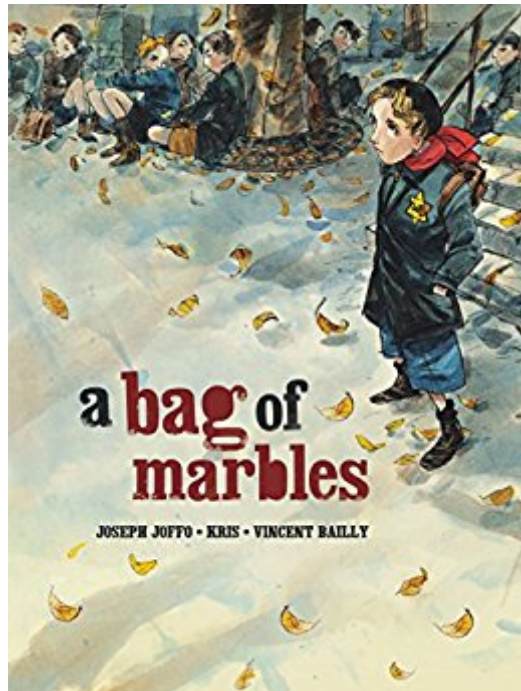




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In 1941 in occupied Paris, brothers Maurice and Joseph play a last game of marbles before running home to their fathers barbershop. This is the day that will change their lives forever. With the German occupation threatening their family's safety, the boys' parents decide Maurice and Joseph must disguise themselves and flee to their older brothers in the free zone. Surviving the long journey will take every scrap of ingenuity and courage they can muster. And if they hope to elude the Nazis, they must never, under any circumstances, admit to being Jewish. The boys travel by train, by ferry, and on foot, facing threats from strangers and receiving help from unexpected quarters. Along the way they must adapt to the unfamiliar world beyond their city and find a way to be true to themselves even as they conceal their identities. Based on an autobiographical novel by Joseph Joffo and adapted with the authors input, this true story offers a harrowing but inspiring glimpse of a childhood cut short.

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This graphic novel is almost impossible to read in this format in me kindle! I should have ordered the one written in prose.

Well done. I hope that young readers will be introduced to this important book. However, the language and descriptive passages of the original presentation is preferable. This feels sketchy and fast, easy to integrate the story with the photos, but not quite as good as it could be as a well told story.

Book was recommend by a friend. I thought the book was interesting, especially since it was a true story. Will recommend this book to others.

This is a fascinating memoir about the Holocaust era from an area of Europe (France) seldom covered in traditional history.

great

So, it's basically a comic book but you get through the story quickly cause it cuts the added details out because they are illustrated for you . Pros = you can read it fast if you have a test. Cons= if it's in french and they ask for some french vocabulary you're kind of not in a good position for any test .

Joseph Joffo's 'Un sac de billes' is closely linked to his novel 'Simon et l'enfant'. I recommend that both novels be read together as they very much feed into each other. The former is directly autobiographical, while the latter is a novel clearly based on the author's own experiences as a Jew fighting to survive the horrific holocaust. In both works, a child survives the horrors of the concentration camps through a combination of courage, resourcefulness and good fortune. Joffo's writing offers a very personal, child-centred view of the Resistance, the Nazi occupation of France, the collaborators, the horrific cruelty and persecution of Jewish people, the heroism and kindness of Resistance activists and of people such as interpreters for the Nazis, who were, in reality, trying to save as many Jews as possible from the death camps. If you have been moved by the film 'Schindler's List', or 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas', or by books such as 'The Diary of Anne Frank', then the works of Joffo are bound to have an impact on you. Highly recommended.

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