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From As the number of Holocaust survivors dwindles dramatically, the potency of firsthand accounts increases with each passing year. Weiss' adolescent diary begins in Prague in 1938 with the Nazi occupation and ends shortly before her deportation from the Terezin concentration camp to Auschwitz in September 1944. Preserved by her uncle, who bricked it into a barracks wall at Terezin, her diary was completed after the war by her recording of later experiences at the Auschwitz, Freiberg, and Mauthausen camps. Illustrated with family photographs and her own paintings and drawings, Helga's Diary serves as a remarkable testament to her horrific journey and the ultimate resiliency of youth. Since so few of the approximately 15,000 children interred in Terezin survived, Helga's Diary, like the collective reminiscences in Hannelore Brenner's *The Girls of Room 28* (2009), must speak for all the young voices that were prematurely stifled. --Margaret

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Review "A breathtaking account...a chilling testament to the tragedy of the Holocaust." (**Publishers Weekly**)

"Weiss' moving eyewitness portrait adds a deepening to the understanding of the Jews' plight during this horrific period in history." (**Kirkus Reviews**)

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"What's startling, throughout, is the resilience with which her buoyant spirit keeps bobbing up past the hardships, indignities, and cruelties of her captors." (**Francine Prose**)

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"At times the struggle of this young girl in the face of evil becomes so real that you'll notice yourself adjusting your blanket and thermostat right along with her as she shivers in the worst of conditions." (**The Daily Beast**)

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