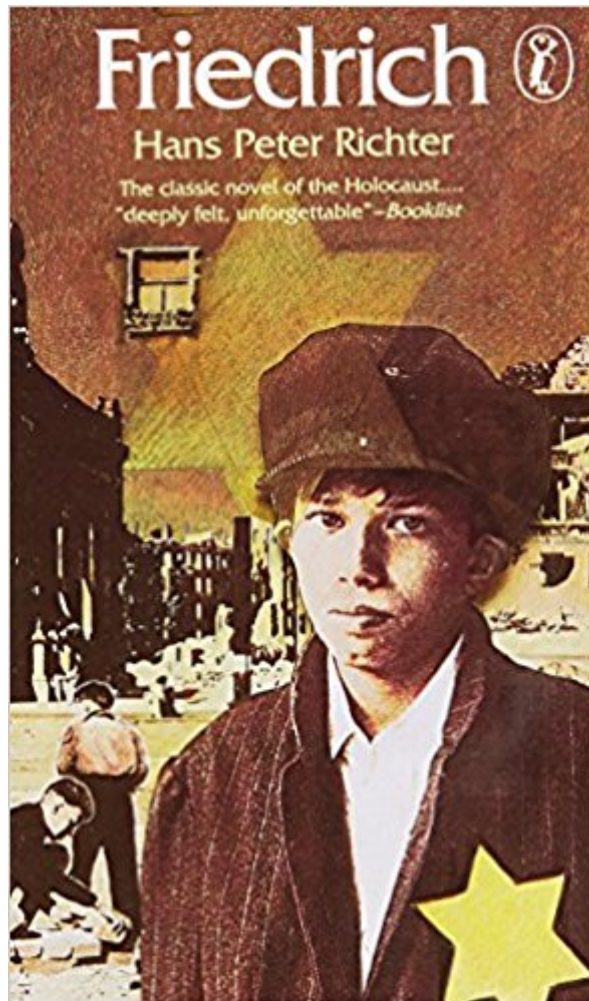




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Friedrich (Puffin Books)



Synopsis

"Superb, sensitive, honest and compelling . . . a simple but terrifying tale of the destruction of a single Jewish family."--The New York Times
Winner of the Mildred L. Batchelder Award
His best friend thought Friedrich was lucky. His family had a good home and enough money, and in Germany in the early 1930s, many were unemployed. But when Hitler came to power, things began to change. Friedrich was expelled from school, and then his mother died and his father was deported. For Friedrich was Jewish.

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Customer Reviews

Text: English, German (translation)

Hans Peter Richter was a German author that wrote many books for children and young adults.

My son read this in 6th grade and it is a book about the Holocaust - it was a great read and thought provoking. Hans Peter Richter's *On Friedrich* tells the story of two boyhood friends between 1925 and 1942. They are the same age and live in the same block of flats, so they know

each other well. Friedrich Schneider is Jewish. At the beginning of this story, Friedrich's father has a good job and his family is comfortably off. Friedrich's friend, who narrates the story, is poor. His father is unemployed. The narrator of the novel *ÀfÂçÃ â ¬Ã â • FriedrichÀfÂçÃ â ¬Ã â*, çs friend and an unnamed Christian *ÀfÂçÃ â ¬Ã â •* tells of the horror that befell FriedrichÀfÂçÃ â ¬Ã â çs family as the monstrosity of the Third Reich loomed over their lives. While the narrator is able to observe as an outsider who is witness to the tragedy from a position of relative safety, Friedrich is swept along by unpredictable events that are never in his control.

I used this book in high school for book reports especially for students for whom English was a second language or were not good readers. Now I am using it in my 11-12-year old girls' book club. I find it readable and engaging enough, they will want to read more about the Holocaust. The only drawback is in so few pages the author manages to encapsulate SO many set backs and legal changes for German Jews, it rushes a history a bit. Unfortunately the Nazis were too methodical and clever in their timing and passed laws, e.g., Nuremberg in '35 then let things go a bit, then closed schools, bank accounts, all so gradually, there was no public outrage.

My daughter randomly picked this from a list of book choices for an honors class in high school so we ordered not knowing the book length or reviews. She loved the story which made her cry and was glad to see the book was short allowing more time for the written part of the assignment. She recommends it to anyone who is intrigued by the holocaust and the choices people made during that time.

Great book that arrived on time!

Good book, good condition.

I am a 7th grade history teacher and this is a good story for young people to read because it helps them understand how life became gradually more and more impossible for Jews to endure.

Excellent, simple to read different perspective of the Germans and the Holocaust.

I bought this book to find something quick and easy to read over Christmas break, and this book is a great tale about the beginning of the Holocaust.

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