

## Life during WWII era

### Books for young children

Welcome to Molly's World, 1994, *Catherine Gourley* (P)

### Books for middle grades

The Devil in Vienna, *Doris Orgel* (C)

Honey Cake, *Joan Betty Stuchner* (ER)

### Books for YA readers

Yellow Star, *Jennifer Roy* (C)

Milkweed, *Jerry Spinelli* (C)

The Good Liar, *Gregory Maguire* (C)

London Calling, *Edward Bloor* (C)

Summer of My German Soldier, *Bette Greene* (C)

## Evacuation of children during WWII

### Books for young children

Primrose Day, *Carolyn Haywood* (C)

### Books for middle grades

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit, *Judith Kerr* (C)

Good Night, Maman, *Norma Fox Mazer* (C)

### Books for YA readers

Good Night, Mr. Tom, *Michelle Magorian* (C)

Lord of the Flies, *William Golding* (C)

## Books in letter format (epistolary)

### Books for young children

Dear Mr. Blueberry, *Simon James* (P)

The Jolly Postman, *Allen Ahlberg* (P)

### Books for middle grades

Love From Your Friend, Hannah, *Mindy Warshaw Skolsky* (C)

Letters From Rifka, *Karen Hesse* (C)

Dear Mr. Henshaw, *Beverly Cleary* (C)

### Books for YA readers

Griffin and Sabine, *Nick Bantock* (P)

Lady Susan, *Jane Austen* (C)

Letters to Alice on First Reading Jane Austen, *Fay Weldon* (C)

## Books by Annie Barrows

### Books for young children

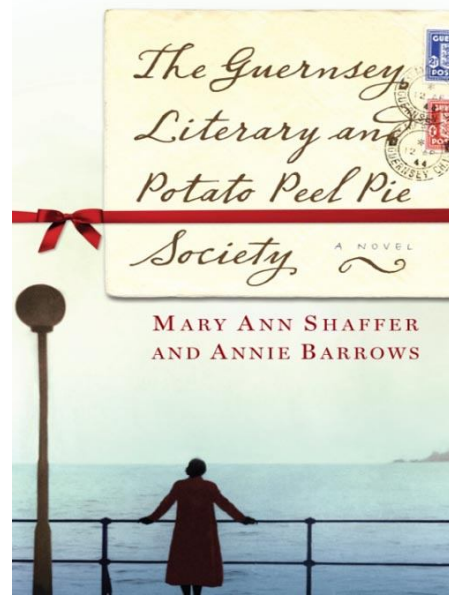
Ivy and Bean, *Annie Barrows* (C)

### Books for middle grades

The Magic Half, *Annie Barrows* (C)

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(C) = Chapter Book, (GN) = Graphic novel



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## War and peace

### Books for young children

Yertle the Turtle, *Dr. Seuss* (P)

Butter Battle Book, *Dr. Seuss* (P)

And to think that we thought that we'd never be friends, *Mary Ann Hoberman* (P)

### Books for middle grades

The Pushcart War, *Jean Merrill* (C)

### Books for YA readers

Terrible Things, *Eve Bunting* (P)

Johnny Got His Gun, *Dalton Trumble* (C)

Six Million Paper Clips, *Peter W. Schroeder* (P)

Pride of Baghdad, *Brian Vaughn* (GN)

## Altruism

### Books for young children

One Thousand Tracings, *Lita Judge* (P)

Boxes for Katje, *Candace Fleming* (P)

Miss Rumphius, *Barbary Cooney* (P)

### Books for middle grades

The Doggie Dung Disaster, *Garth Sundem* (C)

Four Feet, Two Sandals, *Karen Lynn Williams* (P)

Aldo Ice Cream, *Johanna Hurwitz* (C)

### Books for YA readers

Seedfolks, *Paul Fleishman* (C)

Pay it Forward, *Catherine Ryan Hyde* (C)

## Heroism through resistance

### Books for young children

The Lily Cupboard, *Shulamith Levey Oppenheim* (P)

### Books for middle grades

The Greatest Skating Race, *Louise Borden* (P)

The Butterfly, *Patricia Polacco* (P)

Snow Treasure, *Marie McSwigan* (C)

The Cats in Krasinski Square, *Karen Hesse* (P)

Number the Stars, *Lois Lowry* (C)

### Books for YA readers

The Boy Who Dared, *Susan Campbell Bartoletti* (C)

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas, *John Boyne* (C)

Stones in Water, *Donna Jo Napoli* (C)

The Silenced, *James Devita* (C)

In my Hands, *Irene Gut Opdyke* (C)

Tamar, *Mal Peet* (C)

Hitler's Canary, *Sandi Toksvig* (C)

Erika's Story, *Ruth Vander Zee* (C)

The Upstairs Room, *Johanna Reiss* (C)

## The comfort of reading and books

### Books for young children

The Red Book, *Barbara Lehman* (P)

Across a Dark and Wild Sea, *Don Brown* (P)

The Library, *Sarah Stewart* (P)

### Books for middle grades

How I Learned Geography, *Uri Shulevitz* (P)

The Librarian of Basra, *Jeanette Winter* (P)

Seven Day Magic, *Edward Eager* (C)

### Books for YA readers

The Island on Bird Street, *Uri Orlev* (C)

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