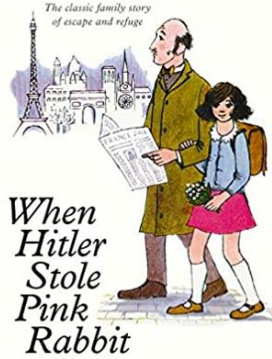




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Judith Kerr



Anna Judith Gertrud Helene Kerr was born in Berlin, Germany.

She was born on 14th June 1923

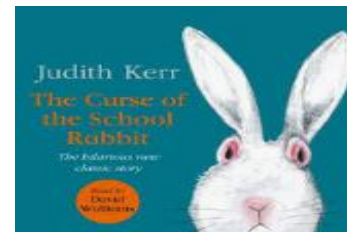
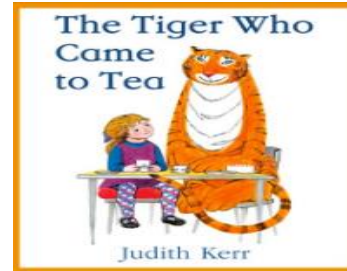
She dies on 22nd May 2019, aged 95

Her family left Germany in 1933, because Hitler became Chancellor of Germany. His anti-Semitic views meant that her Jewish family were no longer safe in Berlin

Judith Kerr was a British-based writer and illustrator whose books sold more than 10 million copies around the world.



Other books written by Judith Kerr:



The Mog set of books, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, and *The Curse of The School Rabbit.*, amongst others.

When Hitler stole Pink Rabbit is a semi-autobiographical novel, based on Judith Kerr's childhood.

The story was based on her regret over choosing to take a stuffed dog toy with her when her family fled Germany rather than a beloved pink rabbit toy.

The story shows us, through a child's viewpoint, how being a Jewish person in Germany, during the 1930s affected all areas of your life. Judith had a brother called Michael.

Jewish-any person whose religion is Judaism
Swastika-Hitler designed this symbol to represent the Nazi Party

Thug- a bad person or bully

Kindred spirit-a person whose beliefs or interests are like your own

Pronouncement –a formal announcement

Chancellor –Head of Government (Germany)

Neutrality-not supporting either side

Economise- to spend less

Forebodings –a feeling that something bad is going to happen

Frankfurters –German hot dog

Haberdashery –small items for sewing, such as thread, buttons etc.

Confiscation –taking belongings from someone with authority

Revolutionaries –people who want things to change and speak out about change

Provoke -deliberately annoy or make someone angry

Stereotyping –to judge or believe something about a race or group of people

Toiled- to work extremely hard

Refugee – someone forced to flee their country because of persecution, war or violence

Persecution- ill-treatment because of race or political belief

Compendium –a collection of something

Holocaust –slaughter on a mass scale

Citizenship –officially belonging to a country

Prejudice –opinion not based on fact



Judith, and the character Anna (in the book) travel from Germany to Zurich in Switzerland, then to Paris in France and finally to England.

The Holocaust

The Holocaust was a period in history at the time of World War Two (1939-1945), when millions of Jews were murdered because of who they were.

The killings were organised by Germany's Nazi party, led by Adolf Hitler.

Jews were the main target of the Nazis, and the greatest number of victims were Jewish. Nearly seven out of every 10 Jews in Europe were murdered because of their identity.

Chapter synopsis:

*C1: It is winter time, February 1933. On their way home from school Anna and Elsbeth are talking about a picture of Adolf **Hitler** - he is a candidate for the election. He wants to stop the Jews.*

C2: Papa leaves home to as he knows that The Nazi's do not like what he writes about.

C3: Anna, Max and mum leave Berlin for Stuttgart.

C4: The train journey to Stuttgart makes mum very nervous

C5: They stay in a hotel with Papa. Papa is scared that Hitler will win the German elections.

C6: The family move to Zurich.

C7 Anna starts school in Zurich and makes friends

C8 and 9: Anna is sad to be a poor refuge on her 10th birthday

C10: Papa goes to Paris to work for a newspaper

C11: Mum goes to visit Pap in Paris, leaving the kids in the care of Gasthof Zwirn

C12: The journey to Paris

C13; The children have a tour of Paris, seeing the sights and smells.

C14: It is Christmas.

C15: Anna's first day of school in Paris

C16: Mama and Anna visit Great-Aunt Sarah for provisions and clothes

C17: Max enjoys playing with the compendium with Francine

C18: The family return to Switzerland for a holiday

C19: Anna is struggling with French and her school work suffers

C20: They receive a worrying postcard from Onkel Julius in Germany

C21: Anna takes her exams

C22; 23: The family cannot afford a holiday and Anna and Mxz feel bored

C24: The family move to England to begin another chapter in their lives.

History timeline

January 30, 1933 - Adolf Hitler is appointed Chancellor of Germany a nation with a Jewish population of 566,000.

February 27, 1933 - Nazis burn Reichstag building to create crisis atmosphere.

February 28, 1933 - Emergency powers granted to Hitler as a result of the Reichstag fire.

April 1, 1933 - [Nazis stage boycott of Jewish shops and businesses.](#)

May 10, 1933 - [Burning of books in Berlin and throughout Germany.](#)

July 14, 1933 - Nazi Party is declared the only legal party in Germany; Also, Nazis pass Law to strip Jewish immigrants from Poland of their German citizenship.

August 2, 1934 - German President von Hindenburg dies. [Hitler becomes Führer.](#)

February 12, 1940 - First deportation of German Jews into occupied Poland.