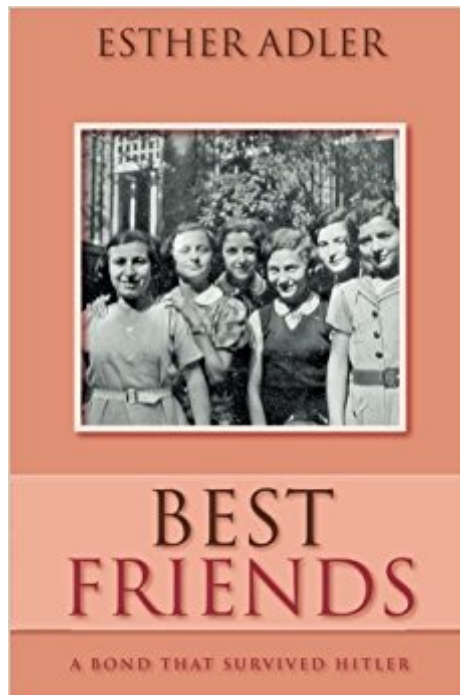




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Best Friends: A Bond That Survived Hitler



Synopsis

Elli Cohen and Gina Wolf met on their first day of Jewish day school in Breslau, Germany. The year is 1930, and the two girls, despite still being young, can feel the changing attitudes toward Jews as the Nazis come to power. Elli is intrigued by Gina the second she meets her. The two girls form a close friendship and cement the momentous occasion with a handshake. They are very different. Elli dreams of becoming a teacher in Eretz Yisrael. Gina can't imagine ever leaving her family. Then, their worst nightmare becomes reality. As Elli escapes capture by traveling to the Middle East, Gina is forced into hiding with a kindly Christian family. As the war rages on and the horrors of the Holocaust come to pass, each girl wonders what happened to the other. They face challenges in their own lives, but they never forget the friend they left behind. In this poignant historical novel, based on her own life experiences, Esther Adler tells a story of courage, friendship, and the strength of two extraordinary young women. Her work honors her friend Regina and the millions of innocents who became victims of the Nazi regime.

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Customer Reviews

Esther Adler based her new historical saga, *Best Friends*, on her own experiences during the Shoah. Adler was born in Breslau, Germany, in the 1920s. Her family, Orthodox Polish immigrants, helped found a Jewish day school to share their heritage and teach the Jewish students expelled from public schools by the Nazis. When she was twelve, Adler joined the Jewish Theological Seminary and traveled to Palestine in 1939 as part of the Youth Aliyah. She lost touch with much of her family during the Holocaust. After the war, Adler moved to the United States. She married her husband, Simon, and had three children. Adler graduated from the Jewish Theological Seminary in

New York and worked for the Jewish National Fund. She has written numerous essays and poems about Jewish tradition and the Diaspora. Adler now lives in Canton, Massachusetts, where she continues to educate others about Jewish culture.

Just finished a beautiful book that I couldn't put down. It is the story of a relationship during WWII of two young German girls. Although it was an extremely sad time the book was quite upbeat. It showed to me that when you have support and love you can survive anything. I would really recommend it to people of all ages, races, and religions. However, it would be the most important to be shared with children as a course in the social studies curriculum. I look forward to Mrs. Adler's second book.

I really enjoyed this book! It's such a touching story--actually two stories of two Jewish girls in Hitler's Germany whose lives take very different paths. All the personal details are really well-drawn (this is based on a true story of the author's life). The author was quite an impressive kid. I won't give away what happens, but suffice it to say I would never have had the nerve to make the life choices she did. Highly recommend for older kids, teens, and adults.

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