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THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF

ANNE FRANK



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CHAPTER ONE

Who was Anne Frank?

Anne Frank was a normal young girl. She was an intelligent child, and she was very good at writing stories. At a young age, Anne's **life became** very difficult. But Anne was **brave**, and she always smiled and laughed.



In the **Second World War**, Anne and her family had to hide from the **Nazis**. The Nazis wanted to kill **Jews**, and the Franks were Jews. The Frank family hid from the Nazis in **secret** rooms for more than two years. In the secret rooms, Anne wrote a diary. She wrote everything in it. She wrote about her life in the secret rooms and the people she was with. She also wrote about her **feelings**.

Anne's diary is now very famous all over the world. Many people read it, and it is a very **interesting** but very sad book.

At the age of fifteen, Anne died. Today, she is very famous. People across the world know her name and her face because of her wonderful writing.

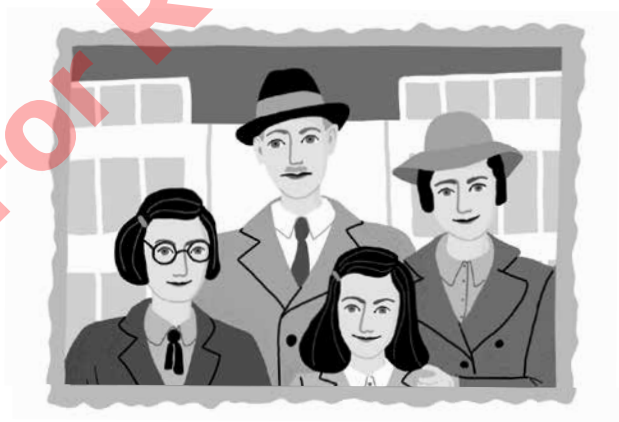


Anne wrote a diary.

The Second World War started in September 1939.



Three years later, Anne and her family had to hide from the Nazis with some other **Jewish** people in secret rooms. Not many people knew about the Frank family and the secret rooms, but some people helped them. These “helpers” brought food and water to Anne and her family. This was very **dangerous** for the helpers, but they wanted to help the Franks.



Anne and her family

Someone told the Nazis about Anne and her family, and, on 4th August 1944, the Nazis found the secret rooms. The Nazis took eight people out of the secret rooms. In the next year, seven of those people died. Only Anne's father, Otto Frank, saw the end of the war and became an old man.

After the war, one of the Franks' helpers gave Otto Anne's diary, and he read it. Anne's writing was wonderful. Otto showed it to his friends, and he showed it to people in his family. Otto wanted everyone to read Anne's diary. He wanted them to read Anne's words about the war. Otto Frank saw his daughter's diary become famous all over the world.



Otto with Anne's diary

Anne's diary tells us about the lives of Jewish people in the Second World War. It tells of a difficult life for Jews and a difficult life for Anne and her family. But the diary also shows us Anne. It shows a brave, funny and kind young girl. Anne liked to talk a lot, and many people called her a chatterbox. But her diary shows us a kind girl. Anne thought about other people, and her diary showed this. Anne's diary became her best friend. She told it everything about her life and her feelings.



Anne wrote about the war.

Anne Frank's diary is very important. It tells us about daily life for Jewish people in the war. It was difficult for them to get food, and people were very **cruel** to them.

Anne was a normal young woman, and her writing is intelligent and interesting. Many years after she died, Anne's diary shows us a brave and wonderful girl.



But let's go back to the start of Anne's life . . .