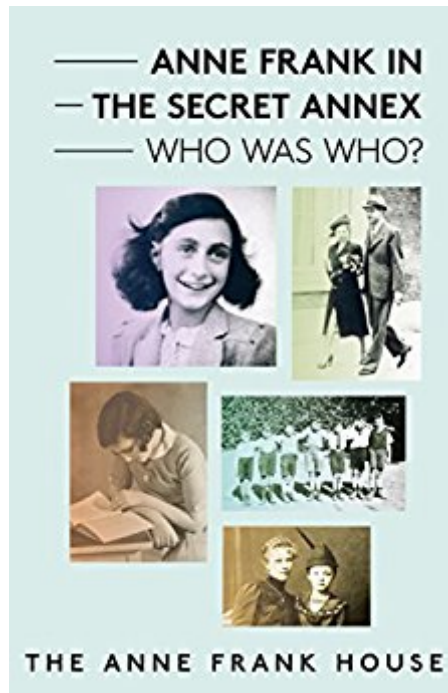




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Synopsis

This detailed account of the Amsterdam annex where Anne Frank wrote her diary includes the stories of those who helped her and those who hid with her. For two years during the Second World War, young, Jewish Anne Frank lived in hiding from the Nazis. Everything she experienced, thought, and felt, she confided in her diary. She was just as frank in her descriptions of the seven other people in the Annex and of the five helpers who endangered their own lives to look after them. Years later, Anne Frank's diary became world famous. The Secret Annex was so well set up that the hidings survived there for over two years. Who were these people, how did they meet, and what happened to them? This book shows the background and organization of the Annex and the personal stories of all involved, as well as their relationships and their fates. It also offers many never-before-published photographs. The result is an extraordinary group portrait that stays with the reader long after the last page is turned.

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Customer Reviews

I learned a great deal from the book which was a great supplement to the diary and online sites.

Great transaction. Many thanks!

Like many of us, I read Anne Frank's diary when I was a teenager. My heart broke for this exquisitely curious and lively girl and the smart, sweet and cutting way that she wrote about her experience in the Secret Attic. I read everything I could about her and as a Jewish girl living in a neighborhood replete with survivors, I imagined what I would do in the same situation. As I got older I began to question some of the ways that her story was used to teach about the Holocaust. I began to chaff at the quote that is the most cited from her diary, "I keep my ideals, because in spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart." I thought of her lying on the ground dying with her dead sister next to her in Bergen-Belsen and wondered what she still thought about human nature and hated the whitewashing of the pain and horror of the Holocaust. Yet, for me Anne Frank and her story just cuts me to the core. Anne Frank in the Secret Annex adds to what we know about Anne, the other seven people who hid in the attic and the helpers. It does this through photographs, maps timelines and additional readings. It deepens our understanding of the day to day life that she experienced and gives context to the diary as we learn more about her family's life before the war and how she came to the secret annex. I especially appreciated being able to gain a fuller understanding of the three families that hid together notably some of the adults who Anne wrote about her conflicts but little more. For example, I learned about Fritz Pfeffer and the woman he loved but could not marry because Jews and Non-Jews could not marry under the 1935 Nazi Nuremberg Laws. It also gives us vital and more complete information about the people who protected and loved them; how they worked together despite the danger and that several of them were sent to concentration camps when the Franks were discovered and so much more. The book feels gritty and raw in its factual presentation and that took me right into the book which I stayed up to finish. I would not read Anne Frank in the Secret Annex without first reading her diary, in conjunction or ideally, afterwards. Thank you to Netgalley for allowing me to review this book for an honest opinion.

The book itself was interesting and brought understandings to a well known story. My only complaint is that the download was terrible. It kept jumping backward and forward in the story and then was really hard to relocate where you had been.

Excellent

Fast delivery

I of course have read the original diary and it is amazing document this is a nice piece of work that kind of get filled in a lot of the blanks for you I would recommend

Interesting facts, but was definitely not a page turner. Makes me want to see the annex though. I had not known that Otto lived on after the war.

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