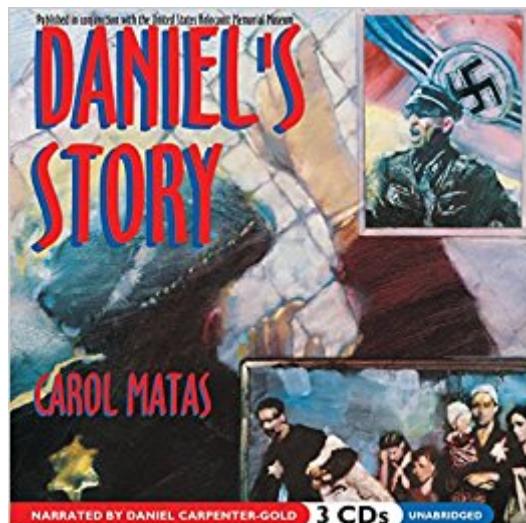


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# Daniel's Story



## Synopsis

[Children's Historical Fiction (Ages 10-12)] [Read by Daniel Carpenter-Gold] In this acclaimed novel for young readers, can Daniel survive history's deadliest moment? Daniel barely remembers leading a normal life before the Nazis came to power in 1933. He can still picture once being happy and safe, but memories of those days are fading as he and his family face the dangers threatening Jews in Hitler's Germany in the late 1930s. No longer able to practice their religion, vote, own property, or even work, Daniel's family is forced from their home in Frankfurt and sent on a long and dangerous journey, first to the Lodz ghetto in Poland and then to Auschwitz - the Nazi death camp. Though many around him lose hope in the face of such terror, Daniel, supported by his courageous family, struggles for survival. He finds hope, life, and even love in the midst of despair. Although Daniel is a fictitious character, his story was inspired by the real experiences of many of the more than one million children who died in the Holocaust.

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 4-8-- Daniel, 14 in 1941, describes first his family's sense of belonging in Germany and their refusal to flee their country despite the initial instances of anti-Semitism they experience. By the time the family is ready to acknowledge the seriousness of their situation, no country is willing to accept them. They are first deported from Frankfurt to the Lodz ghetto in Poland; from Lodz they are sent to Auschwitz, and finally, Daniel and his father are marched to Buchenwald. They are the only

two members of the family who survive, and are liberated by the Americans. Daniel tells his story through the "pictures" he has; at first real photographs, and then the images in his head. He is a courageous, sensitive, heroic individual who personalizes the events of the Holocaust. His voice rings true; he is portrayed as an extraordinary youth, but these were times that demanded an exceptional response to increase the likelihood of survival. --Susan Kaminow, Arlington County Public Library, VACopyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

After witnessing the rising tide of anti-Semitism in Nazi Germany, Daniel is suddenly transported, at age 14, from his comfortable life in Frankfurt to a Polish ghetto, then to Auschwitz and Buchenwald--losing most of his family along the way, seeing Nazi brutality of both the casual and the calculated kind, and recording atrocities with a smuggled camera ("What has happened to me?...Who am I? Where am I going?"). Matas, explicating an exhibit of photos and other materials at the new United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, creates a convincing composite youth and experience--fictional but carefully based on survivors' accounts. It's a savage story with no attempt to soften the culpability of the German people; Daniel's profound anger is easier to understand than is his father's compassion or his sister's plea to "choose love. Always choose love." Daniel survives to be reunited, after the war, with his wife-to-be, but his dying friend's last word echoes beyond the happy ending: "Remember..." An unusual undertaking, effectively carried out. Chronology; glossary. (Fiction. 11-14) -- Copyright ©1993, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

I ordered this book to pre-read, prior to my son being required to reading it for his 5th grade history class. Because he has autism and suffers from anxiety over thinking about catastrophic events, I wanted to be aware of exactly how the Holocaust material was delivered. As expected, there were some very raw parts, but nothing that wasn't at an age appropriate level. Daniel's Story, is a very straightforward, well-written fiction story that addresses a horrifying time in our history. It is an "easy" read, in that it does not take long to finish the book and the storyline is captivating & timely given some of the things that are happening in our world today.

Daniel can barely remember leading a normal life-until the Nazis came to power when he was 6.No longer allowed to go to normal public schools,or even be employed,Daniel and his family are forced out of their home in Germany and into the Polish ghetto and then begin the dangerous journey to

the Nazi death camps.when two anti-Semitic boys beat up his best friend Daniel flips out.I've read many books about the holocaust,both real and fictional,but this book stands out as the best I've read-it's sad,moving, and honest.only two of Daniel's family survives the war but I'm not going to tell you which ones you'll have to read the book to find out.

My son didn't let me know he had to have this for a class until the last minute and got me the book overnight, no problem. I really never read it but it looked to be rather sappy.

Daniel's Story is a wonderfully told story about the Holocaust. It is great for middle schoolers to gain an understanding of the life and times.

fine book ans terrific service and attention to order matters - no hassle - triple A

I'm not sure if I just got a bad copy, but I am not impressed with the quality of the the audio. Throughout the first part of the book the audio would skip over small chunks of text at the end of a paragraph. And now it's skipping quite a bit. I am disappointed with the quality of the audio.

We just got it My grandson will read it this summer

Great book for a group of 5th grade students!

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