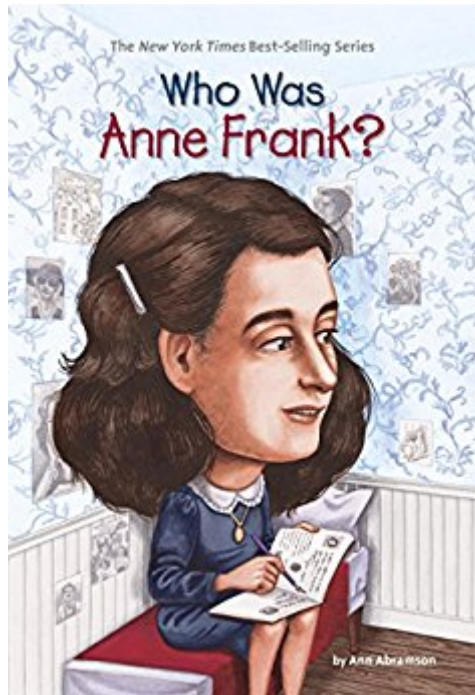


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# Who Was Anne Frank? (Who Was...?)



## Synopsis

In her amazing diary, Anne Frank revealed the challenges and dreams common for any young girl. But Hitler brought her childhood to an end and forced her and her family into hiding. *Who Was Anne Frank?* looks closely at Anne's life before the secret annex, what life was like in hiding, and the legacy of her diary. Black-and-white illustrations including maps and diagrams provide historical and visual reference in an easy-to-read biography written in a way that is appropriate and accessible for younger readers.

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## Customer Reviews

I am a 7 year old girl. I read this book by my self. It's an excellent biography book. I also read Jane Goodall, Hellen Keller, Dr.Seuss, and J.K. Rowling.For a 7 year old its not that scary to read about!

My 9yr old daughter chose this as her summer reading and loved it. I was worried about introducing this awful time in history and had her read the book aloud so we could discuss it as she read. It was

carefully written with young readers in mind. It takes you through her life story in a very sensitive manner. It allows the reader to understand the hardships she went through, without being too graphic.

Anyone who is familiar with the Who Was Series would sincerely appreciate this text. This series provides biographies on dozens of famous people, but it is written for children ages 9-12. The pages include a short amount of text and usually a sketch to accompany it. This is a quick read and provides accurate information; however, it is appropriate for the age group. The author definitely took into account the maturity level of the reader, which is appreciated. The character of Anne Frank is written so that the reader feels as though they would know her and can easily relate to some of her life's struggles. I am anxious for the next addition to this phenomenal series. A must for any classroom teacher!

I got this for my daughter when she was in 3rd grade. For that grade level, and what she needed it for, it was absolutely perfect. This is advertised for grades 3-7, but really this is only appropriate for maybe 3rd and 4th graders. By 5th grade, this is getting a little short in the tooth on information. It is large print, and has limited info when you get up in the 5th grade level, and pretty much useless at the 6th and 7th grade levels. My daughter had no issues at all in 3rd grade with reading and understanding it. She really enjoyed it and was amazed at the experiences Ann Frank went thru. It really opened her eyes that there are many different types of things people have had to go thru in life to get to where they are. We've read a couple of the "Who Was" books like this and they were all really well written. This certainly kept the standard alive. It's hard to condense such a large amount of information into something that still brings across all the important points, and is readable and fun. This whole series does a really good job of doing that. If you have a child in the lower grades that need info on anyone of historical importance, then this is a really good series to check out. I had to drop a star because I don't think it would be useful at the higher grade levels, but for the 3rd and 4th grade range, it's stellar!

I started this remarkable book with my daughter over the weekend. I imagine it could be read with parents by children as young as five, and depending on the reading level, enjoyed by girls up to 12 on their own. My daughter DID not want to read the book, as she didn't know the story behind it. However, as we read it together, the book thoroughly held her attention and her imagination. She loved that Anne also liked to play pranks - and missed many days of school like her, due to illness.

She found a lot of similarities between herself and Anne Frank. She enjoyed the maps and information in the book - and was filled with questions about WWI and WWII. I will definitely be looking for more books by this author. My daughter said, "I love this book!" many times while reading it - which was a first for her. I have finally found a HERstory that she can fully identify with and enjoy. The illustrations add so much to this detailed account in terms of allowing the child to wrap her head around the story.

The book *Who Was Anne Frank* was an interesting story. There was one really big problem for Anne Frank, the attack of the Nazis. Anne Frank and was really big secret too, her diary. She has had her diary a long time. Her diary is her best friend. Without she would never remember how her life was. This book tells a lot about her and gives lots of details. Anne Frank has many secrets in her mind. If you want to learn what those secrets are, read this book. *Who Was Anne Frank* is a marvelous book. My favorite part is when she writes her first diary entry. I think that this is very unusual in many ways. My favorite character is Anne Frank. If you like history I think you will like this book. Also, if you like the *Who Was* series you like this book. You will find yourself staying up late reading this book. If I could give this book twenty stars I would!

Of course Anne Frank's story ends sadly, so I can't say my middle schoolers enjoyed the book, exactly, but they were definitely engaged and appreciated the writing style. They learned a lot and were curious to learn more about Anne Frank. I used this book as part of a WWII unit study and even though the text would be fine for elementary readers, the details are interesting enough to get middle schoolers' attention as well. (BTW, I highly recommend the Anne Frank house website as a companion to any study of Anne Frank. You can take a virtual tour of the "Secret Annex.") So far, my kids have enjoyed every book from this series that we've read.

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