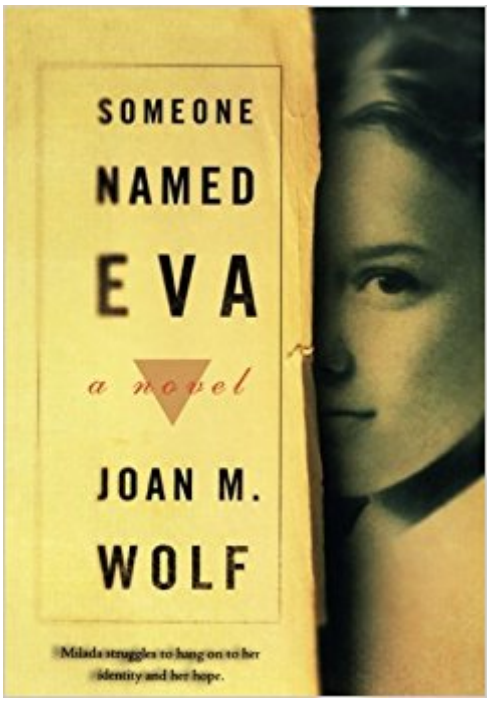
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Synopsis

A gripping tale of one girlÃ¢â ¬â„¢s struggle against the Nazis.Ã¢â ¬Å“Remember who you are, Milada.Ã¢â ¬Â• MiladaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s grandmother says these words on the night the Nazi soldiers come to their home in Czechoslovakia. But what do they mean? She is Milada, who lives with her mama and papa, her brother and sister, and her beloved Babichka. Milada with the sun-kissed hair, eleven years old, fastest runner in her school. How could she ever forget?Then the Nazis send Milada to a Lebensborn center in Poland, and Milada quickly discovers that holding on to her true identity will be the greatest struggle of her young life.

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Starred Review. Grade 5Ã¢â ¬â œ8Ã¢â ¬â •When resistance fighters assassinated the highest ranking Nazi officer in Czechoslovakia, Hitler sought revenge on the small village of Lidice. All 173 men and teenage boys were executed while the women were sent to the Ravensbruck concentration camp. Ten Lidice children, who exemplified Aryan traits, were selected for "Germanization." They were sent to Lebensborn training centers, forced to speak only German, given new names, and indoctrinated into the Nazi ideology. They were then adopted by German families. The rest of the children of Lidice were gassed. Based on extensive research and interviews with survivors, Wolf tells the heart-wrenching story of the fictional Milada, who is sent to a

Lebensborn center and adopted by the commandant of Ravensbruck. Readers are quickly immersed into her character, gaining a painful understanding of her intense struggle to hold onto her true self and identity. Students who have read stories of Jewish persecution and survival during the Holocaust will be enlightened by this portrait of how Hitler's Final Solution affected these innocent children. This amazing, eye-opening story, masterfully written, is an essential part of World War II literature and belongs on the shelves of every library.Ã¢â ¬â •Rachel Kamin, Temple Israel Libraries & Media Center, West Bloomfield, MI Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"This little-known side of the Nazi era will fascinate young readers.... An important addition to the Holocaust curriculum.""Not only honest about lost family and culture but also about the heartbreaking parting with an adoptive mother and sister.""This amazing, eye-opening story, masterfully written, is an essential part of World War II literature."An informative author's note provides additional information about the Lebensborn program.

Just when I thought I knew everything about the Holocaust I come upon Someone Named Eva. I had no idea that Hitler was interested in collecting pure white children, brainwash them and turn them into Nazis.Although the story of Eva is fictional, it is based on real facts. In 1942, children were taken by Nazis from Lidice, Czechoslovakia to a center in Poland to be trained indoctrinated into being proud German citizens. Once their training was over, they were giving over German families who adopted them.This is the story of eleven-year-old Milada who after her "training" becomes Eva.The story is a breeze to read: quick a lovely. It reminds me of Number the Stars in that they are both fiction works based on real events.At the end of the book Wolf writes a little about the real events surrounding her story which makes it all more real and powerful.

