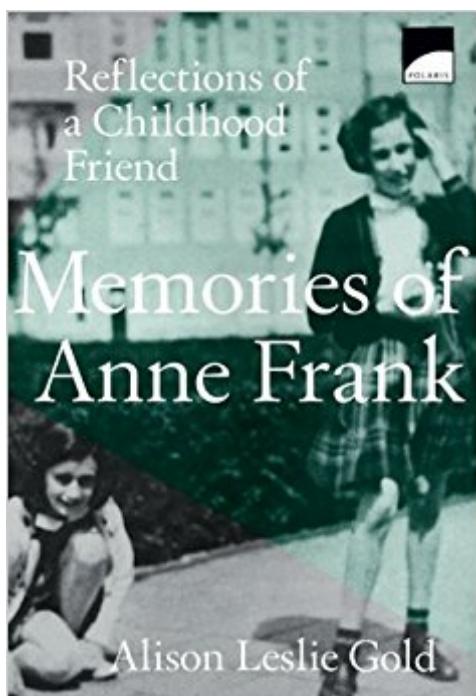


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Memories Of Anne Frank: Reflections Of A Childhood Friend



Synopsis

Hannah Goslar lived next door to Anne Frank in Amsterdam. In this touching memoir, as told to Alison Leslie Gold, Hannah recalls the funny, bright girl who suddenly disappeared from her life--until they met again at a concentration camp.

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Readers of Anne Frank's diary "will be grateful for the fuller picture" rendered through the recollected wartime experiences of Frank's best friend, said PW's starred review; "Gold brings home the painful truths that Frank has come to symbolize." Ages 8-12. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Grade 5-8. This moving story of Anne Frank's neighbor and friend, Hannah Elizabeth Pick-Goslar, recounts the tragedy of World War II through a young girl's eyes. It does not take the form of a diary, but rather Gold puts into words Hannah's reminiscences of her childhood in Amsterdam and fills in the gaps of what happened to Anne after her diary ended. The account traces the childhood friendship of the two girls from the time Anne disappeared to the removal of Hannah and her family to concentration camps. The narrative also tells of the brief meeting between Anne and Hannah at Bergen-Belsen shortly before Anne's death. The girls met at a fence, risking death if caught, so that Hannah could give her beloved friend some food. The emotion and fear of the moment are fully

realized. Although well told, this memoir often refers back to and relies on Hannah's connections to Anne, rather than letting Hannah's story stand on its own.⁷ Allison Trent Bernstein, Blake Middle School, Medfield, MA
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I have been reading a lot of books recently about the Holocaust and Anne Frank's diary Kickstarter this. I enjoyed this book and gain some insight into the life of Anne Frank.

I actually purchased this book at the recommendation of my 12 year old granddaughter who had read a copy belonging to one of her teachers. I expected the book to be memories of Anne Frank from her friends point of view. In reality it is memories of the friend. However it was still a very educational book written for adolescents and young teens. It gave a real perspective on how inhumane man can be to man.

This book is wonderfull. It tells the story of one of the secondary characters in Anne's diary, Hannali (ie Lies) Gosens. It's true that it focuses mostly on Hannah, but that's the way it should be. It fills in many of the essential holes in Anne's story and tells us what happened to their other friend SannaIf you like this one, I also recommend Eva's Story. It's the story of Anne's posthumous step-sister (her mom married Otto after the war). It's true that the parents never met, but Eva had been over to the Frank House many times and was even at ther birthday party where they watched Rin Tin Tin (or whatever the movie was) and Anne got her diary. Both books provide valuable instight and are necessary to the understanding of Anne Frank.

Since my parents are holocaust survivors I have a driving interest in the details of their ordeal. Much of which was too painful for them to talk about. I am not only interested in Anne Frank but the stories of any survivors that have written their memoirs. This book is very simple but informative with small details I never new about dear Anne.

My copy was received signed! :)

This story by a close friend of Anne Frank is a good beginning for school age children in understanding the traumatic experiences of the Jewish people during Adolf Hitler's reign as Chancellor of Germany from 1933-1945. Hannah Goslar was one of Anne Frank's closest friends.

Together they shared the best of times and the worst of times. There are several black and white illustrations of Hannah and Anne. Both brought up in Amsterdam, Holland, they were normal children living normal lives. Not rich, not poor, they enjoyed their family life. their childhood and school friends. Anne and her family disappeared shortly after Anne's 13th birthday in June of 1942. Hannah hoping that they had made it to Switzerland. Hannah and her family were removed from their apartment sometime later. Hannah, her father, her sister Gabi and grandmother and grandfather. Hannah's mother died in childbirth, as well as the baby, when Gabi was just a few months old. Not long afterwards the family was separated and taken to different concentration camps. Hannah and Anne did have an encounter at one of the concentration camps but it was very brief and extremely dangerous. Hannah and Gabi survived the war but both were severely sick and needed many months of hospitalization. After their hospitalization in late 1945, Hannah and Gabi were sent to Switzerland to recuperate at a sanitarium. Her uncle the only other survivor in her family was living in Switzerland, thus making it possible for them to be documented and enter Switzerland. Anne Frank's father, Otto Frank made all the arrangements and paid for their safe journey.

"Memories of Anne Frank: Reflections of a Childhood Friend" by Alison Leslie Gold, prize-winning author of another book on Anne Frank, tells the story of Anne's childhood friend Hannah Pick-Goslar. The title may be a little deceiving for this book is very much the tale of Hannah's experience during the war as well as her memories of what her friendship with Anne was like. It is a revealing and poignant document that offers further background to the memory of Anne Frank and her enduring legacy. Hanneli Goslar was the first friend Anne Frank made when her family moved from Germany to Amsterdam, and it was a friendship that Anne wrote about in the diary, with Hanneli's name changed along with the others. Gold begins Hannah's story with her discovery of the Frank's sudden departure from Amsterdam, with flashbacks to their days at school and play. Gold then recounts what the war did to the Goslar family, before and after their time in concentration camps when their number had dwindled down to two. The most poignant episode in the book, besides the losses that Hannah undergoes in her own family, is when she encounters a much altered Anne at Bergen-Belsen and learns what her friend had been through, knowing that there isn't much she can do to help her out. Hannah somehow managed to survive and shared her memories with Gold to help further Anne's legacy, even if her memories are not as sharp as they once were. "Memories of Anne Frank: Reflections of a Childhood Friend" is a must read for anyone who is curious about Anne's war time experience beyond the diary. It is a children's book, which means that the writing is simplistic, sometimes too simplistic, but Gold is able to augment the

horrors of what Hannah saw in the concentration camps without devolving into too much detail. A more grown-up version of Hannah's story can be found in Willy Lindmer's excellent "The Last Seven Months of Anne Frank", but for younger readers, Gold's recounting of Anne's friend Hannah is a very good place to learn more about one of the most well-known victims of the Holocaust.

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