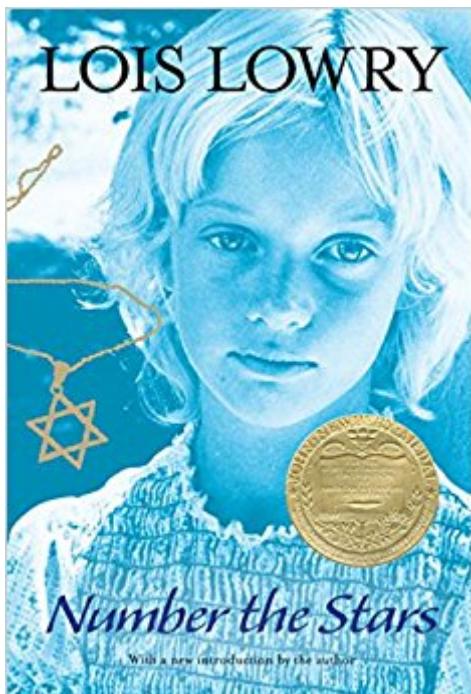


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# Number The Stars



## Synopsis

As the German troops begin their campaign to "relocate" all the Jews of Denmark, Annemarie Johansen's family takes in Annemarie's best friend, Ellen Rosen, and conceals her as part of the family. Through the eyes of ten-year-old Annemarie, we watch as the Danish Resistance smuggles almost the entire Jewish population of Denmark, nearly seven thousand people, across the sea to Sweden. The heroism of an entire nation reminds us that there was pride and human decency in the world even during a time of terror and war. With a new introduction by the author.

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## Customer Reviews

The evacuation of Jews from Nazi-held Denmark is one of the great untold stories of World War II. On September 29, 1943, word got out in Denmark that Jews were to be detained and then sent to the death camps. Within hours the Danish resistance, population and police arranged a small flotilla to herd 7,000 Jews to Sweden. Lois Lowry fictionalizes a true-story account to bring this courageous tale to life. She brings the experience to life through the eyes of 10-year-old Annemarie Johansen, whose family harbors her best friend, Ellen Rosen, on the eve of the round-up and helps smuggles Ellen's family out of the country. Number the Stars won the 1990 Newbery Medal.

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Set in Nazi-occupied Denmark in 1943, this 1990 Newbery winner tells of a 10-year-old girl who undertakes a dangerous mission to save her best friend. Ages 10-14. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

This book had been on my "to read" list for a long time. I never had the chance to sit down and enjoy it. I can only say that it was worth the wait. Lois Lowry has a way a blending her characters and stories together that helps the reader fill in and be the silent person in the book. Fretting, mourning and filled with joy at times. I loved little AnnMarie and Kirsti. Just like the children of the 60's they plaid a part in history. Seeing the evil through the eyes of a child. What a great story to illustrate a time when decency and kindness were not in short supply everywhere. Too much of that is missing today! We are apt to look the other way- lets be like the Danes!

Great children's story about the German occupation during early World War II and their dealings with the Jewish people. My wife was a fourth grade teacher who read this book to her class. They were fascinated by the story and probably learned a lot about people and prejudice.

My son and I both read this book this year and loved it! It is very well written, easy to read and hard to put down! I highly recommend this. It is a fictional historical book about a girl and her experience during the German take over of Denmark. She is friends and neighbors with a girl who is Jewish and the story proceeds to talk about her family's part in helping the Jewish friends and neighbors. I highly recommend this book!

I bought this to read with my 7 & 9 year olds. I read this when I was in school and remember it quite well- it was that memorable so many years later. Unfortunately, as I was reading it I realized it was perhaps just a little too old for their age ranges. So away it goes for now. But it is hard cover and has a dust jacket so I'll be able to keep it in good condition until they're a little older.

This book is excellent for a number of different reasons. While it is partly fiction, there are significant historical facts regarding WW II and Jewish History. It contains valuable lessons in lying, need to know, and the reality of war. It is vaguely like the Story of Anne Frank but set in Denmark instead of Germany, thus reminding us that Holocaust was not only German history. While there is a decidedly

feminine attraction in the actual reading of the novel, group discussion of the plot will interest boys as well as it deals with war issues and underground espionage, The author had a whole chapter dedicated to explaining the facts and the embellishments in her book. I used it for class instruction.

Lois Lowery does a superb job of portraying the many ways human families helped one another during the Nazi occupation of Denmark. The bravery of a 10 year old fourth grader who befriends her Jewish girlfriend during harsh times while facing her own survival is indeed a remarkable story. The compassion and bravery of characters depicted in Numbering the Stars will give the reader a truly vivid and enriching experience of a tragic time in human history. This story would be of interest to not only 10 year olds but adults as well.

I remember the first time I'd read this book was 5 years ago and cried like a babe. This book is beautiful in every inch. The context is dark and hurtful, but the two girls live it off positively. Their strategies occurred all in a sudden and changed the two lives forever. The ending touched me so much with an empty, clean but full of hope. I highly recommend this book to all ages.

The story of life in Denmark during the Second World War through the eyes of ten year old Annmarie is a well researched and riveting tale. A compelling read from page one, with many noteworthy quotes. The fact that the author spoke to the reader at the end, explaining the true courage of the Danish population, and her reasons for writing this, was a definite plus. Highly recommended for teachers to read to a class, parents to read to a child, children at the end of primary schooling, and those like me... Interested adult readers.

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