

World War II Fiction Bibliography for Mrs. Beltz
(updated 12/06)

- Giff, Patricia Reilly Lily's Crossing (3 PB; 2 H)
During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.
180 pages
- Sullivan, George Great Escapes of WWII (PB)
132 pages
- Gee, Maurice The Fat Man (2 H)
In 1933, Herbert Muskie returns to his rundown hometown of Loomis, New Zealand, and uses a combination of cunning and psychological threats to take control of the lives of twelve-year-old Colin Potter and his family as part of a plan to get even for the mistreatment he suffered as a schoolboy.
182 pages
- Sevela, Ephraim We were Not Like Other People (H)
Separated from his family when the Germans invade Russia during World War II, a young boy learns to fend for himself and earn a living whenever and however he can.
216 pages
- Greene, Bette Summer of my German Soldier (PB; H; BOT)
Sheltering an escaped prisoner of war is the beginning of some shattering experiences for a twelve-year-old girl in Arkansas.
199 pages
- Vos, Ida Dancing on the Bridge of Avignon (H)
Relates the experiences of a young Jewish girl and her family during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands.
183 pages
- Taylor, Marilyn Faraway Home (PB)
Karl and his sister Rosa escape from Nazi-occupied Vienna to Northern Ireland, where they must adapt to a very different way of life at a camp for Jewish refugees.
221 pages
- Ayer, Elanor Parallel Journeys (H; 2 PB)
An account of World War II in Germany as told from the viewpoints of a former Nazi soldier and a Jewish Holocaust survivor.
244 pages
- Almagor, Gila Under the Domim Tree (H)
Chronicles the joys and troubles experienced by a group of teenagers, mostly Holocaust survivors, living at an Israeli youth settlement in 1953.
164 pages
- Isaacs, Anne Torn Thread (H; PB)
In an attempt to save his daughter's life, Eva's father sends her from Poland to a labor camp in Czechoslovakia where she and her sister survive the war.
188 pages

- Dillon, Eilis Children of Bach (H)
A Hungarian Jewish family of talented musicians escapes Nazi persecution during World War II.
164 pages
- Hahn, Mary Downing Stepping on the Cracks (H)
In 1944, while her brother is overseas fighting in World War II, eleven-year-old Margaret gets a new view of the school bully Gordy when she finds him hiding his own brother, an army deserter, and decides to help him.
216 pages
- Bergman, Tamar Along the Tracks (H)
Recounts the adventures of a young Jewish boy who is driven from his home by the German invasion, becomes a refugee in the Soviet Union, is separated from his family, and undergoes many hardships before enjoying a normal home again.
254 pages
- Bauer, Marion Dane Rain of Fire (2H)
When Steve's older brother Matthew, returning home after service in World War II, refuses to talk about his wartime experiences, Steve's friends begin to doubt the stories he has told of Matthew's heroism.
153 pages
- Wolff, Virginia Euwer Bat 6 (13H)
In small town, post-World War Oregon, twenty-one 6th grade girls recount the story of an annual softball game, during which one girl's bigotry comes to the surface.
230 pages
- Matas, Carol After the War (H)
After being released from Buchenwald at the end of World War II, fifteen-year-old Ruth risks her life to lead a group of children across Europe to Palestine.
116 pages
- Bat-Ami, Miriam Two Suns in the Sky (H)
Against her father's wishes, Chris befriends Adam Bornstein, a Jewish refugee, near the end of World War II.
223 pages
- Mazer, Norma Fox Good Night Maman (PB)
After spending years fleeing from the Nazis in war-torn Europe, twelve-year-old Karin Levi and her older brother Marc find a new home in a refugee camp in Oswego, New York.
185 pages
- Orlev, Uri Run, Boy, Run: A Novel (2H)
Based on the true story of a nine-year-old boy who escapes the Warsaw Ghetto and must survive throughout the war in the Nazi-occupied Polish countryside.
186 pages
- Kerr, M.E. Slap Your Sides: A Novel (H)
Life in their Pennsylvania hometown changes for Jubal Shoemaker and his family when his older brother witnesses to his Quaker beliefs by becoming a conscientious objector during World War II.
198 pages
- Park, Linda Sue When My Name Was Keoko (H)
With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.
199 pages

Recorvits, Helen Where Heroes Hide (H)

During the summer of 1956 ten-year-old Junior Webster, his friends, and especially his father, a decorated World War II veteran, discover what heroism is all about.

135 pages

Davies, Jacqueline Where the Ground Meets the Sky (H)

During World War II, a twelve-year-old girl is uprooted from her quiet, East coast life and moved to a secluded army post in the New Mexico desert where her father and other scientists are working on a top secret project.

224 pages