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THE CAT WITH THE YELLOW STAR
COMING OF AGE IN TEREZIN
BY SUSAN GOLDMAN RUBIN WITH ELA WEISSBERGER
Ela Stein was eleven years old in February of 1942 when she was sent to the Terezin concentration camp with other Czech Jews. By the time she was liberated in 1945, she was fifteen. Somehow during those horrendous three-and-a-half years of sickness, terror, separation from loved ones, and loss, Ela managed to grow up. Although conditions were wretched, Ela forged lifelong friendships with other girls from Room 28 of her barracks. Adults working with the children tried their best to keep up the youngest prisoners' spirits. A children's opera called Brundibar was even performed, and Ela was chosen to play the pivotal role of the cat. Yet amidst all of this, the feared transports to death camps and death itself were a part of daily life. Full of sorrow, yet persistent in its belief that humans can triumph over evil; this unusual memoir tells the story of an unimaginable coming of age.

REMEMBER WORLD WAR II:
KIDS WHO SURVIVED TO TELL THEIR STORIES
BY DORINDA MAKANAONALANI NICHOLSON
The foreword is written by former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and is a fine introduction to this title. The three chapters discuss the war in Europe and in the Pacific, and on the U.S. home front. The text is liberally illustrated with half- to full-page vintage photos with captions that supply additional information. Small pictures of the featured children appear with their stories. The text concludes with an epilogue, an excellent time line, and postscripts about the individuals today.

YANKEE DOODLE GALS
WOMEN PILOTS OF WORLD WAR II
BY AMY NATHAN
Here is the fascinating story of the first women to fly U.S. military aircraft—the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) of World War II. Although these pioneers were never allowed to fly in combat, they did fly in many essential wartime missions—some that the men didn’t even want to take on. Through firsthand accounts, these women share their experiences as they test-fly newly repaired aircraft, drag banners behind their planes so male trainees can practice shooting moving targets (!), and ferry all kinds of aircraft from factories to military bases. Their courage, determination, and lively camaraderie make every page inspiring and surprising. Yankee Doodle Gals will give today’s young people a new look at World War II and show them just how dramatically society has changed since then.

ELSIE’S WAR
A STORY OF COURAGE IN NAZI GERMANY
BY FRANK DABBA SMITH
The daughter of a famous industrialist in Germany, Elsie risked everything to save the lives of those persecuted by the Nazi regime. Through Elsie we see how one person's actions can improve the lives of many.