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Bright Wings: Children's Books to Make the Heart Soar

WWII Fiction: Best Picture Books and Novels

Picture Books:

Stone Angel by Jane Yolen (France)

Rose Blanche by Christophe Gallaz (wordless)

Ruby in the Ruins by Shirley Hughes

The Bracelet by Yoshiko Uchida (Japanese American internment camps)

Baseball Saved Us by Ken Mochizu (Japanese American internment camps)

Cats of Krasinki Square by by Karen Hesse

A New Coat For Anna by Harriet Ziefert

The Lion and the Unicorn by Shirley Hughes

The Lily Cupboard by Shulamith Levey Oppenheim

The Butterfly by Patricia Polacco

Oskar and the Eight Blessings by Richard and Tonya Simon

The Harmonica by Tony Johnston

Mister Doctor: Janusz Korczak and the Orphans of the Warsaw Ghetto by Irene Cohen-Janca

Middle Grade Novels:

Snow Treasure by Marie McSwigan (Norway)

The Winged Watchman by Hilda Van Stockum (Holland)

Twenty and Ten by Claire Huchet Bishop (France)

Brave Like My Brother by Marc Tyler Nobleman (American/Europe)

The Bicycle Spy by Yona Zeldis McDonough (France)

The Endless Steppe: Growing Up in Siberia by Esther Hautzig (Poland/Siberia)

A Place to Hang the Moon by Kate Albus (England)

Back Home by Michelle Magorian (England)

My Secret War Diary By Flossie Albright by Marcia Williams

The Ark by Margot Benary-Isabert (Germany)

Young Adult:

A Hero on a Bicycle by Shirley Hughes (Italy)

Whistling in the Dark by Shirley Hughes (England)

The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom (Holland)

Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian (England)

The Borrowed House by Hilda Van Stockum (Netherlands)

Enemy Brothers by Constance Savery

Dawn of Fear by Susan Cooper

The War That Saved My Life by Emily Brubaker-Bradley