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The Book Thief: Enhanced Movie Tie-in Edition



Synopsis

The extraordinary #1 New York Times bestseller that will hit movie theaters in November 2013, Markus Zusak's unforgettable story is about the ability of books to feed the soul. This enhanced ebook edition is perfect for new fans and collectors alike. It includes: An exclusive video welcome to the enhanced edition from Markus Zusak. The official movie trailer for The Book Thief. Videos featurettes introducing Sophie NÃ©elisse (Leisel Meminger) and Geoffrey Rush (Hans Hubermann) and their roles in the film. Clips from the film embedded in the original text. A video interview with Markus Zusak. It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl who scratches out a meager existence by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist: books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids, as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement. In superbly crafted writing that burns with intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak, author of *I Am the Messenger*, has given us one of the most enduring stories of our time.

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I just finished this book last night and said to myself, "I should really read it again before I try to make comment" but, no, I want to share my reactions as spontaneously as possible. There are hundreds of books in my house, but there is one bookshelf upstairs in a back bedroom which holds those special books: you know, the ones that have made such a profound impact on who you are and how you see the world that they are put aside in a place of honor. This will be one of those books for me. This book is for adults, but it is also for teenagers. I think it is doing younger people a dis-service to think they could not relate to this book because the narrative style is challenging, the subject matter is doleful and/or because there are too many pages (oh, for heaven's sake!). Young people who like to read and like to think and like to feel will love this book as much as older folks like me. There is no need to dummy things down or sugarcoat them, especially when there is such a compelling story to be told. One of the most powerful aspects of the book for me was the number of surprises. The book was not what I thought it would be and I was constantly astonished by: 1. the amazing stories that Max told and were re-created with tender illustrations inserted into the body of the book 2. the treatment of the German people as human beings, rather than "nasty Nazis" à la 1940's Hollywood. Although I like to see a "nasty Nazi" get his comeuppance as much as the next person, I found the lack of stereotypes in this book quite refreshing. 3. the imaginative use of language - it's just plain poetical at times. You get stopped short and have to read bits out loud because they are so darned beautiful and/or original. 4.

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