

The Book Thief

“First the colors. Then the humans. That’s usually how I see things. Or at least, how I try.” *The Book Thief* is placed in Nazi, Germany in the late 1930’s to the 1940’s around the period of the Holocaust. The story is written by Markus Zusak. **This book revolves around Liesel Meminger, Hans Huberman, Max Vandenburg, and a stolen book but mostly about the girl and how her whole life gets tossed and turned through out time.**

This story is the saddest and happiest book because it’s almost like a love story till everybody dies. Rudy loves Liesel but she doesn’t feel the same, which is depressing like her life. Death states, “Like most misery, it started with apparent happiness.” Basically, without happiness there would be no misery because we would not know the difference between both. They both have very mixed emotions. Everything in Liesel’s life is messed up.

When 9 year old Liesel and her 6 year old brother were on there way to Moltching to live with there new foster parents, Liesel’s life got turned upside down. Unfortunately Liesel’s brother died of starvation and the coldness, “Still in disbelief she started to dig. He couldn't be dead. He couldn't be dead. He couldn't.” Liesel could not believe what she was seeing. Her only brother dead, but now off to Molching she went... all alone and no one to love. Everybody Liesel loves seems to die.

Max Vandenberg is also known as **The Jewish Fist Fighter** because he fought Hitler in his dreams. Max and Liesel were alike since they both like to fight, “One was a

book thief. The other stole the sky” (Zusak 179). Liesel stole books and Max stole the sky, when the air raids went on and while everyone was in the shelter. Max is with the Huberman’s because he is Jewish and at this time Germans did not like the Jews so they were trying to wipe the Jews out which is very sad. Max has to leave Liesel’s life or else his life will be taken like everyone else.

At the end of this story unfortunately there was a bombing and mostly everybody Liesel loved died except Max. Luckily, Liesel lived a long life, had 3 kids, a husband, and a normal happy life after her tragic childhood. The author teaches that this same event could happen anywhere in the world, so it’s important to cherish those we love.