Maidens”
Rhonda Fink-Whitman
A novel inspired by true events of the Holocaust.

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“A Candle and a Promise” – Hank Brodt Holocaust Memoirs
Deborah Donnelly
A story of resilience, A Candle and a Promise makes the Holocaust memories of survivor Hank Brodt come alive. It offers a detailed historical account of being a Jewish teenager under the Nazi regime, shedding light on sickening truths in an honest, matter-of-fact way.

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“A Problem from Hell – America and the Age of Genocide”
Samantha Power
Stories of courageous Americans who risked their careers and lives in an effort to get the United States to act.

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“Ashes in the Wind”
Dr. Jacob Presser
The very in-depth story of the destruction and saving of the Dutch Jews during the Holocaust.

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“Between the Lines: Letters from the Holocaust”  
Anne Fox  
Letters from the family of a German kinder transport survivor  

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“Beyond the Ouija Board: A WWII Teenager in Occupied Belgium”  
Arlette Michaelis Belgium  
A Belgium teenage rescuer  

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“Brisko”  
Steven Paul Winkelstein  
Non-fiction tale of Holocaust survival, Libe must survive for 18 months in a haystack. Her only hope comes from a dog named Brisko.  

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“But Where is Tanya?”  
Zina Gurland and Maryann McLoughlin  
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Courage and Loss in the Vilna Ghetto  

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“Children of Terror”  
Inge Auerbacher & Bozena Urbanowicz Gilbride  
The parallel horrific story of Jewish and Christian children. One is from Poland and the other is from Germany.  

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“Conscripted Slaves: Hungarian Jewish Forced Laborers on the Eastern Front During the Second World War”  
Robert Rozett  

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The laborers' personal accounts speak powerfully to every Jewish family that lived under Hungarian rule during the Holocaust years, because it is their own personal story. But it is not one to be kept in the family alone, since it is profoundly relevant to all people.
“Desperate Times! Julius Goldfarb's Diary, 1939-1944”
Phillip Goldfarb, translator, with Maryann McLoughlin
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Polish Jew who survived labor camps, ghettos, and hiding

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“Eichmann Before Jerusalem; The Unexamined Life of a Mass Murderer”
Bettina Stangneth

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A total and groundbreaking reassessment of the life of Adolf Eichmann—a superb work of scholarship that reveals his activities and notoriety among a global network of National Socialists following the collapse of the Third Reich and that permanently challenges Hannah Arendt’s notion of the “banality of evil.”

“Ernest Triumphant”
Ernest Paul
The story of an individual’s resistance against the terror of the Holocaust

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“Escape from Mount Moriah: Memoirs of a Refugee Child's Triumph”
Jack Engelhard
French survivor's adapting to a new life in Canada

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“Essie”
Essie Shor & Andrea Zakin
The true story of a teenage fighter in the Bielski partisans.

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“Feathers, Smoke, a Shattered Family: A Three year Old Survivor of Terezin”
Berl Lazarus
Czech displaced persons survivor

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“Fridays with Eva”  
Bethanie Gorny  
A survivors story and the continuing effects of the Holocaust  

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“From the Carpathian Mountains to the New Jersey Seashore”  
Rose Zelkovitz and Maryann McLoughlin  
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“Gates of Tears: The Holocaust in the Lublin District”  
David Silberklang

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Gates of Tears is the first book in English to examine the Shoah in the Lublin District, an area central to Nazi anti-Jewish policy.

“Girl in the Belgian Resistance”  
Fernande K. Davis  
Working in a German munitions factory

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“Grit – Pediatrician’s Odyssey from a Soviet Camp to Harvard”  
Regina Kesler, M.D.

The drama of a teenager who flees Poland, spends a year in a Soviet slave-labor camp, finds refuge in Central Asia, and at war's end, comes to the United States to pursue her goal of becoming a physician.

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“IBM and the Holocaust”  
Edwin Black  
The strategic alliance between Nazi Germany and one of America’s most powerful corporations.

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“If the Dawn is Late in Coming”  
Ida Feinberg and Maryann McLoughlin  
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Survivor of Vilna and Vaivara

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“In Sunshine and In Shadow: We Remember Them”  
Vera Goodkin  
Czech survivor saved by Raoul Wallenberg

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“In the Birch Woods of Belarus”  
Sidney Simon with Rosalie Simon and Maryann McLoughlin  
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A Partisan's Revenge

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“I Truly Lament: Working Through the Holocaust”  
Mathias B. Freese  
Varied collection of stories: inmates in death camps; survivors of these camps; disenchanted Golems complaining about their designated rounds; Holocaust deniers and their ravings; collectors of Hitler curiosa; an imagined interview with Eva Braun during her last days in the Berlin bunker; a Nazi camp doctor subtly denying his complicity; and the love story of a Hungarian cantor, among others.

