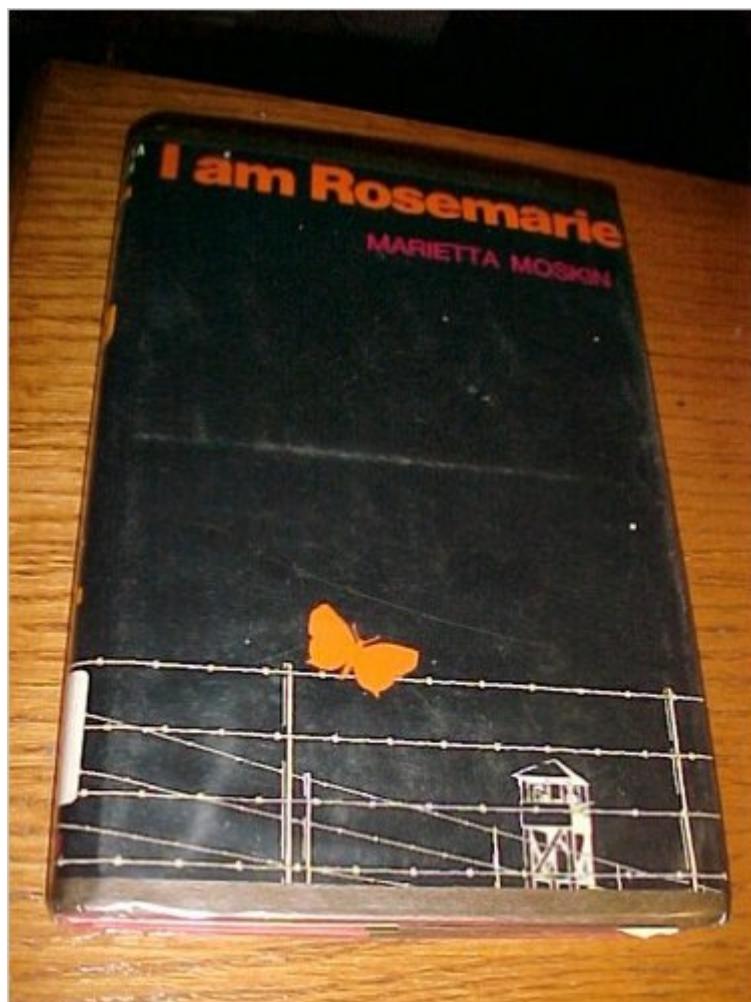


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# I Am Rosemarie



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## Customer Reviews

I was a very frequent reader as a young girl and I read this book when I was about 10 yrs old. I had little knowledge about the holocaust but this book opened my eyes to the horrible tragedy and was one of the supporting factors that instilled in me a sensitivity towards other nationalities and cultures. I think our present day school curriculums and social atmosphere would benefit greatly by introducing our children to 'personalized' accounts of tragic historical events.

I Am Rosemarie is a fascinating tale of a Jewish girl who survives the Holocaust, and finds the true meaning of life while in a concentration camp. This book is of the wonderfully unusual sort for she unlike most Polish Jews was never sent to a death camp. The tale sent chills of bitter reality up my spine. It Shows the true life in a Nazi camp, where your fingers run cold with blood, your stomachs perpetually growl, and your life is forever affected. Rosemarie was a very naturalistic character, not all strong and brave , but scared and selfish because her life was so awful. The gawking 14 year old grows strong and learns to make friends though she is boiling with hurt. She lived in Poland, and did all the things we do. She had special toys, belongings and so on. But all that was taken away from her when she left for Westerbork. The camps she lived in were realistic in each describing sentence dramatic horror was conveyed. This book is not too exciting or suspenseful but the history it represents cannot be praised enough. I have to say my favorite part in this book is when she realizes herself and says, "Suddenly it didn't matter that I didn't have a state or a home at that moment . It didn't matter that I didn't Know what life lay before me." Then I yelled to the butterfly " I

am Rosemarie." I love this part because it shows after maturing she really has found the meaning of life and her true self. The theme of this story has to be that through hardship , suffering , and pain thy inner self shall be made. "a long time ago I looked in front of a bathroom mirror and didn't know who I was but now I do." The writer's style was steady throughout the book presenting no true climax but making you realize the truth about the Holocaust. Overall this book was wonderful, and filled with true meaning . " who am I, I am Rosemarie!"

I read this book when I was a young girl probably thirty years ago. My twelve year old read The Diary of Anne Frank, and was very interested in this genre. I remembered this book and she lived it as well, it has really stuck with us both, highly recommend.

I read this book when I was ten, having very little knowledge of the holocaust at the time. This book not only spurred my curiosity about this tragedy, but also helped me to see the war through the unjaded eyes of someone not much older than myself. I've read it at least ten times!

Behind Barbed Wire Fences I read I am Rosemarie because I wanted to know what it was like to be in a camp, from a twelve-year-olds view. It turned out to be a very interesting and fast read. It was about a twelve-year-old girl, Rosemarie, and her family. Rosemarie and her family are forced to go from one camp to the next. Here is a summary of I am Rosemarie: The book starts off taking place in a quiet neighborhood in Amsterdam. But right after Rosemarie's 12th birthday Amsterdam was invaded by Germany. Rosemarie's family was forced to live in a ghetto with many other people (all Jews). Rosemarie made one friend, a blind and deaf girl who taught her never to despair. One afternoon, a person came and told them to go to a camp called Westerbork. Of course they go. Westerbork is horrible! Rosemarie hates it there. She wants to leave. She gets her wish except one tiny factor. They're going to another camp called Bergen-Belsen. If at all possible it had worse conditions than Westerbork! Two years later, they moved again to yet another camp. Rosemarie only spent about a year or a little longer at Biberach, the last camp. Biberach wasn't all that bad compared to the last camps. It had good food, real food. They had more freedom there, but they weren't free. The whole time Rosemarie was at the camps Rosemarie and her family never gave up hope. Read I am Rosemarie to find out if Rosemarie can survive through the rest of the war. Will she ever be free again?

I Am RosemarieBy: Marietta MoskinHow would you feel if you were a teenage girl struggling to

survive in one of Hitler's camps during the Holocaust where Gestapo officers would find pleasure in watching you die? I Am Rosemarie tells you the story of a teenage girl and her troubles of growing up in Hitler's camps. This book explains how the problems and shortages started out being nothing at all and grew and grew until it turned into a mass of killing and war. Rosemarie is a teenage Jew struggling to survive in Hitler's camps. A story of truth, justice, lies, friendship, and death. I was surprised at how I could never put the book down. There are surprises around every corner. I would recommend this book to anyone that likes to read. Read I Am Rosemarie and you will have a different understanding of the Holocaust and how awful it truly was!

Marietta D. Moskin makes a note at the end of this novel stating that this story was an invention of her, the author. It is "a composite based on very real people who lived through all the things described in this book". Regardless of the fact that the main character Rosemarie may not have actually existed, all of the events this character suffered through did. The Jewish holocaust during World War II was a tragedy, and this novel captures the suffering and pain of those who survived to tell of what they endured. This book was masterfully written, and is a great supplement to history teachers everywhere who are teaching of World War II and the Jewish Holocaust. Even if you are not currently researching the Holocaust it is an eye opening book that I feel all should read. You will not only enjoy the author's writing, but it would be impossible to not take away a better understanding of the trials and tribulations of a people persecuted.

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