

**The Holocaust: A Bibliography of International Fiction in Billington Library  
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- Ajar, Emile (Pseudonym of Romain Gary) (France) PQ2661.J3 D413  
Momo. Garden City: Doubleday, 1978  
In this novel which takes place in France, the Moslem son of a murdered prostitute is cared for by a retired Jewish prostitute who has survived the Holocaust. The novel is a moving look at the need individuals have for love.
- Appelfeld, Aharon (Israel) PJ5054.A755 T613  
The Age of Wonders. Boston: Godine, 1981  
A survivor of the Holocaust returns to the Austrian town of his birth and meditates on his intellectual father's total disintegration during the Nazi years.
- Appelfeld, Aharon (Israel) PJ5054.A755 B3413  
Badenheim 1939. Boston: Godine, 1980  
A group of wealthy Jews spend one last summer at a German spa in 1939, and refuse to recognize that they have become prisoners soon to be sent to concentration camps in Eastern Europe.
- Appelfeld, Aharon (Israel) PJ5054.A755 K813  
Tzili. New York: Dutton, 1983  
A simple Jewish girl somehow survives on her own during the Holocaust, possibly because she is so simple.
- Auerbach, John (Poland) PR6051.U4 T35  
Tales of Grabowski. New Milford: Toby Press, 2003  
A young Jewish intellectual transforms himself into a Polish sailor during World War II in order to survive. The book contains a long novella and some short stories. The author was largely unknown and unpublished in his lifetime
- Becker, Jurek (Germany) PT2662.E294 J313  
Jacob the Liar. New York: Arcade, 1996  
During the worst days of the Holocaust, Jacob keeps the hopes of his neighbors in the ghetto alive by pretending he has a radio reporting the victories of a mythical approaching Russian army. He hates his lies, but cannot escape his role.
- Brett, Lily (Australia) PR9619.3.B693 T6  
Too Many Men. New York: Morrow, 2001  
A successful woman executive travels to Poland with her father where they explore his past as a survivor of the Holocaust
- Chabon, Michael (USA) PS3553.H15 A82  
The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay. New York: Random House, 2000

The story of the golden age of superhero comics is told through the stories of two young men who drew them. This novel sets the story of the comics against the threat of Hitler and World War II.

Desai, Anita (India) PR9499.3.D465 B38

Baumgartner's Bombay. London: Penguin, 1988

A German-Jewish refugee from the Holocaust ends up in India.

There he is no more at home as a foreigner in India than he was as a Jew in Germany.

Doughty, Louise (Gypsy Czechoslovakia) on order

Fires in the Dark. New York: HarperCollins, 2004

As the Germans march through Europe, a Gypsy family in Czechoslovakia sees their way of life destroyed as they become part of the Nazis' "Final Solution."

Elberg, Yehuda (Poland) PJ5129.E534 O913

Ship of the Hunted. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 1997

This novel chronicles the travails of a mother and son who separately survive the Holocaust in Poland

Englander, Nathan (USA) PS 3555.N424 F67

For the Relief of Unbearable Urges. New York: A.A. Knopf, 1999

Short stories about the condition of the Jews in the twentieth century, ranging in topics from the destruction of Yiddish writers in the Soviet Union and a community struggling to survive the Holocaust to the sadness of an Orthodox wigmaker in Brooklyn.

Farhi, Moris (Turkey) PR6056.A65 Y68

Young Turk: London: Saqi, 2004

This is a mosaic of thirteen bittersweet short stories about life in Istanbul in the period surrounding World War II. These interlinking stories describe the lives of adolescent Jews and their neighbors as Turkey struggled and failed to fulfill the promise of becoming a tolerant multicultural society.

Federman, Raymond (France) PS3556.E25 A95

Aunt Rachel's Fur. Normal/Tallahassee: FC2, 2001

An out-of-work writer carries on an extended monologue with an unnamed listener in a Parisian cafe. The subject is the author's life, his work and his unreliability as a narrator. The story is different in each retelling, but the substance remains the same, that the narrator is a Holocaust survivor who has been unable to reconcile his life with his survival.

Fink, Ida (Poland) PG7165. I44 S513

A Scrap of Time and other stories. New York: Pantheon, 1987

This is a collection of short stories about the horrors of the Holocaust in Poland.

Foer, Jonathan Safran (USA) PS3606.O38 E84

Everything is Illuminated. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2002

A young American man, tracing the history of his grandfather in Russia, hires a Russian guide to help him locate a now destroyed shtetl. In the search the young men discover that they share a previously unknown bond.

