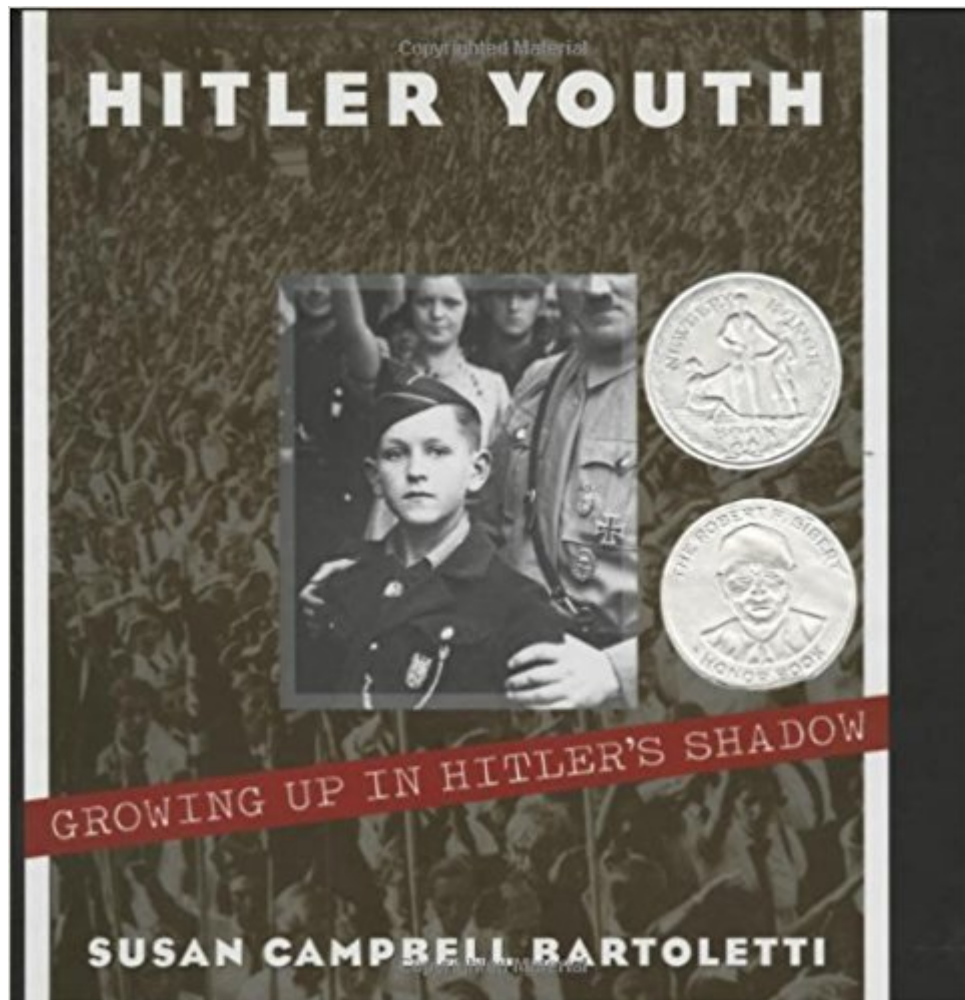




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# Hitler Youth: Growing Up In Hitler's Shadow



## Synopsis

In her first full-length nonfiction title since winning the Robert F. Sibert Award, Susan Campbell Bartoletti explores the riveting and often chilling story of Germany's powerful Hitler Youth groups. "I begin with the young. We older ones are used up . . . But my magnificent youngsters! Look at these men and boys! What material! With them, I can create a new world." --Adolf Hitler, Nuremberg 1933 By the time Hitler became Chancellor of Germany in 1933, 3.5 million children belonged to the Hitler Youth. It would become the largest youth group in history. Susan Campbell Bartoletti explores how Hitler gained the loyalty, trust, and passion of so many of Germany's young people. Her research includes telling interviews with surviving Hitler Youth members.

