The Diary of Anne Frank

Anne Frank was a young Jewish girl who died at fifteen in a Nazi concentration camp. Her diary has become one of the world's most widely read books.

In 1933, Adolf Hitler comes to power in Germany. He and his Nazi party begin to persecute the Jews. The Frank family have to move from Germany to Amsterdam.

In 1940, the German army invades Holland. Thousands of Jews are sent to die in the gas chambers of the Nazi extermination camps. The Franks hide in a concealed room of an office building. Anne is thirteen years old. She begins her diary. She writes in Dutch.



Two years later, on 4th August 1944 the family is discovered. The Nazis transport them to the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. Anne dies there in March 1945, just before the end of the war.

Anne's father is the only survivor of the Frank family. He returns to Amsterdam after the war and finds the diary of his daughter. The text is translated into English. The book comes out in 1947. The title is: "The Diary of a Young Girl".

In 1999, the American Magazine "Time" puts Anne Frank on their list "The Most Important People of the Century".

diary: journal, memoir
power: influence

party: interest group
persecute: hunt, discriminate
Jews: Israelites, Hebrews

move: change, travel

invade: march into
extermination: killing

hide: conceal, put out of sight
concealed: hide

discover: find out

Dutch: from the Netherlands

survivor: who stays alive

list: register

important: main, chief **century**: period of 100 years

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The painting career / diary of Anne Frank begins / ends when she is 13 years of age and the Jews must wear red socks / yellow stars in Amsterdam. Anne is an intelligent / a dull girl, hating / flirting with boys and sometimes being brutal to her pets / cheeky to adults. The time comes for the Franks to go for a holiday / hide. They do so with another family, the Van Daans, in a basement under / small floor above Otto Frank's old workplace. The two Jew families are helped by Dutch authorities / faithful friends. Over the course of the diary we watch and listen through Anne's parents / Anne's eyes the life of the people in the attic. There are good jokes / times and bad. Anne is a good observer / girl and an awful / excellent narrator. After two years, the group is cheered / betrayed and transported to concentration camps. Anne Frank and her sister, Margot, both survive World War II. / die in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in March 1945.