

Name of Book: The Book Thief

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Narrated by Death, "The Book Thief" is based on a German girl named Liesel during WWII. The story starts off with Liesel, her brother, and her mother in a train on the way to Munich, where the kids would live with the Hubermans. Unfortunately on the way to Munich, Death took Liesel's brothers soul, announcing him dead.

When she arrived in Munich on Himmel Street, Liesel did not have a great start. She was still shocked by her brother's abrupt death, and that her mom had left her with two complete strangers. Hans Huberman, or her Papa, comforted her every night by playing his accordion, and she soon got used to her new life. Of course there was Rosa Huberman; Mama, who calls Liesel "Saumensch" and hits her with a wooden spoon, but life has its ups and downs.

Then there's school. Liesel cannot read or write, so she was put down to the lower grades. Luckily making friends is easy when Rudy Steiner is your neighbour. She and Rudy cause all kinds of mischief from stealing apples to searching the streets all day for candy.

Life was great until one day someone showed up at the Huberman's door. His name was Max. He was a Jew, and it was all downhill from there. Life would change forever.

Recommendation:

The Book Thief is an amazing, heart wrenching adventure of a German girl in the middle of WWII, with tons of action and tears. It is beautifully written story and deserves 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ stars. I would recommend this book to anyone who would like a good laugh every once and awhile and maybe a few tears... wait, a lot of tears here and there. Great job Markus Zusak!

Rating: 5/5

