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# The diary of Anne Frank

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**D**ear reader,  
you are about to read the memories written by a Jewish German girl during the Second World War. It is a personal and profound story that makes you reflect upon the atrocities of war.

These symbols will help you during the reading:



**What will happen...:** a summary of what is about to happen in the next chapter



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## The characters of this book



**ANNE FRANK**  
The author of the Diary



**MARGOT FRANK**  
Anne's older sister



**OTTO FRANK**  
Anne and Margot's  
father



**EDITH FRANK**  
Anne and Margot's  
mother



**PETER VAN DAAN**  
Anne's friend,  
equal in age



**AUGUSTE VAN DAAN**  
Peter's mother



**HERMANN VAN DAAN**  
Peter's father



**ALBERT DUSSEL**  
The dentist



**VICTOR KUGLER**  
Employee at Opekta,  
Otto Frank's company



**MIEP GIES**  
Otto Frank's assistant

# What the diary of Anne Frank is about

**A**nne Frank is a Jewish girl who lives in Amsterdam, in the Netherlands. During the Second World War, Anne's family, like all the Jewish people, is persecuted by the Nazis. Anne, her father, her mother and her sister Margot are forced to leave their home and go into hiding. They find shelter in the «secret annex», a hiding place located in her father's office building. Anne, however, does not give up and hopes to go back to her normal life soon. In her diary she writes about her feelings, thoughts and everything that happens in the secret annex.



# 1

## The secret annex



### What will happen...

The situation gets more and more difficult for the Jews. Hitler has decided to persecute and exterminate the Jews. For this reason the Frank family moved to the Netherlands a few years back. But now, with the German invasion and the war going on, the situation is dangerous in the Netherlands too.



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July 5, 1942

Dear Kitty,

Two days ago I received my report card, it is not bad at all. My parents are happy as long as I am feeling good. Father is not working lately. The company does not want him anymore because he is Jewish. Mr. Kleiman leads Opektra now. My father talks about **going underground**. He says we have to hide in order not to be arrested by the **Nazis** and end up in a **concentration camp**. I am really scared!





*July 8, 1942*

Dear Kitty,

The world is upside-down! The **SS** called my sister Margot. She was told to report to the Nazis who wanted to send her to a concentration camp. But we are going to hide in a secret place. We collected everything we will need. I slept in my bed for the last time. There will be seven of us in the hiding place, my family and the Van Daans. Mr. Van Daan is one of Father's **business partners**.



*July 9, 1942*

Dear Kitty,

We woke up at half past five and we left home at half past seven in the morning. Each of us was wearing a lot of clothes, one piece over the other, to take as much stuff as possible with us. Of course we could not flee with a bag because they could discover us. I said goodbye to my home and my lovely cat that remained with the neighbours. We went to our hiding place, in my father's office building.





On the ground floor there is the storeroom. On the first floor there are the offices where Bep, Miep and Mr. Kugler work. They will help us remain hidden. On the third floor there is the **secret annex**, which is hard to find. It is a big apartment where Mr. Van Daan, his wife and son, and the four of us will stay. All the rooms are now filled with boxes containing the stuff we had carried with us the days before. We **rolled up our sleeves** and began to organise our secret home.



## Difficult words

**Apprehensive:** anxious, worried.

**Telltale:** someone who sneaks on, cannot keep secrets.

**Lovers:** admirers.

**Cry-baby:** someone who complains a lot and is always crying.

**Jewish star:** six-pointed star, symbol of Judaism.

**Christians:** people whose religion is Christianity. They believe Jesus is the son of God, pray in churches and their holy book is the Bible.

**Nazis:** people who supported Hitler and the National Socialist party. They believed the German people was superior to others and should rule the whole world.

**Concentration camp:** fenced and surveilled area where the Nazis kept their enemies.

**SS:** Nazi Germany army with special powers.

**Business partners:** people you work with.

**Secret annex:** hiding place.



## Idioms

**Good-for-nothing:** someone who is incapable, useless.

**Not worth a dime:** someone who is worthless.

**Going underground:** going into hiding.

**Roll up one's sleeves:** work hard.

## My notes

Write down the most significant sentences or words  
you read in the diary of Anne Frank or  
that you want to remember.



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## My diary

Try to write your own diary page,  
describing your day and feelings.



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