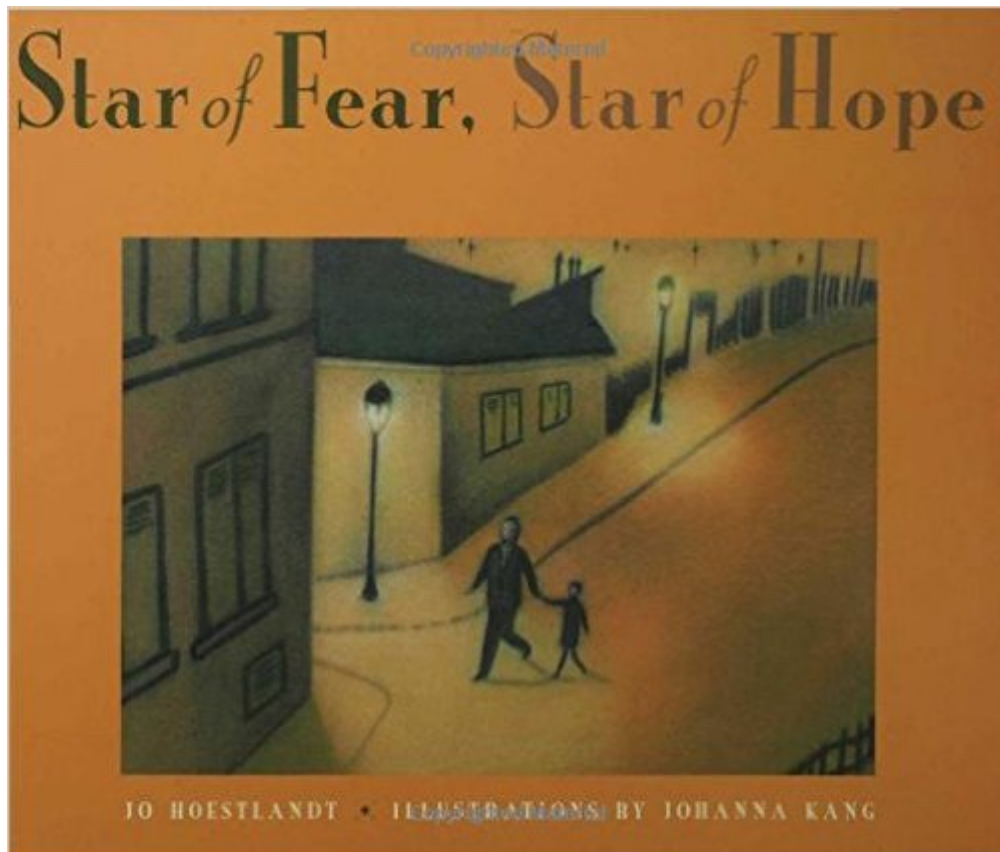


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# Star Of Fear, Star Of Hope



## Synopsis

Set in France, during the Nazi occupation of World War II, a gentile child named Helen recalls the mounting persecution of her Jewish friend. She wonders why does her best friend, Lydia, have to wear a yellow star? Why are people in hiding and using strange names? What is Lydia afraid of? Touching upon the Holocaust with sensitivity and poignancy, *Star of Fear, Star of Hope* will help readers understand this difficult event in history.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

Each year I do a thematic unit on the Holocaust and this is one of the picture books that I use with my sixth grade students. They enjoy the story and the pictures portray the writer's feelings were very.

An elderly lady retells events from her childhood. She describes her confusion and fear when her best friend has to wear a yellow star, her sadness when her friend mysteriously disappears one night and her enduring hope of finding her again. Great introduction for learning about the Jews under Nazi Germany. Reading level is third grade but good as a read aloud to younger children. Very moving.

I can't think of a time in my life when I \*didn't\* know about the Holocaust. There must have been such a time, nobody takes their three year old kid and one day decides to tell them of horrific things, but I can't recall it. My nieces are 5 and 2.5, and the older one is right about the time when she should be learning about serious subjects. This is, I think, a good introduction to what is a very serious subject indeed. The reality of the Holocaust isn't diluted, but it's told at a level that's appropriate for small children - losing a friend and lifelong regret, and you know she didn't survive, but that's not spelled out. Whenever you decide it's appropriate to start talking to your kids about this sort of subject, consider this book.

I teach an extensive lesson on kindness and respectfulness of others regardless of culture, race, etc. This is one of the books I use when I teach about the Holocaust. It tells a moving story that my students enjoyed.

This book tells the story about a woman who regrets her last interaction with her best friend. She is mad that her friend wants to leave her on her birthday, but she ends up never seeing her friend again. Her friend was taken along with her family during a Nazi raid. I used this story as an accompaniment for a lesson in my classroom to teach students about struggle and the holocaust and it was an excellent tool.

This picture book provides an opening into a discussion of the holocaust for middle readers. I read it a second time before I understood it well. I think younger children won't appreciate the fact that the narrator is an old French woman with regrets who is telling a true story of a broken friendship in her life in 1942 when Germany invaded France. The text is sparse with some long sentences. The illustrations with lots of empty space around the characters add a subtle tension. I suggest the book would be most effective when read by parent and child, one old enough not to be upset by strange footsteps when children are left alone at night. -Hope Irvin Marston, author of EYE ON THE IDITAROD: AISLING'S QUEST.

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