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Run, Boy, Run



Synopsis

"'Srulik, there's no time. I want you to remember what I'm going to tell you. You have to stay alive. You have to! Get someone to teach you how to act like a Christian, how to cross yourself and pray. . . . The most important thing, Srulik,' he said, talking fast, 'is to forget your name. Wipe it from your memory. . . . But even if you forget everything;even if you forget me and Mama;never forget that you're a Jew.'"And so, at only eight years old, Srulik Frydman says goodbye to his father for the last time and becomes Jurek Staniak, an orphan on the run in the Polish countryside at the height of the Holocaust. With the danger of capture by German soldiers ever-present, Jurek must fight against starvation, the punishing Polish winters, and widespread anti-Semitism as he desperately searches for refuge. Told with the unflinching honesty and unique perspective of such a young child, Run, Boy, Run is the extraordinary account of one boy's struggle to stay alive in the face of almost insurmountable odds;a story all the more incredible because it is true.

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Customer Reviews

Run, Boy, Run written by Uri Orlev and Hillel Kalcken will have you running to read more. This fantastic book based on a true story that takes place during the Holocaust at the Warsaw ghetto which had been taken over by Nazi soldiers. It is not like any other Holocaust book you have read before because it is told by an 8 year old Jewish boy named Srulik who is very worried about his family since the Nazis are taking Jewish people away. Srulik's nightmare comes true when the Nazis take his mother away. Soon after, he has a brief time with his father before he gets shot. His

father tells him "What ever you do, just don't let anyone know you are Jewish. He follows his advice by changing his identify of being a Jew, changes his name and tells everyone he is not Jewish. Sometimes he would work on farms, or maybe hiding in a forest. Where ever the day would take him to keep him away from Nazi soldiers. As tough as it is, he gets wounded and loses an arm. He must learn to live everyday life with one arm. The book all fits together as one very nicely. In the beginning, it tells you what life was like as a Jew during that time. Then, it tells you about the motor being taken away by the Nazi soldiers and how it affected Srulik's life. After, it explains the encounter with his father and how he said to wipe your mind of being a Jew. Throughout the whole book, it tells you how he lives on his own and in each chapter there is a new form of hiding. At the end it shows how his life is coming back together when the Nazi's stop running their country. I highly recommend this book if you enjoy a great book if you are 10 or older because it is a little violent and intense. At every chapter there is a new adventure about his life of him trying to stay alive.

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