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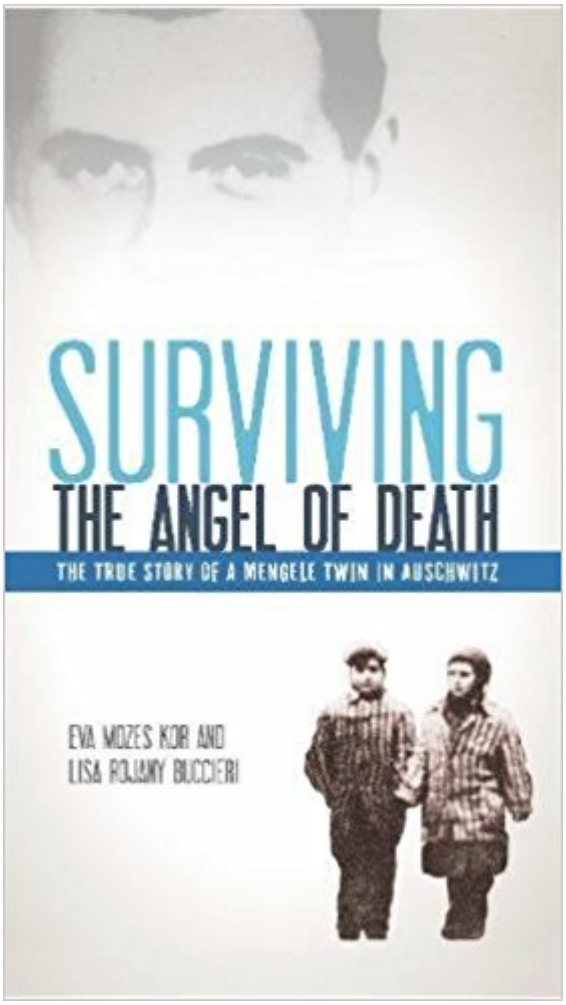

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Synopsis

Eva Mozes Kor was just ten years old when she arrived in Auschwitz. While her parents and two older sisters were taken to the gas chambers, she and her twin, Miriam, were herded into the care of the man known as the Angel of Death, Dr. Josef Mengele. Subjected to sadistic medical experiments, she was forced to fight daily for her and her twin's survival. In this incredible true story written for young adults, readers learn of a child's endurance and survival in the face of truly extraordinary evil.The book also includes an epilogue on Eva's recovery from this experience and her remarkable decision to publicly forgive the Nazis. Through her museum and her lectures, she has dedicated her life to giving testimony on the Holocaust, providing a message of hope for people who have suffered, and working for causes of human rights and peace.

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Grade 6 UpÃ¢â ¬â •Kor relates memories of life in the village of Portz, Transylvania (Romania), where she was raised on a large farm, "never aware of the anti-Semitism [that pervaded the country] until 1940, when the Hungarian army came." Six-year-old Eva and her identical twin, Miriam, the only Jewish children in their small mixed-grade classroom, suddenly found themselves taunted and beaten by once-friendly classmates. At 10 years of age, the twins and their family were forced to live among seven thousand other Jews in a fenced-in field, protected from the elements only by tents made of their own blankets and sheets and by the clothes on their backs. They were

soon taken on a four-day train ride to Auschwitz, standing all the way, with no food or drink. There the sisters were "selected" to be victims of Dr. Josef Mengele's medical "research." Eva's amazing fortitude and her desire to protect her sister helped her to survive a horrible disease brought on by an injection. Both twins endured a terrifying daylong separation during a forced march between camps; the remaining Auschwitz prisoners were liberated by Soviet soldiers, and the girls found a way to go home in search of family survivors. Kor's straightforward first-person narrative is unusual because it details life in the concentration camp through the eyes of a child who lived among children. In an eight-page epilogue, the author talks about her discovery, 50 years after liberation, of the importance of forgiveness ("a seed for peace"), and of what she has done to teach young people the positive lessons of life garnered from her horrific experiences.Ã¢â ¬â •Susan Scheps, Shaker Heights Public Library, OH (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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I had a special connection as my 11 yr old granddaughter was in a play called "Number the stars" and Eva Kor came to Richmond IN to speak during that time. So she was able to meet the author and realize how Eva and her sister felt and survived during that terrible time in history. The book was very easy to read and follow and although it didn't go into too much technical detail, it gave a special insight on survival from the horror of being "chosen" for experimentation by the evil Dr.Mengele and his henchmen.

She is so brave to share her story and to stand up an organize support for others in her situation and then taking it a step further by educating. What a remarkable woman.

Excellent read. Gut wrenching but uplifting at the same time. We must never forget to pass this history along.

Eva Moses Joe visited a small high school near where I live today. She was in Hope, Indiana and told her story to about 700 children and 100 adults. I had to miss seeing her in person; however, a couple of my friends posted online photos and such of her visit. I decided to purchase her book on

my kindle, and I read it in a little over two hours. Myself being an identical twin, this story touched my soul, and shows true human strength, love, and eventually forgiveness. Touching.

Great book about the Holocaust.

I would recommend this book to anyone wanting to hear a first hand account of what it was like to live through the Holocaust. Eva Kor demonstrates such courage, strength, and faith. It's inspiring.

I'm a middle school teacher, and I bought this book to include in my Accelerated Reading library. This book was a perfect match for my middle school kids--it was easy to read, nonfiction, and it gives an account of life in the camps and Dr. Mengele's experiments without being gory. Exactly what I was looking to use with my 7th grade learning support students. Also, the kids love it--as soon as it's checked back in, someone else is waiting to sign it back out. This book is definitely not meant for an in-depth study of Mengele, but it is excellent for middle school and introducing students to the Holocaust.

Excellent book. What a sick mind, this must never happen again

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