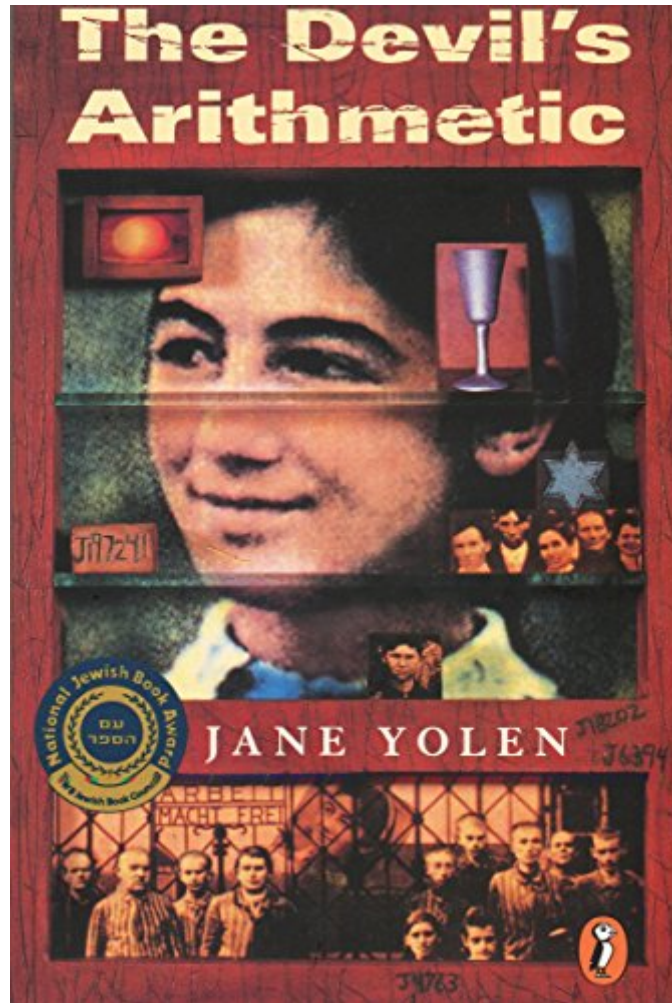




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Synopsis

"A triumphantly moving book." [Kirkus Reviews](#), starred review
Hannah dreads going to her family's Passover Seder—she's tired of hearing her relatives talk about the past. But when she opens the front door to symbolically welcome the prophet Elijah, she's transported to a Polish village in the year 1942. Why is she there, and who is this "Chaya" that everyone seems to think she is? Just as she begins to unravel the mystery, Nazi soldiers come to take everyone in the village away. And only Hannah knows the unspeakable horrors that await. A critically acclaimed novel from multi-award-winning author Jane Yolen. "[Yolen] adds much to understanding the effects of the Holocaust, which will reverberate throughout history, today and tomorrow." [SLJ](#), starred review
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Customer Reviews

I read this book because it was a school assignment for my sixth grade grandson, and he wanted

me to read so we could talk about it. Having said that, I enjoyed the way the author presented the story of Hannah/Chaya. Compelling, easy to read with an incredibly powerful impact. I was overcome with sadness. I am sure it must have been hard for him to process fully as how could anyone not living through that time possibly conceive of what happened to those people affected by Nazi Germany. Very well done under those sad circumstances.

The book was really good and interesting. The only thing I would complain would be that the book's condition wasn't as good as it was supposed to be. However, the story had an interesting plot line and it kept me hooked throughout the book. I loved how most of the setting of the book took place when the Holocaust was occurring. It made the book really realistic to what it felt like to be in the concentration camps and the hardships that took place for the main character and her friends. I'm still reading this book, but I can't wait to see what will happen at the end! At first, I had my doubts about reading this book because it was so thin, but If you actually read this book, it is short and the story is AWESOME!!! I am so glad that we have to read this book for school (language arts). I look forward into reading other books by Jane Yolen or other books that have to do with the Holocaust and is historical fiction. So read this book and find out just how good this book is! You won't regret buying this book! :))).

My daughter is reading this book in school and because she is dyslexic, I have started getting my own copy of her required reading so that I can help her if she needs it. This book was so good. It did a great job of telling a story of what it was probably like in a concentration camp. Being that it is written from a 12-year-old's perspective, the situations were very descriptive. It was hard to read the names and remember who belonged to what family, but other than that, it is a very educational and captivating read.

This story is incredible. I found it by doing a project on Jane Yolen, and this was probably the best book I found of hers. The story is told in first person and follows the main character as she is sent back in time to find out more of her culture. I highly recommend this book. Also, the cover I received was mostly black for those who are concerned about the cover.

This is an excellent story to introduce and teach children the awfulness of the holocaust. A young Jewish girl doesn't see the point in 'remembering' about her family's horrible past but gets swept back in time to relive part of it as her grandmother's best friend in a concentration camp. The movie

is a nice addition after you've read the book but changes the young girl to a teen.

I love the reason hardbound her way back to her family and she did. I had no problem at all with this book.

Granddaughter enjoyed it

The Devil's Arithmetic was an excellent book. It was extremely captivating and well-written, and I really enjoyed it. While the plot was interesting, it was still easy to follow. The fact that some of the events in the book could've actually happened made the book historically informative as well. All in all, it was a fantastic read, and I'd recommend it to anyone.

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