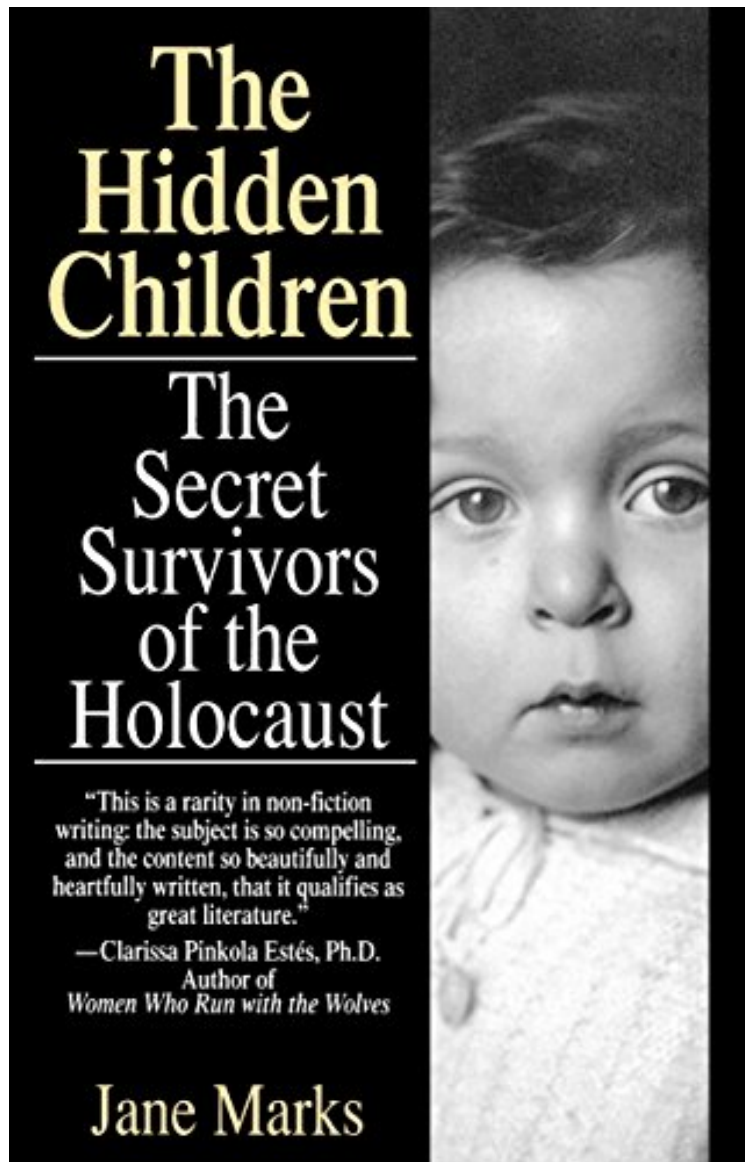


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A brief encounter with a few hidden children.Von Ein KundeOn Memorial Day weekend,1991, 1600 people from around the

world gathered together. They flooded the rooms of the Marriot Marquis Hotel in New York City, not only with their bodies but with their stories as well. For over fifty years they remained hidden, first from Hitler and then from the public. They kept their feelings and experiences to themselves because they were afraid. They were afraid of the pain and suffering it might bring to them or their loved ones if they revealed themselves. "For years and years I never wanted to talk or think about my experience during the war," states Ann Shore, a hidden Jewish child during World War II "Just thinking about it brought such pain!" Finally, the once frightened, hidden Jewish children of the war (now old men and women) overcame their fears and discussed their experiences during the Holocaust. Many realized for the first time that there were others like themselves, and there were people who cared about what had happened to them. One woman, Jane Marks, cared a great deal and devoted her time to writing *The Hidden Children: The Secret Survivors of the Holocaust* a book filled with twenty-two inspiring stories. During the conference that weekend and during the months that followed, Jane Marks interviewed more than 60 former hidden children. She became committed to writing a book to record these children's experiences. "I wanted to write a book to make the world aware of the exceptional courage and goodness that emerged in the midst of unspeakable tragedy and destruction." She surely let the world know. By using twenty-two of the stories and continuously interviewing the same children over and over again, she was able to capture the ordeal, the legacy, the aftermath and the healing that these children went through. She used all the information available to establish a unique, truthful and emotional retelling of the Holocaust. In the first part of the book, the ordeal is revealed to the reader: tear jerking stories of how they survived for months in sewers, barns, cellars, closets, fields, anywhere they could, to escape being captured by the Nazis. Some lost their families and friends, but they all lost their childhood. It was the price to pay in exchange for their lives. Rosa Sirota said the following about being a hidden child: "None of the people who went through what I went through had the luxury of being children." Eight stories of courage fill this section of the book, and each one has its own miracle of survival. Sanne Spetter and Marie-Claire Rakowski tell their stories of the aftermath of the war. Both women were born during the war and because their parents feared their safety, they were placed with families. For the first years of their lives, they felt safe and secure and did not know their true identity. After the war, they were returned to families that had suffered more than they could ever imagine. The time after the war was just as painful for them, as it had been for many others during it. Thinking back on the time after the war, Sanne said, "That was when I really started hiding, as I hid my real feelings." The other twelve stories are probably the most interesting to read. They're stories of the legacy and healing involved with the war. Many of the children held the legacy of what they had gone through for many years. It existed in their minds and haunted them. Some remember every minute of what happened to them, while others remember only what was told to them. The healing that some children have gone through is immense. They suffered just like every other Jew, but because they were children at the time, their feelings were discarded as unimportant in their families. They were taught to conceal their feeling and keep them to themselves. They sought healing in trying to hide pain, but the true healing came many years later when they finally shared their stories. Ever since I read *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry, in fourth grade, I have had an interest in the Holocaust. I have often wondered what it would have really been like to hide. By reading this book, I now understand that it wasn't easy. *The Hidden Children* is a truthful document and there does not appear to be any bias in it. It is a well written book for any teenager or adult who, like me, has ever wondered about the Holocaust. Jane Marks recorded what was told to her simply to reveal the truth to the world. The former hidden children that she interviewed, had no reason to lie or make the Nazis soldiers look monstrous. They told what they remembered and what they knew, so they could finally be healed. There are one or two comments, though, that do show some bias. "I admit that my normally nonjudgmental approach has a limit," said Stanley Turecki, M.D., "Especially when it comes to Germans. I can't accept them! Even the younger ones make my skin crawl!" In this case, over the years a bias has developed, but there were not many stories in this book that showed this. Because she picked unbiased stories, Jane Marks created an almost unbiased and very truthful book. The pages of *The Hidden Children* are filled with painful, but inspiring experiences that have been hidden inside of these children. Now they are out for the world to discover.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Sad but a great book!Von Ein Kunde*The Hidden Children* is a great book. At school we were learning about the Holocaust and we needed to read a book about it. I went and saw this book and decided to try it. Later on, I found out that this book was great. This was a very detailed book. I cant believe that some of these families had to live in a closet for months or even a sewer...if you want a book on the Holocaust or just a good one to read...get this one!!0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Fabulous for the young teen just learning of the Holocaust.Von Ein Kunde*The hidden children* are twenty three children of the Holocaust with twenty three different stories to tell about their survival through World War II. The young teen just learning of the Holocaust will be riveted to this book and its stories of survivors who no one talks about. They survived because of the selflessness of loving parents, but can they understand that love after all the trauma of the survival? G. Rockwel

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