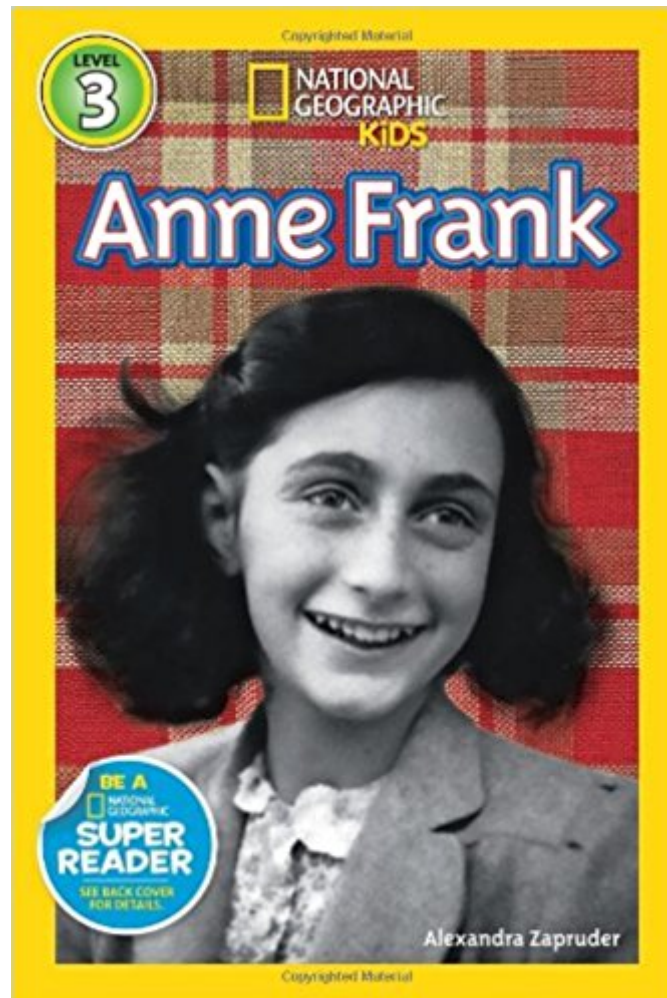




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# National Geographic Readers: Anne Frank (Readers Bios)



## Synopsis

Anne Frank's is one of the first of many National Geographic Readers that highlight important historical figures. This level-3 reader brings an understanding of her historical significance to a whole new audience. Young readers will learn about the brave and tragic life of the young girl whose diary kept while in hiding from Nazis is one of the most important and insightful books of the World War II era. National Geographic Readers: Anne Frank explores not just the diary, but her life and the important role she played in 20th-century history.

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## Customer Reviews

While The Diary of Anne Frank is an important part of any school curriculum, it is a demanding read for many students. For younger readers, this book provides a solid introduction to Anne's life and the forces that slowly constrained and then destroyed it. The emphasis is on Anne as a normal girl who was forced to live an abnormal life in hiding because of Nazi rule. Simple writing with comments directed to the reader and photographs generously interspersed throughout the text hold attention; a pronunciation guide and glossary aid comprehension. Sometimes the history gets a bit lost—students might be left wondering about the identity of the Axis countries, for

instance— but this is a book about the life and times of one special person and the impact of the diary she kept. To further emphasize this point, reference is made to the diaries kept by other young people during the Holocaust, a possible point for further research. Grades 2-4. --Edie Ching

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I got this reader for my eight-year-old daughter to serve as an introduction to Anne Frank before she delves into *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*. After we both read it however, I must say I'm a little underwhelmed. The content itself is OK as it briefly covers the important events in Anne's short life from her early days in Germany, to her family's move to Holland, and later their hiding in the Secret Annexe, their capture by the Nazis, and the aftermath. As an introduction, it was fine, but I found the book wanting in terms of layout. The book reads like a scrapbook and not a very well-organized one at that. Alongside main information, there are smaller bits of info set off to the sides, and this can be very confusing for a young reader who has no knowledge of the historical context. Understandably, a lot of main events and descriptions are glossed over considering the subject matter, but I wish there was more thought put into describing Anne's vivacious personality and her keen perceptions. Also, the pronunciation guide is not altogether accurate - the pronunciation for Nazis is given as (NOT-sees] when it should be [Naht-sees]. The book looks good upon first glance but as a former history teacher, I found the way information was organized in this book to be rather disjointed and confusing, considering its target audience of young readers. My daughter and I enjoyed *A Picture Book of Anne Frank (Picture Book Biography)* much more than this lackluster effort.

A nice introduction to Anne Frank. Great for younger readers or those with reading difficulties. The photos add to the comprehension and are not visually overloading.

I bought this book for my daughter. I read it to make sure it was age appropriate and it was. The

pictures told a true story with out scaring her.

this book is a great overview for younger kiddos with little to no knowledge of Anne Frank. It provides good information without too many spooky details.

Great for our trip to Amsterdam.

my daughter really enjoyed reading this. It was very well put together. Very nice for elementary school-age children.

Read and learn about the history of WWII through the eye of Anne Frank.

Of course this book about Anne Frank is not as good as reading her own diary, it does have lots of information for young readers about Anne, Nazi Germany, the Holocaust, and a little bit of information about technology during that time.

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