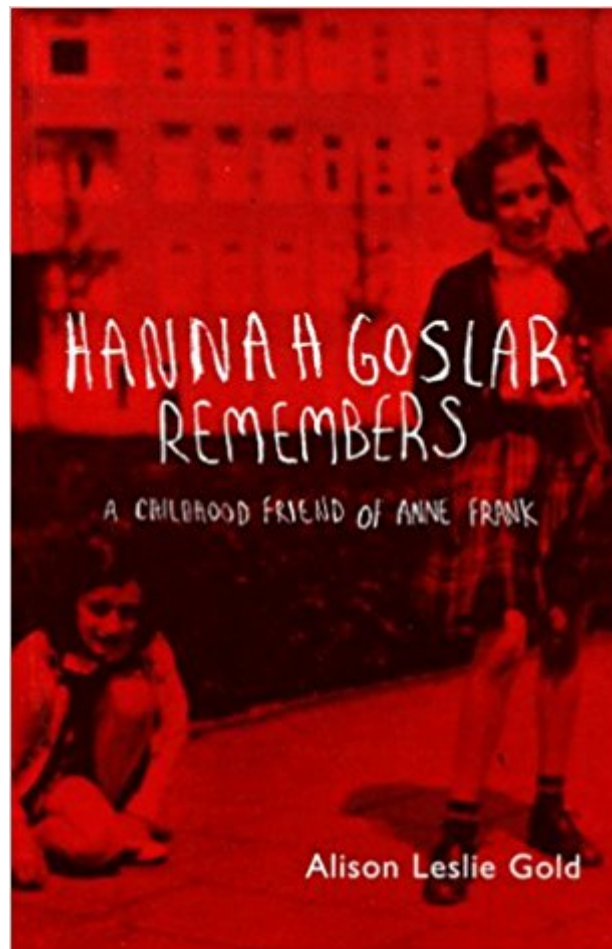




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Hannah Goslar Remembers: A Childhood Friend Of Anne Frank



Synopsis

Hannah tells her story in a simple yet unnervingly moving voice. The poignancy of this book is in the sensitive and thoughtful voice of Hannah Goslar as she faces each challenge with a remarkable degree of bravery. Important and shattering occurrences are relayed in a calm and reasonable way, which only adds resonance to the power of the events. When Hannah and her family are arrested and transported to Bergen Belsen (where she has one final and emotional reunion with Anne Frank), it is Hannah's courage that saves the lives of herself and her younger sister. This is a truly remarkable book that tells us more about the lives of ordinary people during World War Two than any history book can. This is Hannah's Story told in her own words to Alison Leslie Gold.

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Customer Reviews

This is Hannah Goslar's story, as told to Alison Leslie Gold. Alison Leslie Gold is also the author of *A Special Fate*, the story of Chiune Sugihara, a "Japanese Schindler." Chiune was a Japanese diplomat who lived in Lithuania and who saved the lives of thousands of Jews during WWII (Scholastic, USA). Gold lives in the USA.

Excellent and very enjoyable

This book tells the story of Hannah Goslar and her own memories of her childhood friendship with Anne Frank. The book tells of Hannah and Anne's circle of friends, and her own family. Both girls met when they were four, and both were from families that fled from Nazi Germany to the Netherlands. Their carefree girlhood, swimming, playing ping pong, having sleepovers, gossiping

about boys and giggling in class, was brought to an end by the Nazis who had occupied Netherlands in 1940 and began their persecution of the Jews, sweeping them into poverty and humiliation. Hannah Goslar had thought that Anne and her family had escaped to safety in Switzerland and knew nothing of their hiding in the Secret Annexe. Later Hannah and her family were swept by the Nazis together with thousands of other Jews into a deportation center in the Netherlands. The fact that the Goslar family were on the list of those who were to be allowed to immigrate to Israel, these lists were cancelled due to an agreement between the Nazis and the Palestinian leader Arab Mufti Haj Amin Al Hussein that no Jews were to go to Israel. At the various concentration camps and at Belsen, Hannah kept her strength so that she could keep her baby sister Gabi alive (Gabi was only three when the family was forced into a deportation camp and four when they were deported to Belsen). Hannah actually met her friend Anne through the fence at Belsen, a few months before Anne's death. This book, for young readers aged about ten and up, is a wonderful educational guide to the horrors of the holocaust and those who survived. A heartrending passage in the book describes how "Gabi and other small children didn't know what cookies and holiday cakes were, nor did they know what chicken was anymore. When someone tried to explain to the children what sugar tasted like it was hopeless because no one could find accurate enough words to describe to describe the glorious taste of sugar or cookies or cakes". Hannah Goslar, as Hannah now lives in Israel, is a nurse, and had ten grandchildren as of the mid-1990s. Most holocaust survivors live in Israel today as do hundreds of thousands of their descendants

This is an interesting book. The author described life in the camps quite well. However it is not one of the best holocaust book I have read. The grammar was not always perfect. This could be because the author wanted the book to sound more like Hannah. (She learned her English 50 years ago.)

this was a great book, and it is about Hannah Goslar, a girl living in Amsterdam during the Nazi occupation. It was very interesting, because later on she meets her old friend Anne Frank in a concentration camp. This book is very sad, so beware.

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