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The Journey Back: Sequel To The Newbery Honor Book The Upstairs Room



Synopsis

In this sequel to the beloved Newbery Honor-winning book *The Upstairs Room*, Annie, a young Jewish girl, continues her dangerous journey in the aftermath of war. A true story. Holland, 1945. World War II has finally ended. After almost three years of hiding from the Nazis, thirteen-year-old Annie has survived the war against all odds. But can she save her family from being torn apart when she returns to her war-ravaged town? In this fascinating autobiographical account, Johanna Reiss shows us that courage isn't reserved just for the battlefield. Her story demonstrates the power of hope and the human spirit to survive despite the chaos, tragedy, and horror of war. Now includes photos and an interview with the author.

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Customer Reviews

Title of the book: *The Journey Back* By: Johanna Reiss Reviewed by: M. Poppins Period: 5 Hitler hated Jews. He started World War II. Every time he came across a Jew, he would kill them. Annie de Leeuw and her family were Jews. Her whole family had to go hiding. Annie and her sister Sini hid in the Oosterveld's house. The Oostervelds lived in Usselo, a very small town in Holland. Annie and Sini grew very close with Johan, Dientje, and Opoe (the Oostervelds). After the war ended, Annie and Sini had to go back to their real home. Their mother was dead. Their oldest sister, Rachel, was back too. She lived with another family during the war. When everyone was home, including the girls' father, nothing was back to normal. Every night, Sini went out and danced with the soldiers.

Rachel became a Christian, and she spent most of her time reading the Bible. Annie's father was always distracted. He sold cows. Sini left to be a nurse in a different town. Then, les (Annie's father) decided that Annie needed a mother, not just her sisters. He decided to marry a woman that had lost her husband in the war. She even had a daughter. les told Rachel to go to a different town, because she and his wife-to-be were just a couple of years apart, and he said that it would never work. After les and Magda (his new wife) got married, Nel (Magda's daughter) went to finishing school. Annie was always home with Magda, which she now called Mother. Annie could never seem to please her. Annie always visited Johan, Dientje, and Opoe too. They treated her like their own family. Magda would not let her visit for a long time, though. One day, she would probably be with them again, and it would be for the rest of her life. I thought that this book was very good. "German soldiers.

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