

Books by Award-winning Children's Author, Kathy Kacer

The Secret of Gabi's Dresser

Gabi's life is turned upside-down when Nazis invade her country of Czechoslovakia. As children are taken from their families, she must decide what to do. Should she run away or is there somewhere safe she can hide?

Clara's War

Clara's family has been living a very happy life when the Nazis invade. They are soon sent to Terezin, a walled town in Czechoslovakia. Despite the hardships, Clara finds hope and participates in a children's opera, "Brundibar."

Our Canadian Girl series (Margit: Books 1, 2, 3, and 4)

Margit and her mother have escaped war in Europe for safe haven in Canada. As refugees in Toronto, Margit is overwhelmed by the freedom of the new world. But her past continues to haunt her.

The Night Spies

Gabi and her family must leave their home to go into hiding in a small mountain village. She ventures from her hiding place to become a scout for partisan soldiers hiding in the forest.

The Underground Reporters - a true story

Jewish children create a newspaper during World War II, when other privileges have been taken away. Twenty-two editions of this paper were created, and while many of the children did not survive the war, the newspaper did.

Hiding Edith

The true story of Edith Schwalb, a young Jewish girl sent to live in a safe house after the Nazi invasion of France. An entire village heroically concealed the presence of hundreds of Jewish children.

The Diary of Laura's Twin

Laura receives a diary of 12-year-old Sara, a Jewish girl imprisoned in the Warsaw Ghetto. Laura realizes that the girl whose diary she has been presented with has much to teach her about the world and the choices we make.

Whispers from the Ghettos, Whispers from the Camps, Whispers in Hiding

Three books of short stories from survivors of the Holocaust. Kathy and award-winning co-author, Sharon McKay, traveled across the country interviewing survivors to capture these defining moments.

To Hope and Back: The Journey of the St. Louis

Sol and Lisa are two Jewish children aboard the *St. Louis*, a ship of passengers escaping Europe to save their lives. A true story.

Shanghai Escape

The true story of Lily Toufar Lash who escaped from Austria with her family, and made her way to Shanghai, China. There she lived under difficult circumstances until the war ended.

The Magician of Auschwitz

The true story of Werner Reich who was befriended by a famous magician while they were both imprisoned in the Auschwitz concentration camp. A story of hope, friendship, and the gift of magic.

Stones on a Grave

Part of the "Secrets" series written with six other award-winning authors. Sara has lost her home at the orphanage and embarks on a journey to discover where she came from and the circumstances of her birth.

I am Not a Number

The true story of Irene Couchie, an Anishinaabe woman who, as a child, was sent away to a residential school. She was determined not to forget who she was or where she came from. Co-written with Jenny Kay Dupuis, Irene's granddaughter.

To Look a Nazi in the Eye: A teen's account of a war criminal trial

A nineteen-year-old girl travels to Germany to observe the trial of one of the last Nazi war criminals. A true story.

Broken Strings (co-authored with Eric Walters)

Shirli is about to star in a new play at her school. She finds an old violin in her grandfather's attic that leads her to discover the painful truth of her grandfather's survival during the Holocaust. And she learns the true power of music, both terrible and wonderful.

The Brushmaker's Daughter

It is 1939 in Berlin, and twelve-year-old Lillian and her Papa are on the run from Nazi soldiers. Lillian's father is blind, and it seems no one is willing to help them - until they meet Otto Weidt. Mr. Weidt runs a factory that makes brushes for the Nazi army, and his secret is that he employs blind Jewish workers, including Lillian's father. Inspired by a true story.

The Brave Princess and Me

With the arrival of the Nazis in Greece, all Jews are in danger including young Tilde Cohen and her mother. When they arrive on the doorstep of Princess Alice of Greece and beg her to hide them, the princess's kindness is put to the test. Will she risk her own life to save theirs? Based on a true story.

Under the Iron Bridge

It's 1938 in Dusseldorf, Germany, and fifteen-year-old Paul Ritter is feeling pressured to join the Hitler Youth. The last thing he wants to do is march around with a bunch of bullies, supporting the Gestapo and abusing the city's Jews. Just when he's starting to despair, Paul meets the Edelweiss Pirates, a group of teenage boys and girls who are working to undermine the growing power of the Nazis.

Hidden on the High Wire

Based on the true story of Irene Danner, a Jewish high-wire performer. When her family circus is forced to shut down, Irene and her mother must go into hiding with another circus. Every day is a frightening new kind of balancing act, caught between the desire to perform and the need to hide - even in plain sight.

Two Pieces of Chocolate

Francine has been sent to a concentration camp. Her mother sneaks into the camp two pieces of chocolate that she will save for a day when Francine really needs it. Francine meets another prisoner and decides to make a generous offer to her to help save her.

The Heroes Quartet - series of four books, each based on a real figure who saved Jews

1. The Sound of Freedom

Anna begs her father to leave Poland in 1936, but there is no way out for her family until a well-known violinist saves them. Based on real events.

2. Masters of Silence

Helen and Henry have been left in a convent in France. Visits by a man they call "the Clown" are the only event that lifts their spirits. He turns out to be the famous mime artist, Marcel Marceau and he will arrive one night to take them away to freedom.

3. Louder Than Words

Twelve-year-old Dina and her two younger sisters have a hard life in Ukraine. But it's the arrival of Nina, a housekeeper charged with taking care of the children, that changes the course of all of their lives. Based on the true story.

4. Call Across the Sea

Henny has grown up on her father's boat, the Gerda III. She loves sailing between Denmark and Sweden. But when Hitler orders the round up all Jewish citizens, Henny realizes that the Gerda III isn't just a boat—it's a means of escape for her Jewish neighbours.