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Starred Review. Grade 5-8 "Hitler's plans for the future of Germany relied significantly on its young people, and this excellent history shows how he attempted to carry out his mission with the establishment of the Hitler Youth, or Hitlerjugend, in 1926. With a focus on the years between 1933 and the end of the war in 1945, Bartoletti explains the roles that millions of boys and girls unwittingly played in the horrors of the Third Reich. The book is structured around 12 young individuals and their experiences, which clearly demonstrate how they were victims of leaders who took advantage of their innocence and enthusiasm for evil means. Their stories evolve from patriotic devotion to

Hitler and zeal to join, to doubt, confusion, and disillusion. (An epilogue adds a powerful what-became-of-them relevance.) The large period photographs are a primary component and they include Nazi propaganda showing happy and healthy teens as well as the reality of concentration camps and young people with large guns. The final chapter superbly summarizes the weighty significance of this part of the 20th century and challenges young readers to prevent history from repeating itself. Bartoletti lets many of the subjects' words, emotions, and deeds speak for themselves, bringing them together clearly to tell this story unlike anyone else has.â “Andrew Medlar, Chicago Public Library, IL Copyright Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

**\*Starred Review\*** Gr. 7-10. What was it like to be a teenager in Germany under Hitler? Bartoletti draws on oral histories, diaries, letters, and her own extensive interviews with Holocaust survivors, Hitler Youth, resisters, and bystanders to tell the history from the viewpoints of people who were there. Most of the accounts and photos bring close the experiences of those who followed Hitler and fought for the Nazis, revealing why they joined, how Hitler used them, what it was like. Henry Mentelmann, for example, talks about Kristallnacht, when Hitler Youth and Storm Troopers wrecked Jewish homes and stores, and remembers thinking that the victims deserved what they got. The stirring photos tell more of the story. One particularly moving picture shows young Germans undergoing de-Nazification by watching images of people in the camps. The handsome book design, with black-and-white historical photos on every double-page spread, will draw in readers and help spark deep discussion, which will extend beyond the Holocaust curriculum. The extensive back matter is a part of the gripping narrative. Hazel Rochman Copyright Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved

A great book to teach tweens about the Holocaust, but also a great book for anyone interested. By approaching the subject from a young person's point of view, I think the book makes it easier for a young person to understand what happened.

Shipment was received very quickly once it was ordered. The book is in great condition with clean pages. This book was ordered for school project and I am very happy with the price because it will only be read once and then passed along.

This book is very well written with lots of crucial facts for the understanding of WW2 and specifically

the Hitler Youth. I definitely recommend this book for who is interested in WW2 and wants to go into more detail about it.

I don't typically read and had to read this book for school and it was amazing. It was like going behind the scenes of World War II. It was great from start to finish and I read it within 2 days.

With the small text and smaller black and white photographs, this would not be a great choice for younger children. Also, the content is bleak and scary. For high school age into adulthood, this may be a good read, in that it brings to light the horrors of the Nazi political agenda in the hopes that history would not repeat itself. To this day, there are people who disbelieve that the concentration camps never existed. For those survivors still with us, it must be heartbreaking and scary (particularly in the wake of a new wave of bigotry and hatred that seems to be spreading in America and other countries [2016]). To study the how and why of such a diabolical time may lead to an understanding of how it could still exist today. However, I don't believe the author ever did dig deep enough. I was left feeling flat and like I'd read this stuff before.

This award-winning book is powerfully written with emotionally-charged photography. For Holocaust studies, it seems an accurate picture of a slice of Nazi-influenced population. As incomprehensible as the events of the Holocaust are, it helps to see how children and youth were mesmerized and pulled into it.

Great quality printing and design. Contents excellent, service, as described and price all Excellent

We have this as a mandatory read at our school and the students cannot take them home, with 5 kids we bought one to keep here as they go through this assignment they can reference at home with no worries.

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