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The life of Anne Frank, from birth until being taken from the hidden attic by the Nazis, is presented in this haunting, meticulously researched picture book. It is a compelling yet easy-to-understand "first" introduction to the Holocaust as witnessed by Anne and her family. The stunningly evocative illustrations by Angela Barrett are worth a thousand words in capturing for young Americans what it must have felt like to be Anne Frank, a spirited child caught in the maelstrom of World War II atrocities. A detailed timeline of important events in Europe and in the Frank family is included.

## Anne Frank Details

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## From Reader Review Anne Frank for online ebook

### Amanda says

This made me want to read the Diary of Anne Frank. It is a poignant tale of Anne's life leading up to the events in her diary and a little bit beyond. It focuses on who she was before she was killed and became a symbol of human resilience and decency (if those are the right terms, at all). Her pain and death are not dramatized, for which I am grateful, but her humanity is celebrated. It also gives the reader a bit of historical insight into the times so he or she can understand how the Jews came to be persecuted. Beautiful illustrations, as well.

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### Hope says

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. The World War II time period has always interested me, so this book definitely tied into that interest and taught me a lot I did not already know about Anne Frank. The author did a wonderful job of being unbiased in her writing and delivering a true nonfiction book while also including the emotion behind this true story. I do not often cry when reading children's books like others might, but this book really did bring me close to tears.

As a future teacher, I will definitely write this book down as a book to use in my classroom. Not only does the book present lots of good information, it also includes lots of detailed illustrations that would interest children and still stick with the tone of the message. Also the fact that Anne Frank is seen is such an important character in history, but was only a few years older than the students makes this lesson relevant to them and shows how you can be influential at any age.

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### Debbie Hoskins says

Angela Barrett is just the best. She does romanticize, but what's wrong with beauty? Ethereal illustrations, gorgeous book, text does not detract from the illustrations. Lovely book.

When I think of Mary being a 13 year old Jewish girl, I think of Anne Frank. Last year I painted a picture of Anne Frank for my Christmas card.

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### Makenna Wheeler says

This was a very compelling picture book. Would be a good starter when discussing the holocaust.

ATOS: 5.1

Guided Reading:

6+1 Traits: Presentation, Ideas, Sentence Fluency

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### **Gena says**

Gentle introduction to the topic for kids. I did find it focused more on her life before the war than the experience during. But perhaps that is strictly because of the intended audience.

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### **Zulekha Saqib says**

a moving story that makes you think & leaves you asking questions! the illustrations are absolutely stunning!

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### **Kelly says**

My 10 year old really enjoyed this. I like the way the story was told.

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### **Brooklyn says**

This telling of the story of Anne Frank is put in a much more gentle way for younger readers. While it isn't changing the facts, it touches more lightly on them, making it a great segway into learning about the Holocaust. It is a sensitive approach to teaching kids about it.

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### **Nevada Libert says**

what a good book, i love her bravery.

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### **Delaney States says**

I thoroughly enjoyed Anne Frank. It is told in a picture book and tells her story in a more sensitive way. Books like these make it easier to teach and introduce a sensitive subjects like this. If there were picture books for every hard time in history I believe teaching them would not be as hard and students would feel safer. I chose this book because I want it in my library if I ever teach upper elementary school. After reading this book I feel like I can answer questions about the story and the Holocaust in a safe and sensitive way.

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### **Bernice says**

This is the first time I have seen the story of Anne Frank in a picture book format. The story is a narration of Anne Frank's life from when she was a little girl to the time she was hidden away in the annex during the war. Although it is a picture book, the story and authenticity of what happened were real. I could feel myself as I read the intense emotions of what I knew was going to happen. Although it is story of just one girl, it gives the reader an idea of what life was like for Jewish families and how it changed over the years in the

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war. As mentioned in our textbook, the illustrations brought hard-to imagine settings to life. Children are able to see how all Jewish people had to wear the yellow star of David and what it was like to live in a cramped annex space away from the rest of the world. Due to the sensitive content in the story, I would not recommend it to children under the age of 10. It would be a great story to use in a classroom learning about the war and the Holocaust.

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### **Meghan Hardy says**

Anne Frank written by Josephine Poole is the story of Anne Frank and her family during Nazi rule in Germany. This story is about how Anne coped and survived during and before she was in hiding for two years with her family. This story will live on forever.

Anne Frank is such a brave young girl and I think it is so important that her story keeps being told. I think a short, easy-to-read picture book is the great way to start teaching young children about the horrible things that went on in the world during the World Wars. I enjoyed this book even knowing that it would have a sad ending because Anne Frank's story was so powerful and she shared so much with the world even after her death.

Use during a history lesson when talking about Hitler, World War Two, concentration camps and everything involved. This book could be used to teach kids how to journal and tell their own story. Have kids write down questions they would like to ask Anne Frank. How might she have responded?

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### **Georgia Blake says**

The story of Anne Frank beautifully told in a picturebook. The story is more accessible for younger children and yet so powerful. The illustrations are simple and yet so effective, the colours, frames and mood all enhance how awful the situation for this family was. There are so many things that could be used to stimulate discussion and writing with a class. Would be a great introduction to the events of WW2.

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### **Briana says**

I have to agree with most people about this book, its a great picture book. The story and authenticity of what happened was accurate but didn't feel like textbook read. The book gives a summary of Anne's life while also telling the life of every Jewish person living during WWII and the Holocaust. The illustrations (was icing on the cake) brought a hard setting for a kid to imagine to life. I am not a parent or a teacher but I would still recommend this book to parents and teachers that want to introduce this time period to younger children.

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### **Kim Paral says**

This book is a great picture biography, and would be very appropriate for an introduction novel into the World War II unit. It has wonderful pictures throughout the book that share the life of Anne Frank. I learned about Anne Frank when I was in Elementary School, and remember that it was used as an introduction as to what the war was about, and painted a picture of who the Nazis and Jews were during that time period.

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This book begins with facts that include where and when Anne Frank was born and also introduced her parents and family. The reason this would be a good introduction is because it gives a brief overview of who Hitler was and what was happening to Jewish people during this time period and why. Students will immediately begin asking questions and I think this captures a 5th grader's interest after reading some of the key facts. The book does a great job of not only explaining what life was like during this timeframe, but helps outline what the Jews had to do and why they had to hide. The story of how Anne's family had to hide away is described appropriately for 5th graders and explains that if they did not hide, they would be taken to a concentration camp.

What I think is most interesting, though, is that the book discusses the situations Anne was faced with while she was hiding in an attic for what was almost 2 full years. This could show students what types of hardships she faced and how much she and the other Jews struggled during this timeframe all because of what religion they were. There are so many components a teacher could touch on with this book and I think it's great to introduce a lot of the key topics.

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