

**WHAT IS  
DONE  
CANNOT BE  
UNDONE,  
BUT ONE CAN  
PREVENT IT  
HAPPENING  
AGAIN.**

**ANNE FRANK**

**CONTACT**



503-656-7853



1595 Burns Street  
West Linn, OR 97068



Amy Newman  
Young Teen Librarian  
[anewman@westlinnoregon.gov](mailto:anewman@westlinnoregon.gov)



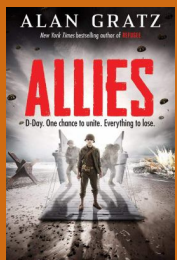
[westlinnlibrary.org](http://westlinnlibrary.org)

 **West Linn Public Library**

**YOUNG TEENS**

**WORLD  
WAR II &  
HOLOCAUST**





## Allies

*Alan Gratz (YT GRATZ)*

It is June 6, 1944, D-Day, and Dee Carpenter (true name Dietrich Zimmermann), an underage private in the US Army, is headed for Omaha Beach, seeking revenge for his uncle, who was arrested by Nazis when Dee was a little boy; meanwhile, Samira Zidano, an

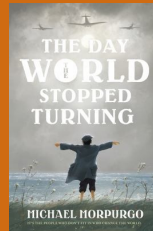
11-year old French-Algerian girl, is looking for the French resistance, desperate to deliver the message that the invasion is about to begin, and get their help in freeing her mother—this is the most important day of the twentieth century, and both children want to fight, and survive.

## The Day the World Stopped Turning

*Michael Morpurgo (YT MORPURGO)*

In Camargue, France, Lorenzo lives among the salt flats and the flamingos. There are lots of things he doesn't understand—but he does know how to heal animals. He loves routine and music, and every week he goes to market with his mother.

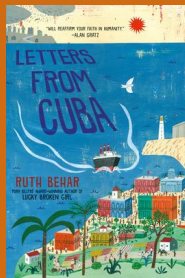
It's there he meets Kezia, a Roma girl, who helps her parents run their carousel—and who shows him how to ride the wooden horse as the music plays. But then the German soldiers come, with their guns. Everything is threatened, everything is falling apart. Yet there are kind people even among soldiers, and there is always hope...



## Enemies in the Orchard

*Dana Vanderlugt (YT VANDERLUGT, D)*

This powerful novel in verse, set against the backdrop of WWII, follows Midwestern girl Claire as she longs to become a nurse and befriends a German POW working on her family's farm, together finding hope and healing in the darkest of times.



## Letters From Cuba

*Ruth Behar (YT BEHAR)*

When Esther's dad, a Jewish Polish refugee working in Cuba to send money back home, asks one of his sons to join him, she—not quite 12—goes instead. Esther's poignant letters to her sister reveal the heartbreaking stories of the people—the displaced, the downtrodden, the dreamers—she meets along her journey, even as she exposes injustices among class and religion and within ethnic groups, all in parallel to her family's experience in 1938 Poland.



## My Nest of Silence

*Matt Faulkner (YT FAULKNER, M)*

To prove that Japanese Americans are American enough, Mari's brother Mak heads off to fight in WWII, where he encounters danger and racism at every turn, while Mari, refusing to talk until he comes home safely, expresses herself through drawings.

## The Night War

*Kimberley Brubaker Bradley (YT BRADLEY, K)*

During World War II, twelve-year old Miriam secretly spirits other Jewish people out of Nazi-occupied France after being separated from her family and forced into hiding.

## Nothing Else But Miracles

*Kate Albus (YT ALBUS, K)*

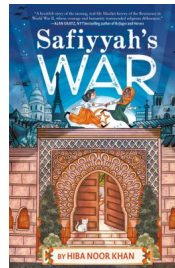
During WWII, 12-year-old Dory Byrne and her brothers are forced to hide out in an abandoned hotel when their new landlord turns them in for being on their own and discover that when things get tough, the neighborhood really will give you what you need—even a miracle or two.



## Refugee

*Alan Gratz (YT GRATZ)*

Separated by decades, Josef, a Jew living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a girl trying to escape unrest in 1994 Cuba; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence, embark on journeys in search of refuge.



## Safiyyah's War

*Hiba Noor Khan (YT KHAN, H)*

During the brutal Nazi occupation of Paris, Safiyyah feels powerless to help her Jewish friends and is drawn deep into the heart of a dangerous underground resistance with her father, where her bravery is put to the ultimate test.

## Soul Lanterns

*Shaw Kuzki (YT KUZKI, S)*

Joining her family every year at Hiroshima's lantern-floating ceremony in honor of those lost in the nuclear bombings of World War II, 12-year-old Nozomi asks about her mother's unnamed lantern and how it reflects an urgent need for world peace.



## Under the Broken Sky

*Mariko Nagai (YT NAGAI, M)*

When Soviet troops invade Japanese-occupied Manchuria during the last days of World War II, twelve-year-old Natsu Kimura must care for her younger sister as they struggle to survive and return to Japan.

## Uprising

*Jennifer A. Nielsen (YT NIELSEN, J)*

Drawing on an extraordinary true story, this thriller follows 12-year-old Lidia as she secretly helps the Jewish people held captive in the Warsaw Ghetto and after the uprising, joins the Resistance, fighting to defeat the German soldiers and defend their freedom.

## The War That Saved My Life

*Kimberley Brubaker Bradley (YT BRADLEY)*

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

## We Are Wolves

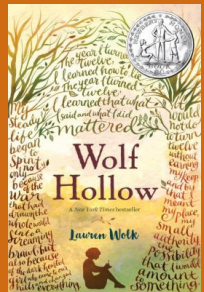
*Katrina Nannestad (YT NANNESTAD, K)*

When the Russian Army marches into East Prussia at the end of World War II, the Wolf family flees, but Liesl, Otto, and their baby sister Mia are separated from their mother and are forced to do dangerous things to survive.

## Wolf Hollow

*Lauren Wolk (YT WOLK)*

Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what is right in the face of a manipulative and violent new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran.



## Yonder

*Ali Standish (YT STANDISH, A)*

When his friend Jack disappears, Danny fears the worst. Though Jack is considered a hero in the town of Foggy Gap for rescuing two kids from drowning in the Great Flood of 1940, he was regularly beaten and neglected by his father. After Danny's concerns are dismissed by adults, he takes it upon himself to find out what happened to Jack. Could he have been killed, enlisted in the war, or did he run away to Yonder, a magical place with no war that Jack once mentioned to Danny?