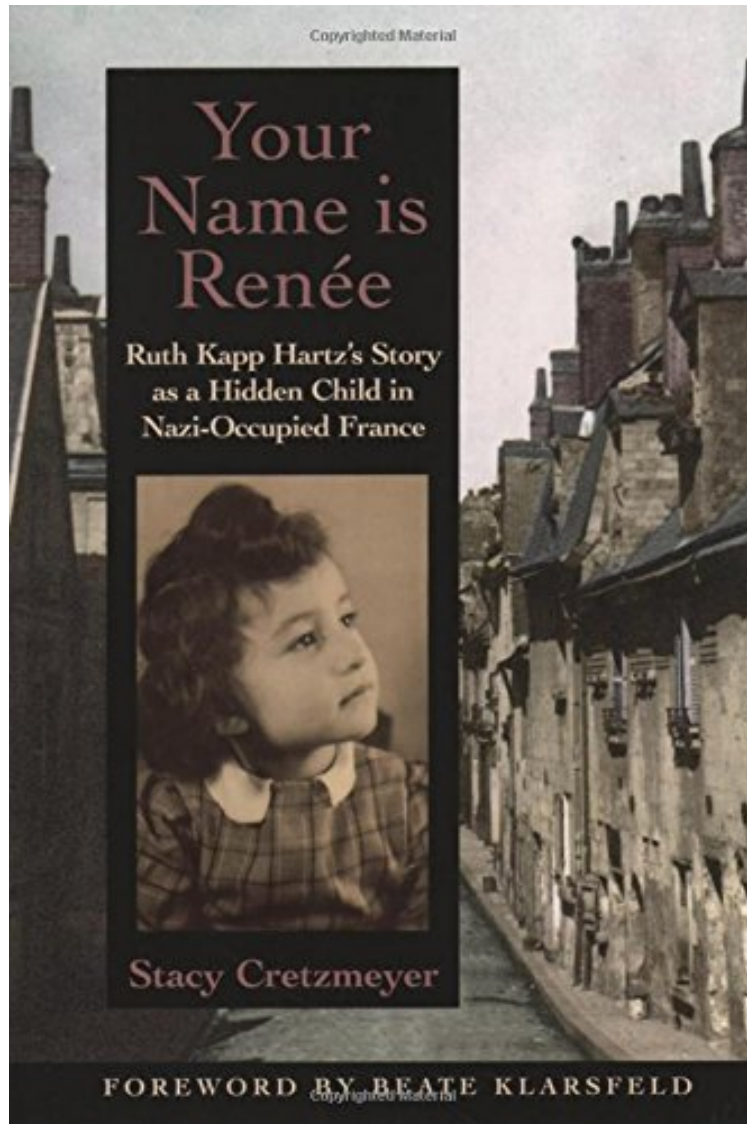


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In Nazi-occupied France in 1941, four-year-old Ruth Kapp learns that it is dangerous to use her own name. "Remember," her older cousin Jeannette warns her, "your name is Renee and you are French!"A deeply personal book, this true story recounts the chilling experiences of a young Jewish girl during the Holocaust. The Kapp family flees one home after another, helped by simple, ordinary people from the French countryside who risk their lives to protect them. Eventually the family is forced to separate, and young Ruth survives the war in an orphanage where she is not allowed to see or even mention her parents. Without the trappings of lofty language or the faceless perspective of history, this first-person account poignantly recreates the terror of war seen through the eyes of an innocent child. *Your Name Is Renee* is a tale of suffering and redemption, fear and hope.

From Publishers WeeklyBusiness Information.Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.From School Library JournalGrade 5-8-Because Ruth Kapp's relatives were German Jews, they were the targets of French as well as German anti-Semitism. Forced to hide their religion, they suffered many hardships, living meagerly and often fleeing from the Gestapo. They were aided by the French resistance as well as by ordinary men and women who took great risks to help them. As the danger increased, Ruth (called Ren?e during her years in France) was sent to an orphanage run by Catholic nuns; in an effort to shield her from German police, she was told to forget her family and faith. The family was eventually reunited, although even after the war, their troubles as Jews were far from over. Although the facts of the story are gripping, and the child's ordeal is heart wrenching, the telling is less so. Frequent flashbacks and attempts to weave in historical information make the story hard to follow, and the narrative is sometimes overly detailed, slowing the pace. However, those who are already interested in Holocaust accounts will find enough here to make this a worthwhile read.Cyrisse Jaffee, formerly at Newton Public Schools, MA Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.From Library JournalRuth Kapp's story supplies another piece of the history of the Holocaust. It concerns both the Jews who fled Germany for France and her family's struggle to evade not only the Nazis but the French police as well. Ruth was only four years old when she and her mother settled in Toulouse and awaited the return of her father, who had joined the French Foreign Legion to ensure that he and his family would not be deported. The French police made no distinction, however, and upon his return he and his family spent the remainder of the war in hiding. In an effort to conceal her German Jewish identity, the young Ruth went by the French name Ren?e. Her story is told by her former student, Cretzmeyer, who was interested in learning what Catholics and other Christians did or did not do to help Jews during the war. Cretzmeyer interviewed Kapp as well as her parents, friends, and the families who hid them during the war years. This is a compelling story, recommended for all collections. [Originally published in a small edition by Biddle Pub. Co. in 1993, this book has been reedited and contains a new introduction; for a related video, see the review of *Legacy of Goodness*, Video s, LJ 1/99.AEd.]ARoseanne Castellino, Arthur D. Little, Cambridge, M.-ARoseanne Castellino, Arthur D. Little, Cambridge, MA Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.