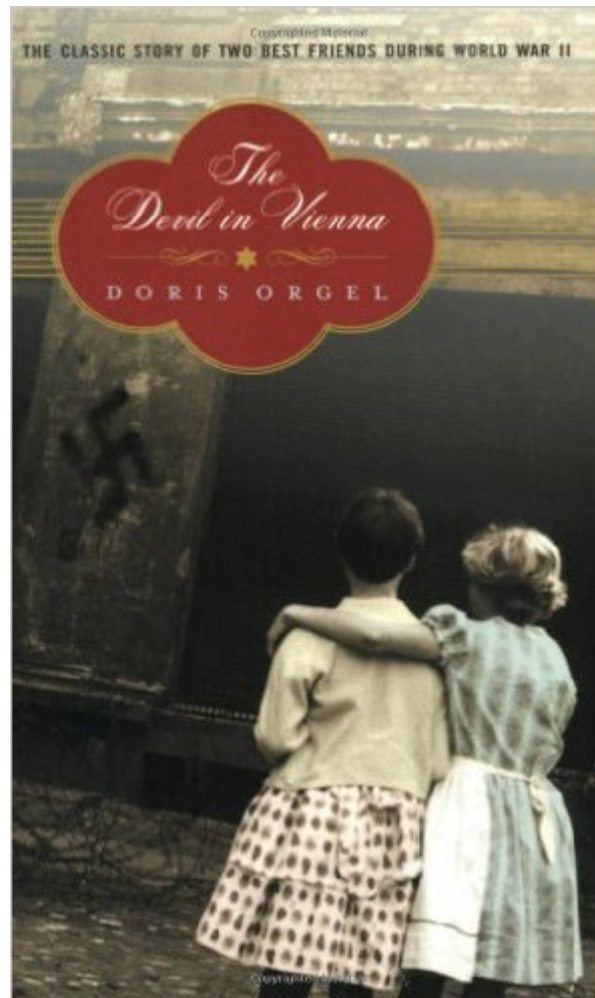


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# Devil In Vienna



## Synopsis

Inge Dorenwald and Lieselotte Vessely have been best friends for most of their thirteen years. They share secrets, fears, hopes and even the same birthday. It never mattered that Inge was Jewish and that Lieselotte was the daughter of a Nazi SS officer "until now. Hitler and Nazism are infiltrating Vienna, Austria, in 1938 and suddenly it is forbidden for the girls to continue seeing each other. Despite the danger, Inge and Liselotte struggle to keep their friendship alive. But will they be able to do it? This novel, based on the author's own experiences during World War II, is an ALA Notable Book and winner of the Sydney Taylor Award and the Golden Kite Award.

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## Customer Reviews

The Devil in Vienna by Doris Orgel is a very good book. The main character is 13-year-old Inge Dornenwald, who lives in Vienna, Austria, in 1938. Inge is Jewish. However, Inge's best friend, Lieselotte Vessely, is not Jewish. The two girls have been best friends since they were in first grade, and they plan to be best friends forever. But then Lieselotte moves to Germany. Her father and older brother are Nazis and they forbid her to continue her friendship with Inge. Inge's parents also say that she shouldn't be friends with Leiselotte, since her father is a Nazi. But Inge and Lieselotte remain friends. After all, they are best friends, and even blood sisters. They will do everything they can to struggle against the Devil in Vienna to remain best friends forever. This book, written in diary form, was very interesting. It not only tells about what life was like for the Jews during World War 2, but also anti-Nazis and even some Nazis. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes to read about World War 2.

I thought that 'The Devil in Vienna' started out slow, but once I got into it I loved every minute of it! It takes place in Austria during WW2 and tells the story of two girls, Inge and Lieselotte, who are best friends. Inge is Jewish and Lieselotte is Catholic. This doesn't really affect them until Lieselotte moves to Germany to be part of the Hitler Youth. This is her father's choice, not hers. Several months later, Lieselotte returns to Vienna (not long before Hitler does) and continues her friendship with Inge in secret. As Hitler gains control in Austria, the girls' friendship becomes more and more dangerous. Inge's family decides to flee to another country to save their lives. It takes a while for them to make plans since the Nazis didn't want to let Jews out of Austria, but when they do manage to evacuate, Inge and Lieselotte part as best friends. This story showed how strong true friendship really is, and all that it can endure. I learned a lot from 'The Devil in Vienna' about acceptance, forgiveness, and history. Inge and Lieselotte were able to overlook their contrasting religions and positions, and respected each other's differences. All in all, this is a powerful book that tells a moving story.

We all feel that we understand the Holocaust. Jews were separated from their families and tortured in concentration camps. While we can all imagine this as being horrible, most don't see the story behind the eyes in the pictures of thin, ghostly looking faces of the victims, it seems as if skin was just draped over an empty skeleton. Which, by all means is understandable because it seems as if there is nothing to look at... at all. But I have to say, although this book has not much to do with the Holocaust, it brings a new meaning into the way I think about it. I feel able to comprehend it on a new level. With the personal story of Inge unwinding, the "What If" factor comes into play as you watch Inge's family struggle for survival in their good health. With a completely riveting, bittersweet twist in the middle and in the end, the book will have you leaning on your chair, gasping for air as if you feel that you may be next to Dachau. As horrible as this story sounds, the true, honest friendship of Lieselotte and Inge will always put a smile and tears on your face. Orgel also incorporates the culture of Austria and Vienna specifically into the story to create a more vivid, likely story and picture. If you're looking for a book that is a stretch from the average, I strongly suggest this story. The words have provided me with a new comprehension of Hitler and his victims. I truly enjoyed this book but its bittersweet ending has me jerking back tears. Please read this book.

I enjoyed seeing the period through the eyes of a young Jewish girl Inge doing everything she could to retain her friendship with her Aryan friend. The novel written with such simplicity and clarity

does an excellent job of placing us in Vienna in a growing time of terror and atrocities. S.J. Tagliareni  
author of Hitler's Priest

Hi, Girls! This was my FAVORITE book when I was a kid. I am now 34, and I recently found my old copy of it. I started reading, and couldn't put it down, even though I read it several times when I was younger and still remembered every detail. If you've ever had a best friend move away, or had a friend that your parents didn't like, you'll be able to relate to the "Blood-Sister" heroines, Lieslotte and Inge. If you're curious about the life of ordinary girls during the Nazi era, this book will fascinate you. The book is MUCH better than the movie adaptation, "A Friendship In Vienna," which left out the most interesting part of the story: Lieslotte's experiences after she moved to Germany. Imagine going to a school where you have FIVE hours of Gym, every day!

This is a very awesome book. In the beginning, I was very bored. Then, I wished that I could tear my eyes away from this book and read another one. But when I came to the middle of the book, it was so enthralling, I couldn't put the book down. What a beautiful friendship! How I wish I could have somebody my kindred spirit. Then, I could share all my secrets with her. These two friends befriend each other even though their religion is different. It was difficult to meet each other as each other's parents wouldn't give their consent to them. Inge was a Jewish and Lieselotte was a German. And Germans were killing Jews! This story tells you about how these two friends stick together during the World War 2. I feel so attached to these two girls.

I would have to say that Doris Orgel's book Devil In Vienna is one of my most treasured books. The story is so magnificent that I couldn't put it down until I finished reading it. There is also a Disney movie called a Friendship in Vienna that is based on the book, I enjoyed the movie and would recommend it for viewing also. I felt that the connection between the two girls even in the darkest of time, is what friendship is really about and that's what everyone should look for in a true friend. I would like to recommend this book to any person of any age, for I didn't read it until my late teens and even at that age I felt that it was an excellent book.

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