# Bibliography of Books for Students on Genocide

## The Holocaust

**After the Holocaust by Howard Greenfeld**
Eight Jewish survivors share their personal experiences of what happened after the defeat of Hitler. Each of the oral histories is delivered in three parts, under separate sections in the book: "Liberation," "After the Liberation," and "The DP Camps." *2001, 160 pages, grades 7 & up, HarperCollins Children's Books*

**The Cage by Ruth Minsky Sender, Jim Coon**
A teenage girl recounts the suffering and persecution of her family under the Nazis, in a Polish ghetto, during deportation, and in a concentration camp. *1997, 256 pages, grades 7 & up, Simon & Schuster*

**The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank, B. M. Mooyaart-Doubleday (Translator)**
The classic diary, written in an Amsterdam warehouse, where for two years Anne Frank hid from the Nazis with her family and friends. *1993 ed., 304 pages, grades 6 & up, Bantam Books*

**Four Perfect Pebbles: A Holocaust Story by Lila Perl, Marion Blumenthal Lazan, Marian Blumenthal Lazan**
A harrowing account of the co-author's family's struggle to survive the Holocaust, including thwarted attempts to emigrate to the U.S. and Israel and the family's ultimate imprisonment in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. *1996, 144 pages, grades 6-10, HarperCollins Publishers*

**I Have Lived A Thousand Years: Growing Up In The Holocaust by Livia Bitton-Jackson**
The book presents the author's first person recollections of living in Hungary in 1943, her survival in the concentration camps, and her eventual immigration to the United States. It includes a family chronology of events, significant dates and events relating to the Holocaust, and a glossary. *1999, 234 pages, grades 7 & up, Simon & Schuster*

**If I Should Die Before I Wake by Han Nolan**
As Hilary, a Neo-Nazi initiate, lies in a coma, she is transported back to Poland at the onset of World War II into the life of a Jewish teenager. *1994, 312 pages, grades 8 & up, Harcourt*

**My Bridges of Hope: Searching for Life and Love after Auschwitz by Livia Bitton-Jackson**
After liberation from Auschwitz, 14-year-old Elli, her brother, and their mother attempt to rebuild their lives in Czechoslovakia, but enduring anti-Semitism compels her family to escape

to America along with thousands of other Jews. *2001, 272 pages, grades 7 & up, Simon & Schuster*

**Never to Forget: The Jews of the Holocaust by Milton Meltzer**
This collection of first-person accounts of the Holocaust serves as a timeless reminder of how Europe's Jews reacted to the threat of extermination, emphasizing the wide variety of resistance efforts. *1991, 240 pages, grades 8 & up, HarperCollins Children's Books*

**Parallel Journeys by Eleanor Ayer, Helen Waterford, Alfons Heck**
Ayer juxtaposes the stories of two WWII youths, one a German Jew and the other a Hitler Youth, excerpted from their published memoirs. *2000, 244 pages, grades 7& up, Simon & Schuster*

**The Upstairs Room by Johanna Reiss**
A Dutch Jewish girl describes the two-and-one-half years she spent in hiding in the upstairs bedroom of a farmer's house during World War II. *1990, 196 pages, grades 7 & up, HarperCollins Children's Books*

## Cambodia

**Clay Marble by Minfong Ho**
In the late 1970s twelve-year-old Dara joins a refugee camp in war-torn Cambodia and becomes separated from her family. *1993, 163 pages, grades 5-9, Farrar, Straus and Giroux*

**First They Killed My Father: A Girl of Cambodia Remembers by Loung Ung**
Ung was the child of a high-ranking government official in Phnom Penh, who was five when the Khmer Rouge stormed the city and her family was forced to flee. Her story of starvation, forced labor, beatings, attempted rape, separations, and the deaths of her family members is one of horror and brutality. *2001, 256 pages, grades 10 & up, HarperCollins*

**Heaven Becomes Hell: A Survivor's Story of Life Under the Khmer Rouge by Y Ly**
A first-hand account of four years (1975-80) of survival and death in Khmer Rouge labor camps. Included are a map of Cambodia, family photos, and freedom papers for US resettlement. *2000, 232 pages, grades 10 and up, Yale University Southeast Asia Studies*

**The Pol Pot Regime: Race, Power, and Genocide in Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge, 1975-79 by Ben Kiernan**
An account of the Khmer Rouge revolution that shows how an ideological preoccupation with racist and totalitarian policies led a group of intellectuals to impose genocide on their own country. *2002, 477 pages, grades 10 and up, Yale University Press*

**Stay Alive My Son by Pin Yatlay**
The author's memoir details his family's mistreatment in Khmer Rouge Cambodia and their courageous escape into Thailand. *1988, 264 pages, grades 10 & up, Simon & Schuster*

**The Stone Goddess by Minfong Ho**
After the Communists take over Cambodia and her family is torn from their city life, twelve-year-old Nakri and her older sister attempt to maintain their hope as well as their classical dancing skills in the midst of their struggle to survive. *2003, 208 pages, grades 6-10, Scholastic*

**The Stones Cry Out: A Cambodian Childhood, 1975-1980 by Molyda Szymusiak**
The memoir of the daughter of a high Cambodian official, who was twelve years old when Khmer Rouge radicals seized the capital and drove all its inhabitants into the countryside. The author kept her identity a secret, assuming a "revolutionary" name to avoid being branded as an aristocrat, and was one of only three family members to survive. *1999, 245 pages, grades 10 & up, Indiana University Press*

