

Anne Frank

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Anne Frank was a beautiful young girl who was Jewish. She was born on June 12, 1929 in Frankfurt, Germany. As a teenager Anne loved movies and had dreams of being a movie star. She had a mother, Edith, a father, Otto and an older sister Margot. Anne and her family moved to Amsterdam, Netherlands because Adolf Hitler had taken control of Germany. Hitler had become the chancellor of Germany and Otto realized it wasn't safe for his Jewish family to stay there. They had to flee for that reason. Anne's parents kept their concerns a secret and moved the family to safety when Anne was three years old. Otto and Edith tried to keep the war and danger a secret from the girls. Anne and Margot went to the Montessori Lyceum Amsterdam School and made friends. Anne's two good friends were Sanne and Hanne.

When Anne was a teenager she decided to write about her experiences during World War II. Hitler was growing more powerful and was taking over more and more of Europe. When the Nazis invaded Amsterdam, with bombs dropping on its citizens, that is when Otto decided to take his family into hiding. Otto had a pectin company that made jam ingredients. There were secret rooms located behind the company. You had to access it through a secret bookshelf wall. Anne and her family lived there with other Jewish people. They had to be very quiet so they wouldn't be discovered. It was very hard. The Nazis had lists of the Jews and their locations. The good German people who wanted to help the Jews would help them, hide them or burn down the records building that had their names, addresses and family members information. This made it even harder for the Nazis to find the Jews. Anne, her family and the others would be safe for two years.

Unfortunately a man turned them in to the Nazi officers and they were taken away. The men and women were separated and put on to trains for the concentration camps! It was a three day trip with no food or water. Anne and her sister were spared immediate death in the gas chambers of Auschwitz and were sent to Bergen-Belsen in northern Germany. The Jews were not fed and they had to do hard work while in the death camps. Anne survived the first five months of torture but was weak and developed typhus fever. She died three weeks before the war ended and the Jews were saved. She was only fifteen years old. Both Anne's mom and her sister died in the concentration camps as well. The only person

in Anne's whole family to survive was her dad, Otto. He eventually found Anne's diary, but he was too sad to read it. After a while, he built up the courage to read it. He thought it was so well written that he should publish it. Otto knew this was Anne's wish so he knew she would be okay with it. It has been translated into many different languages around the world.

It was so sad how Anne died. We are so grateful that we didn't live during that time in Germany. We are grateful to be learning about Hitler through pictures and presentations and not in real life. It is important to learn about history, Anne Frank, the Jewish culture, Nazis and Hitler but it is scary and heartbreaking to realize it really happened.