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“I Will Never Be Fourteen Years Old”  
Francois Lecomte  
A French child's promise as she experiences the Holocaust

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“Janka Festinger’s Moments of Happiness”  
David Speace  
Letter by survivor – the Holocaust as she lived it in her own words.

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“Journey of Ashes”  
Anna Ray-Jones & Roman Ferber  
Traverses a fine line between humor and tragedy. It presents a fascinating interpretation of a boy’s recollections of growing up in Krakow surrounded by the Holocaust. In this uplifting story we are introduced to Roman Ferber, a child whose humor, courage and sturdy sense of self outshines the sun, even in the darkest days of the Nazi era in Poland.

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“Journey to the White Rose in Germany”  
Ruth Bernadette Melon  
A tragic story of passive resistance – an encounter with the past that inspires the present and future.

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“Leaves Swept by a Cruel Wind”  
Ilona Elefant Schwarcz  
Written in the DP camps immediately after liberation, the historic significance of Ilona Elefánt Schwarcz’s testimony, so close to the actual experience, cannot be overestimated. Completed within four years and three months of liberation, these journals still have the full heat of intense rage and abject sadness of the here and now.

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“Letters from the End of a Dark Tunnel”  
Ida Luftig  
Czech survivor’s family letters

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“Lives Entwined”  
Fanny Lesser and Maryann McLoughlin  
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Fanny and Max Lesser, Holocaust Survivors

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“Luna's Life: A Journey of Forgiveness and Triumph”  
Luna Kaufman  
Polish survivor’s triumph to build better Jewish-Christian understanding

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“Margit: A Teenagers Journey Through the Holocaust and Beyond”
Margit Feldman and Bernard Weinstein
The story of life before, during and after the Holocaust

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“Memory After Belsen” - DVD
The Future of Holocaust Memory
Joshua M. Greene and Shiva Kumar
A feature-length documentary that explores the lives and memories of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Holocaust survivors. The film investigates the changes occurring within and the many dimensions of Holocaust memory through the generations. “Memory After Belsen” weaves together a visual tapestry of people whose family histories position them as stewards of Holocaust remembrance.

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“Miriam’s Way”
Cissy Lacks
In September of 1941 German armies marched through eastern Poland into Russia, and a Polish Jew, Miriam Kornitsky, only thirteen years old, was sent by her parents into the dark forests of White Russia to hide from the invaders. This book is about a young girl's will to survive, and her ability to live with loneliness and the constant threat of death.

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“My Father’s Secret War”
Lucinda Franks
A memoir of defying terror

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“Night”
Elie Wiesel
Night is a terse, terrifying account of the experiences of a young Jewish boy at Auschwitz, a Nazi death camp.

