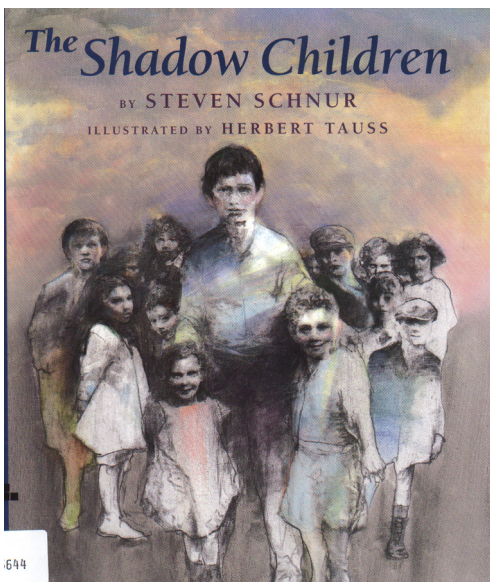


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SUBJECT: Holocaust—Children

TITLE: The Shadow Children (Steven Schnur)

One summer after the Second World War, Etienne visits his beloved grandfather on his farm near the French town of Mont Brulant. A two-month vacation stretches before Etienne—with hay to be turned, pears to be harvested, and old books to help repair. Best of all are the fields and woods around Mont Brulant, waiting to be explored on the back of his grandfather’s horse. While exploring the forest, Etienne sees starving, waif-like children that no one else seems to see and he is haunted by their image. Nor does anyone else seem to notice the ragged refugee children with hollow eyes silently begging alongside the road. When Etienne tells his grandfather about them, he tells him he’s imagining things. When Etienne persists his grandfather says that he should not go into the woods anymore because they are haunted with “the souls of a thousand lost children.” However, Etienne continues to visit the woods and each time he speaks to the children and returns with small keepsakes (copper coins, two bent keys, a cracked wristwatch, a single infant’s shoe, a blackened silver necklace, and an enameled pocket knife), evidence that the children must be there. Finally, his grandfather tells Etienne the truth: they are the ghosts of Jewish refugee children that the villagers turned over to the Nazis and who were then murdered. Etienne learns that he would have suffered the same fate as the “Shadow Children” if he had been born during the war because Etienne’s father is a Jew.

TYPE: Young adult fiction

GRADE LEVEL: Middle school



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| 1 | BOOK        | The Shadow Children (Steven Schnur) MN 70040  |
| 1 | LESSON PLAN | Includes objectives, pre-reading activities, discussion questions, post-reading activities and other suggested resources. |

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