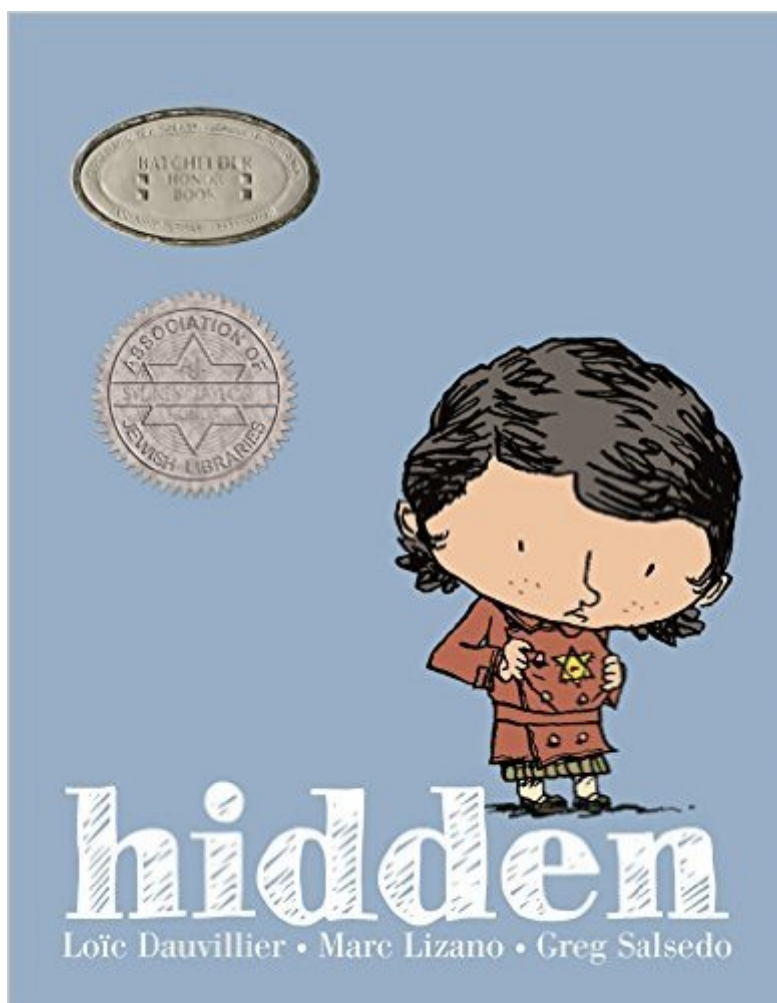


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# Hidden: A Child's Story Of The Holocaust



## Synopsis

In this gentle, poetic young graphic novel, Dounia, a grandmother, tells her granddaughter the story even her son has never heard: how, as a young Jewish girl in Paris, she was hidden away from the Nazis by a series of neighbors and friends who risked their lives to keep her alive when her parents had been taken to concentration camps. Hidden ends on a tender note, with Dounia and her mother rediscovering each other as World War II ends . . . and a young girl in present-day France becoming closer to her grandmother, who can finally, after all those years, tell her story. With words by Loïc Dauvillier and art by Marc Lizano and Greg Salsedo, this picture book-style comic for young readers is a touching read.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

One dark night young Elsa wakes and wanders down the hallway to find her grandmother, Dounia, awake and crying. Dounia begins to tell Elsa the story of why she is crying, a story that she has not shared with anyone else in a very long time. It is 1942 and Elsa is a young Jewish girl in Paris, enjoying life and friends and being with her family. When everything changes. She has to wear a star on all of her clothes and she and her family are constantly afraid of the German soldiers in town. The Nazis have come. And one dark night Dounia's parents hide her as the soldiers have

come for her and her parents are taken to the camps. It is the night that Douina learns of a powerful hatred that exists and of the hope and compassion of strangers to help fight it off. It is the night that Douina's life changes for ever. This story is unlike anything else that you've ever read before. And I know many people are going, "But we've read so many survival stories. And yes they're moving but another one?" And to that I say, this one is different. This one is told from a child's perspective. Not only that it's told from the perspective of a child that was able to be hidden away from the concentration camps, but still suffered from so much of the hate that is in our world. But touched by hope and compassion of strangers as well. This is one of those stories that is appropriate for all ages, as a way to help explain hatred that still persists today, so that we may learn one day how to overcome it. It is a story that will help explain why parts of a family suddenly vanished forever and why many made moves to new countries. It is a story that has the ability to change lives.

"Hidden" is a very unique, artistic tale about the Holocaust. It is a graphic novel. A grandmother is telling her granddaughter about her past as a French Jewish girl during the Holocaust. Her parents try to protect her from the hurt that comes along with being Jewish as that time. When people come to take them away, her parents manage to save her. Thankfully there are enough kind people around to get her through the rest of the war and help her wait to find her parents. This is an honestly realistic story. The end of the book has a page that tells about how French Jewish people were affected by the Holocaust and about how the Resistance was able to save so many children. The story itself shows how people were hidden, how they helped save the children, and how some people did not survive. It also briefly touches on the reality of life after the Holocaust, how some people came back and some didn't, and how the ones that came back didn't come back whole. The added perspective of the elderly grandmother telling her granddaughter the story makes this even more personal, and it adds a new lesson for the readers. Dounia (the main character, the little girl that was helped, turned into the grandmother telling the story) teaches her granddaughter to cherish the time with her family. Unfortunately, you never know when you will be separated, either for a short time, or for forever. Also, Dounia was never able to share this story with her own son, so he has to think about it to understand why she is now able to share it with her granddaughter. This is a powerful story packed into a quick little book. I don't read a lot of graphic novels, but this one was great. It is a good introduction to the Holocaust to children.

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