**Teenage Refugees from Cambodia Speak Out by Stephanie St. Pierre**
Following a brief description of each country's history and culture are six to eight interviews with native teenagers who are now living in the U.S. The young people talk about their lives here and in their homeland, their trip to the U.S., and the adjustments they have made. *1995, 64 pages, grades 8 & up, Rosen Publishing Group*

## Iraq

**Journey through Kurdistan by Mary Ann Smothers Bruni, Ali Atatas, Texas Memorial Museum**
When the Kurds came to the world's attention in April 1991, Bruni spent the next two years documenting the Kurds and their ability to adapt and continue their lives under difficult, often tragic, circumstances. The text and photographs reflect the Kurds' struggle, land, and lifestyle. *1997, 224 pages, grades 6-10, University of Texas Press*

**Kiss the Dust by Elizabeth Laird**
Her father's involvement with the Kurdish resistance movement in Iraq forces thirteen-year-old Tara to flee with her family over the border into Iran, where they face an unknown future. *1994, 279 pages, grades 6-8, Penguin Books*

**Kurdistan: Region under Siege (World in Conflict Series) by Kari Bodnarchuk**
Presents background information on the Kurds and examines the history of their ethnic conflict with other peoples in the mountainous regions of southeastern Asia. *2000, 104 pages, grades 7-12, Lerner Publications Company*

**Kurds by John King**
Profiles of a Kurdish boy in Iraq, a woman in Iran, and a man in Turkey adapting as best they can to the sometimes radically different dominant cultures of their host countries. The history and politics of the people are addressed along with problems they face and a prognosis for a Kurdish state in the future. *1994, 48 pages, grades 5-8, Steck-Vaughn*

# Bosnia

**Bosnia: Fractured Region by Eric Black**
A detailed history of the country and its neighbors from the emergence of ethnic groups through the breakup of Yugoslavia that helps readers understand the tensions in the region and the historical grudges that were used by leaders of each ethnic group to fan the flames of suspicion against others in the 1990s. *1997, 96 pages, grades 9 & up, Lerner Publishing Group*

**Bosnia: The Struggle for Peace by Sherry Ricciardi**
Presents background information and an explanation for the recent strife in the region, and conveys a sense of the war's impact as well as current efforts to enforce peace. *1996, 64 pages, grades 5-8, Lerner Publishing Group*

**Life in War-Torn Bosnia by Diane Yancey**
A history of the Balkan Peninsula from A.D. 395 to the present that uses primary sources to explore day-to-day life in Bosnia, the causes of war in the region, and the impact of the war on children and youth. *1995, 112 pages, grades 6 & up, Thomson Gale*

**Rebuilding of Bosnia by James P. Reger**
The author provides an account of the Yugoslav War and the peace process, and outlines some of the options facing the Serbs, Croats, and Muslims living in Bosnia today. *1997, 112 pages, grades 7 & up, Thomson Gale*

**War-Torn Bosnia by Helen Cothran**
An introduction to the subject is followed by first-person narratives grouped in topical chapters on the causes of the war, atrocities, the siege of Sarajevo, the media, and the world's response. Many of the pieces are excerpts from books by correspondents or government officials, but there are also selections from the diary of an 11-year-old, memoirs of a prisoner of war, and accounts by others who were directly affected by the war. *2001, 192 pages, grades 9 & up, Thomson Gale*

**Young People from Bosnia Talk about War by Harvey Fireside, Bryna J. Fireside**
Provides a historical perspective of the Balkan region and briefly explains the recent conflicts among the Serbs, Croats, and Muslims. Includes several personal stories of tragedy told by the young people who lived through them. *1996, 104 pages, grades 7 & up, Enslow Publishers*

**Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo by Zlata Filipovic**
In September 1991, shortly before war broke out on the streets of Sarajevo, 11-year-old Zlata Filipovic began to keep a diary about the deaths of friends, the shortage of food, and days spent in fear. The diary is a compelling plea for peace. *1995, 197 pages, grades 6 & up, Penguin Books*

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# Rwanda

**Crisis in Rwanda, Vol. 3 by Charles Freeman**
Relates events in Rwanda after the murder of President Habyarimana, including the genocide of the Tutsi, the ill-treatment of refugees, and the eventual reconciliation. *1998, 64 pages, grades 6-10, Raintree Publishers*

**Hutu and Tutsi by Vincent Emenike Chikwende and Aimable Twagilimana**
A Rwandan linguist explains the people of Rwanda and Burundi, and Hutu/Tutsi politics and violence since 1959. *1997, 64 pages, grades 5-9, Rosen Publishing Group*

**Rwanda: A Country Torn Apart by Kari J. Bodnarchuk**
Describes the history of Rwanda's ethnic conflict between the Hutu and Tutsi tribes, the events that led to the Rwandan civil war, its continuing effect on the people of that country, and efforts to bring peace and reconciliation to the war-ravaged region. *1999, 96 pages, young adult, Lerner Publishing Group*

**Speak Rwanda by Julian R. Pierce**
The story of ten people—Hutu and Tutsi, civilians and soldiers, mothers, nurses, politicians, herdsman, and orphaned children—as they attempt to survive one of the most violent and deeply disturbing massacres since the Second World War. *2000, 304 pages, grades 10 & up, Picador*

**Teenage Refugees from Rwanda Speak Out by Aimable Twagilimana**
Teenagers fleeing from Ethiopia and Rwanda relate how they came to be refugees in the United States and Canada. Each title begins with a brief historical survey, followed by profiles of eight young people, who describe the terrible conditions that forced them to leave their homeland; the dangers faced during the actual escapes; and the current challenges they meet in overcoming the language barrier and adjusting to life in an alien culture. *1997, 64 pages, grades 5& up, Rosen Publishing Group*

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