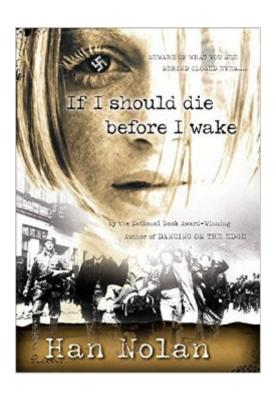
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# If I Should Die Before I Wake





### Synopsis

Hilary hates Jews. As part of a neo-Nazi gang in her town, she's finally found a sense of belonging. But when she's critically injured in an accident, everything changes. Somehow, in her mind, she has become Chana, a Jewish girl fighting for her own life in the ghettos and concentration camps of World War II. Han Nolan offers powerful insight into one young woman's survival through the Holocaust and another's journey out of hatred and self-loathing. Reader's guide and an interview with the author included.

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## **Customer Reviews**

If I Should Die Before I Wake by Han Nolan, is an EXCELLENT book with a slight twist on the usual Holocaust-related fictional novel, or true-life memoir. Like Jane Yolen's novel The Devil's Arithmetic, THIS novel is also about a girl in the present-day, being transported back in time to the Nazi era, to experience the persecution, and slaughter as a Jewish girl during that genocide. However, UNLIKE Jane Yolen's novel, in which, if I recall correctly (but vaguely [since it has been years since I've read the book] yet remember far more clearly from the movie The Devil's Arithmetic) the main character was a modern-day Jewish girl who was just apathetic about her heritage, culture & family's experiences in the Holocaust, in THIS novel, the main character is actually a staunch Neo-Nazi, who goes back in time to 1930s-40s Europe as a Jewish girl to endure (and more importantly open

her eyes/mind to!) the suffering of Jews & others. From the blurb on the back of the book: Sixteen-year-old Hilary Burke hates Jews. As part of a neo-Nazi gang in her town, she's finally found a sense of belonging. But then she is critically injured during a motorcycle accident with her boyfriend, Brad, and nothing will ever be the same.

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