Grossman, David (Israel)

PJ5054.G728 A9713

See - Under Love. New York: Farrar Straus, 1989

This complex book with several interlocking stories chronicles the life of a young boy, Momik, the troubled son of Holocaust survivors, who must learn about the unimaginable cruelty of which men are capable.

\*Hamill, Pete (USA)

PS3558.A423 S66

Snow in August. Boston: Little Brown, 1997

Michael Devlin, the Irish-Catholic son of a widow, befriends a Rabbi who is a survivor of the Holocaust living in his Brooklyn neighborhood. Michael becomes the Rabbi's Shabbos Goy, performing tasks for the Rabbi that Jews are forbidden to perform on the Sabbath. When an anti-Semitic gang of hoodlums, terrorizes the Rabbi and the young boy and his mother, Michael strikes back, creating a Golem like the ones the Rabbi told him about, with predictable results.

Isler, Alan (USA)

PS 3559. S52

The Prince of West End Avenue. Bridgehampton: Bridge Works, 1994

A man, living in a New York senior citizen apartment, comes to terms with his actions during the Holocaust as he and his neighbors work on a production of Macbeth.

\*Keneally, Thomas (Australian)

PR9619.3.K46 S3

Schindler's List. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1982

A wealthy German industrialist saves hundreds of Jews during World War II, placing himself at great risk. This novel is based on real events and was made into an award-winning movie.

Kertesz, Imre (Hungary)

PH3281.K3815 S6713

Fateless. Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 1992

This novel describes the fate of a young Hungarian Jewish boy who is deported to a concentration camp. The author is the 2002 Nobel Laureate in literature, selected for his unblinking narratives about the fate of the Jews during World War II.

Kertesz, Imre (Hungary)

PH3281.K3815 K313

Kaddish for a Child Not Born. Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 1999

A middle-aged survivor of the Holocaust explains to his friend why he cannot bring a child into the world in this novel by the 2002 Nobel Laureate in literature.

Kis, Danilo (Yugoslavia)

PG1419.21.I8 P413

The Hourglass. New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1990

This is a painful and beautiful narration of the story of one man's life in the final months before he is sent to a concentration camp to die.

- \*Koeppen, Wolfgang (Germany) PT2621.O46 T613  
Death in Rome. New York: Norton, 2001  
 An inadvertent family reunion occurs in Rome in the early 50's when a young German composer's symphony is to be premiered. His rabid unrepentant Nazi uncle, his politician father, a cousin studying for the priesthood, a mad aunt, and his law student brother convene in a brutal look at post-war Germany and its Nazi past.
- Konrad, George (Hungary) PH3281.K7558 K4713  
A Feast in the Garden. New York: Harcourt Brace, 1992  
 A noted Jewish author and his friends relive their experiences in Hungary during the Nazi invasion and the Communist era.
- Kosinski, Jerzy (Poland) PS3561.O8 P3  
The Painted Bird. New York: Grove,  
 Separated from his parents during World War II, a young Polish boy wanders through the countryside enduring unimaginable cruelty at the hands of the peasants who assume he is Jewish because of his dark coloring.
- Levi, Primo (Italy) PQ4872.E8S413  
If Not Now, When. New York: Summit Books, 1985  
 A group of Holocaust survivors make their way across a war-devastated Europe, trying to get home.
- Levi, Primo (Italy) PQ4872.E8Z4713  
Moments of Reprieve. . New York: Summit Books, 1986  
 These short stories from the Auschwitz Concentration Camp describe moments in which individuals acted with kindness.
- Lustig, Arnost (Czech) PG5038.L85 D3  
Darkness Casts No Shadow. New York: Avon, 1976  
 A young Jewish man on a train to a death camp during World War II, jumps off somewhere within Nazi Germany, determined to survive.
- Lustig, Arnost (Czech) PG5038.L85 A2  
Indecent Dreams. Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 1988  
 In these three long short stories, three women in Prague observe the Nazi horror as the war is drawing to a close.
- Lustig, Arnost (Czech) PG5038.L85 N5  
Night and Hope. New York: Avon, 1976  
 This is a novel about the Jewish children of Czechoslovakia who were transported from the Prague ghetto to a "model" concentration camp, Terezin where despite their innocence, the children knew that the worst was yet to come.
- \*Murphy, Louise (USA) PS3563.U7446 T78  
The True Story of Hansel and Gretel. New York: Penguin, 2003

In a reversal of the fairy tale, two Jewish children are abandoned by their stepparents and try to survive the Holocaust using the assumed names, Hansel and Gretel.

Ozick, Cynthia (USA)

PS 3565.Z5 M4

The Messiah of Stockholm. New York: Knopf, 1977

A disparate group of intellectuals search for the lost manuscript of Bruno Schulz, a Polish Jewish author who was murdered during the Holocaust

Ozick, Cynthia (USA)

PS 3565.Z5 S5

The Shawl. New York: Knopf, 1989

To a survivor of the Holocaust living in the United States, a shawl symbolizes all that was lost.

