

THE BOOK THIEF

by Markus Zusak

Published in 2005

Rating (0 stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)



Genre(s):

Contemporary

Action/adventure

Science Fiction

Fantasy

Romance

Horror

Mystery

Nonfiction

Historical fiction

Other: _____

Set in Nazi Germany and narrated by Death, *The Book Thief* recounts the story of Liesel Meminger and her coming of age during the Second World War. A love for books blossomed within her when she was nine, and with the guidance of her foster father, Liesel learns how to read. Soon she is stealing books from wherever she can and sharing her stories with the people in her world while the dangerous times threaten to tear everything apart.

The Book Thief offers a unique perspective into the lives of common people during WWII. Zusak's elegant writing combined with the riveting, well-paced plot and beautifully crafted characters furnish the book with charm and earnestness and left me feeling like I had just watched the book happen.

The bond between Liesel and the people that meant the most to her made me laugh and smile yet tear up. Death's irony-and-humor-tinged narration was yet another immensely enjoyable aspect of the book. Death was morose yet tender, and his reflections are what granted me contentment in the end.

Overall, this was a book to treasure. Its serious themes are sure to leave a long-lasting impression. Would recommend to anyone with bit of time who is looking for a wholesome and moving historical tale.

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