Intriguing Holocaust story about a village in Poland and its experience under Hitler's Nazi regime. Told as historical fiction, the reality was one I had never before now read or knew about. For one who appreciates stories of the Holocaust, this is an excellent choice, well researched and written.

Although this book is a children's book it's still a very good book. It's easy to read for 8 and up, but it should be read by parents or another adult first so the story can be exclaimed. The diary of Anne Frank could follow. Please read this thoughts provoking story somewhat based on truth of what

occurred during WW 2 and Hitler.

This is an interesting book from a very different perspective than most holocaust literature. It tells the story of a Catholic girl from Czechoslovakia who is separated from her family when the Nazis occupy her town. Due to her blonde hair, blue eyes, and other "Aryan" features, she is taken to a German training center where she is reconditioned (brainwashed) to become part of the "New Germany." She is given a new name, and is adopted by a high ranking Nazi family, with whom she lives until the end of the war. Although the specific characters are fictitious, this is based on true events. This would be a good choice for Middle School students.

I found myself talking to my grandchildren about that tragic period in history. One only 11 years old, about the same age as the girl in this book. As I'm now 75 years I was profoundly sad explaining to them the facts of WW2. They picked right up on my feelings as they were most interested in the facts.I loved this story! I couldn't help but be touched by the characters. It's an eye opener and would recommend this book to all!

Life in the tiny Czech village of Lidice was not easy in the year 1942, but Milada was happy, surrounded by a caring family and her best friend Terezie. Then her life was irrevocably changed on the night of her twelfth birthday - the Nazis came to her village and rounded up her father and brother and all the other men in the village and took them to an unknown destination. Milada, her beloved grandmother, mother, and baby sister, together with all the other village women and children were taken away to a nearby town where they were kept for a couple of days, presumably to be interrogated. Milada and a few other girls who all appear to share similar features such as blonde hair and blue eyes, are examined by Nazi doctors and before she knows it, Milada and a few other girls are taken away from their families.Milada finds herself in a strange camp where she and the other girls are forced to abandon their native Czech language and are taught German, and the process of Aryanization is begun. Little does Milada know that she has been selected for the Lebensborn program, where Aryan-looking Czech and Polish children are Germanized and then adopted into German families. Milada is given a new name, Eva, but she strives to keep her real identity as well as her memories intact, in fulfillment of her grandmother's wish, and hangs on to the only object that reminds her of home, her grandmother's jeweled pin.Milada's experiences are truly harrowing to read - she is forced to completely abandon thoughts of her former life and accept her given identity; she is compelled to embrace the German language and Hitler's policies without

question; and before long, Milada finds the brainwashing and indoctrination have begun to take a strong hold over her. She is adopted by a high-ranking Nazi officer and his wife, and moves into a beautiful new home near a camp which emits a foul smell. Despite her experiences, Milada struggles valiantly to hold on to her true identity and hopes that she will be reunited with her real family someday.Though this is a piece of historical fiction, the events described are based on actual historical events, and the author also portrays Milada as a credible character, a young girl struggling to hold on to her past, whilst finding herself irresistibly drawn to the comforts of her present life. Due to some disturbing themes - separation from family, some allusions to what goes on in the camp, etc., I think this novel is best suited for readers in Grades 6 and above. It is a compelling historical novel and deals with a little known event in history - that of the lost children who were taken away from their biological families and placed in the Lebensborn program. It reminds us that it was not only the Jews that suffered terribly during WW II (in what became known as the Holocaust), but non-Jews, and especially children suffered greatly as well. Recommended!

A look into a part of WW II German history that is often overlooked

Short and simply written true story about a young girl kidnapped and taken away from her family and forced to be part of the Lebensborn program begun by Hitler to breed and fill the world with blond blue-eyed Europeans. I've not seen the Lebensborn program (begun in 1935 Germany) so well described in any other book that I've read on this subject to date. Very, very informative.

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