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“No Goodbyes”  
Naava Piatka  
A daughter’s loving story of her father’s experience before, during and after the Holocaust.  
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“No Place for Us, My Dear”  
Marion Lewin and Maryann McLoughlin  
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Survivors from Poland who managed to evade the Nazis  
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“Of a Comb, a Prayer Book, Sugar Cubes & Lice: Survivor of Six Concentration Camps”  
Shana Fogarty  
Hungarian survivor Elizabeth Blum Goldstein  
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“Of Being Numerous: World War II as I Saw It”  
Bernard Friedenberg with Maryann McLaughlin  
Memoir of an American Medic in the European Theater  
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“Once My Name Was Sarah”  
Betty Grebenschikoff  
The story of a child who spent the Holocaust years in China as a refugee.  
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“Once the Acacias Bloomed: Memories of a Childhood Lost”  
Fred Spiegel  
German survivor of death camps  
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“Only a Number” – DVD  
Steve Besserman  
The Story of Steve’s mother Aranka during the Holocaust  
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<td>Christopher R. Browning</td>
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<td>The story of the sadistic medical experiments during the Holocaust</td>
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<td>Jack Zaifman</td>
<td>Story of a young boy's faith &amp; courage, and how his skill as a tailor, helped him survive the Nazi death camps of Auschwitz &amp; Dachau</td>
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<td>Ruth Fisch Kessler</td>
<td>Hear a first-hand account of a child both blessed and cursed by her experiences. Readers of all ages will be astounded by Ruth’s resilience after great tragedy.</td>
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<td>Rabbi Dr. Bernhard H. Rosenberg</td>
<td>A teacher's guide to movies, documentaries, and short films that will impact students and spark dynamic classroom discussion.</td>
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<td>Honor Crowther Fagan</td>
<td>When Welles Crowther was a young boy, his father gave him a red bandanna, which he always carried with him. On September 11, 2001, Welles Remy Crowther saved numerous people from the upper floors of the World Trade Center South Tower. &quot;The Man in the Red Bandanna&quot; recounts and celebrates his heroism on that day.</td>
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<td>Jen Garsh - Child survivor from Greece</td>
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<td>“The Search for the White Rose” - DVD</td>
<td>Peter Logue</td>
<td>The White Rose was a resistance movement in Nazi Germany that was led by five students and one professor at the University of Munich in 1942 and 1943. They published and widely distributed six leaflets that called upon their nation to rise against the government by urging them to consider the “dimensions of shame that will befall us and our children when one day the veil has fallen from eyes and the most horrible of crimes- crimes that infinitely outdistance every human measure- reach the light of day.” This documentary explores the legacy that was left behind by the members of the White Rose after they were caught and executed by the Gestapo.</td>
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Fred Buff
A personal diary of a 16 year old

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“The Virginia Plan: William B. Thalhimer and a Rescue from Nazi Germany”
Robert H. Gillette
This is the remarkable history of Thalhimer's heroic rescue mission and the struggle of the refugees to make a new home in rural America. Robert H. Gillette narrates an untold saga of sacrifice, survival and hope on two continents.

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“This I Remember: A Polish Youth Survives the Shoah”
Arnold Weitzenhof and Maryann McLoughlin
Survivor of 4 concentration camps

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“Together: A Journey for Survival”
Ann Arnold
Chronicles her grandmother’s courageous story of saving her family from the Nazis

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“To Live and Fight Another Day”
Bracha Weisbarth
The story of an individual's fight for freedom as a partisan.

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“Traveling through Siberia with Bed and Babies”
Esther Berkowitz and Maryann McLoughlin
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A Holocaust Survivor's Joys and Sorrows

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“Two More Weeks: Deutschland Kaput”
Jadzia Greenbaum
German survivor of death camps

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“Two Voices”  
Donald Berkman and Maryann McLouchlin  
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A Mother and Son, Holocaust Survivors  

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“Violins of Hope:  Violins of the Holocaust-Instruments of Hope & Liberation in Mankind’s Darkest Hour”  
James A. Grymes  

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A stirring testament to the strength of the human spirit and the power of music, *Violins of Hope* tells the remarkable stories of violins played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust, and the Israeli violin maker dedicated to bringing these inspirational instruments back to life.

“War Against the Jews” – 1933-1945  
Lucy S. Dawidowicz  
An unparalleled account of the most awesome and awful chapter in the moral history of humanity. Lucid, chilling and comprehensive, this classic tells the complete story of the Nazi Holocaust – from the insidious evolution of German Anti-Semitism to the ultimate tragedy of the Final Solution.  

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“Weep Tears of Blood”  
Murray Kohn and Maryann McLoughlin  
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“What Do You Know About the Holocaust?  Race and Genocide”  
Louis Tornillo  
The book approaches the Holocaust from a unique point of view. It is organized around an interactive quiz for the reader on basic Holocaust related knowledge followed by essays which explore key issues and events, using rich primary source detail to answer the respective quiz question. It is designed to provoke critical thinking and gives a concentrated essence of the Holocaust in a highly compressed space. It is informative with a definite point of view on the singularity of the Holocaust. Each essay can be read as an individual lesson or integrated with others to reinforce a point.  

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“When the Danube Ran Red”
Zsuzsanna Ozsváth
Religion, Theology and the Holocaust

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“Why Should I Care? Lessons From the Holocaust”
Jeanette Friedman & David Gold
with a forward by Dr. Michael Berenbaum
An excellent compilation of lessons for the classroom dealing with the Holocaust & genocide.

For Teachers

“Words for All Time: Students’ Letters to Holocaust Survivors”
Edited by Rob Huberman
The story of survival as seen through student’s eyes

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“Your Name is Renee”
Stacy Cretzmeyer
Ruth Kapp Hartz’s story as a hidden child in Nazi-occupied France

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