Pavel, Ota (Czechoslovakia)

PG5039.26.A9 A33

How I came to Know Fish. Brownsville: Storyline Press, 1990

A young Jewish boy comes of age in Czechoslovakia during the Holocaust, spending his happiest times before the war fishing with his father and brothers.

Raphael, Lev (USA)

PS3568.A5988 G47

The German Money Wellfleet: Leapfrog Press, 2003

When their mother, a Holocaust survivor, dies unexpectedly, her three children examine their relationships with each other and delve into their mother's mysterious past and the reason she left all of her untouched German reparation money to the eldest. The author is the child of Holocaust survivors.

Schwartz-Bart, Andre (France)

PQ2637.C736 D43

The Last of the Just. New York: Bantam, 1960

A young Jewish boy during the Holocaust is one of the legendary 36 just men who feel the pain of others who are suffering. This novel brings home the horrors of the Holocaust in an individual way.

Scliar, Moacyr (Brazil)

PQ9698.29.C54 M3313

Max and the Cats. New York: Ballantine, 1990

A young man flees political persecution in Nazi Germany, only to end up shipwrecked on a lifeboat with a jaguar as his only companion. The award-winning novel *The Life of Pi* was inspired by this novella.

\*Sebald, W. G. (Germany)

PT2681.E18 A9513

Austerlitz. New York: Random House, 2001

A young man, who was rescued from the Holocaust, searches Europe for his lost memories of childhood and his lost family. This is a challenging metafiction about how much European intellectuals as well as ordinary people lost during the debacle of World War II.

Shaham, Nathan (Israel)

PJ5054.S3 R4813

The Rosendorf Quartet. New York: Weidenfield Grove, 1991

Four Jewish musicians, who are fleeing persecution in Nazi Germany, form a brilliant quartet in Israel during the late 30's. The book is written in the form of a quartet with each member relating his or her story.

\*Skvorecky, Josef (Czech) PG5038.S527 A2  
When Eve Was Naked. New York: Farrar Straus & Giroux, 2002 Republic  
These are short stories that illuminate significant times in the author's life. Skvorecky has lived through some of the twentieth century's most calamitous eras including the Holocaust in Czechoslovakia, the Communist regime and exile in Canada.

Spiegelman, Art (USA) D804.3. S655  
Maus I: A Survivor's Tale: My Father Bleeds History. New York: Pantheon, 1986  
This is part one of a graphic novel about the artist/author's parents and their experiences as Jews caught up in the Holocaust. It is a chilling rendition of their indescribable experiences and how it affected their subsequent lives in the United States.

Spiegelman, Art (USA) D804.3 .S66  
Maus II: A Survivor's Tale: And Here My Troubles Began. New York: Pantheon, 1991  
This is part two of a graphic novel about the artist/author's parents and their experiences as Jews caught up in the Holocaust. It is a chilling rendition of their indescribable experiences and how it affected their subsequent lives in the United States.

\*Thomas, D. M. (Great Britain) PR6070.H58 P53  
Pictures at an Exhibition, New York: Scribner's, 1993  
A young Czech Jew in a concentration camp uses rudimentary psychoanalysis to help a German camp doctor suffering from headaches. Years later in England a famous analyst (possibly the same man) is treating numerous famous patients from Thatcher's Britain.

\*Thomas, D. M. (Great Britain) PR6070.H58W5  
The White Hotel. New York: Viking, 1981  
An opera singer who is being treated for her psychoses by Freud is later trapped in the Holocaust.

Tisma, Aleksandar (Yugoslavia) PG1419.3.I8 K5713  
The Book of Blam. New York: Harcourt Brace, 1998  
A Holocaust survivor walks the streets of Novy Sad recalling the Jewish residents who lived there before the war, remembering their lives and how they died, massacred by the fascist Hungarians in 1942.

Weil, Jirí. (Czech) PG5038.W4 N313  
Mendelssohn is on the Roof. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1991  
A tale of how ordinary lives are changed during the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia.

Wiesel, Elie (Hungary) PQ 2683.E95 B7  
Night, Dawn, The Accident: Three Tales. New York: Hill and Wang, 1972  
These are three novellas of the Holocaust written by a survivor of Auschwitz.

Yehoshua, A. B. (Israel)

PJ5054.V42 W3413

Mr. Mani. New York: Doubleday, 1992

Several generations of a Sephardic Jewish family struggle to overcome their self-destructive urges that resulted from a shocking act by the founder of the family.

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