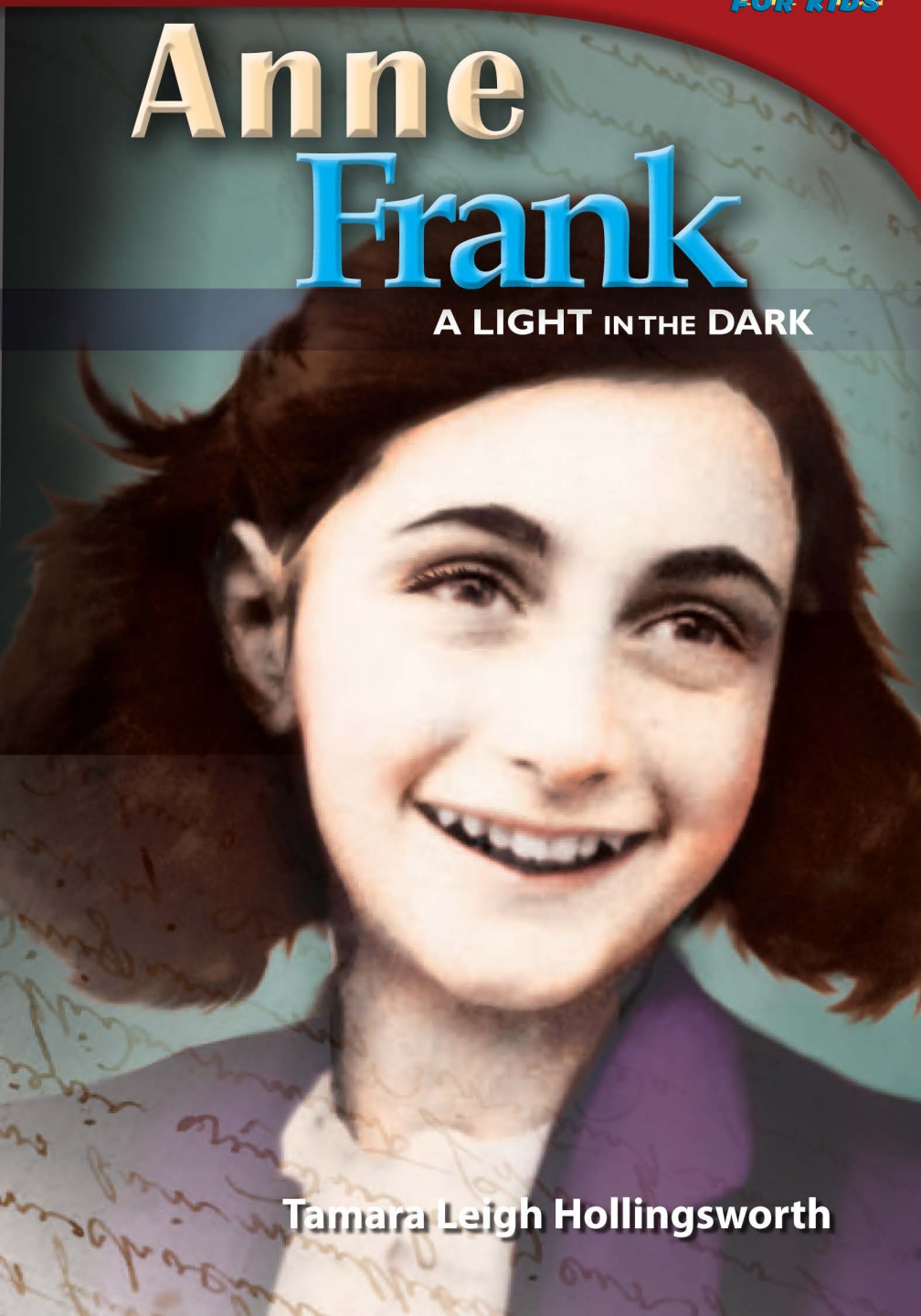
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Chapter 1

An Extraordinary Girl

Every child dreams about the future and wonders what life will be like as an adult. When Anne Frank was a young woman, she thought about what her life would be like when she grew up. Her world was filled with fear. But Anne kept the light of hope in her heart.

Anne was an **outgoing** girl who loved to have fun. She loved when her father's friends came to visit. She made them laugh. Her mother called her "the little comedian." She often got in trouble for speaking her mind at school.

This lively girl was born in Frankfurt, Germany, on June 12, 1929. Her family had lived there for over 100 years. Her father, Otto Frank, ran a successful business. Her mother stayed home with Anne and her older sister, Margot. Like many German families, the Franks were **Jewish**.

By 1945, six million Jews were dead. Anne did not survive, but her powerful words did.

THINK LINK

- Who was Anne Frank?
- Why is her writing so important to us today?
- How can we honor her memory?

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Imagine hiding silently in an attic for over two years.

Extraordinary Times

Anne's parents loved living in Frankfurt. They believed it was safe from **anti-Semitism** and hostility toward Jews. Anti-Semitism wasn't new in 1930. Germany had a **diverse** population. Each group believed something different. But there was a group of people who particularly disliked Jews.

Anne was born during the **Great Depression**. The Western world was in a **crisis**. Millions of people had lost their jobs. And they were unable to find new ones. People were scared. They wanted someone to blame.

In Germany, a man named Adolf Hitler began giving hate-filled speeches. He blamed Germany's problems on anyone who seemed different. Mostly, he blamed the Jews. In 1933, he led the **Nazi Party**, a powerful political group. Hitler led people to act in hateful ways toward Jews. Many innocent Jewish people were fired from their jobs. Some had to close their businesses. Anne's father decided to leave Frankfurt. He wanted to take his family away from the danger.



During the Great Depression, 13 million people lost their jobs in the United States.

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Hitler's Power

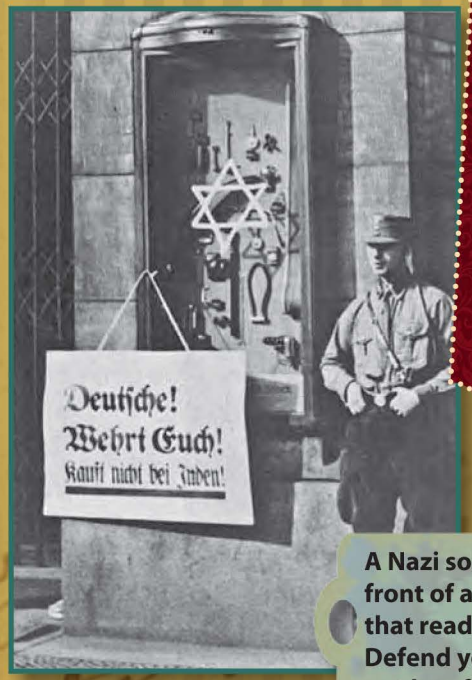
Hitler was a powerful speaker. He knew the perfect things to say to get attention. He told people that if they did what he said without question, they would have money, food, and happiness again. These promises helped Hitler gain power in Germany.

The Frank family moved to Amsterdam, Holland in 1933. At first, life was calmer. Hitler wasn't powerful there. The Franks believed they were safe. Like all children, Anne attended school. She loved writing, acting, and singing. She dreamed of becoming a writer or a movie star. But the peace of her childhood did not last.

In May 1940, the Nazis attacked Holland. The Franks had left Frankfurt to escape cruelty toward Jews. But now they faced the same problems. Hitler created new rules that treated Jews as inferior **outcasts**.

Outsiders

Hitler called Jews *outsiders*. If a book had Jewish ideas or was written by a Jewish person, Hitler ordered it to be burned. Jews were not allowed in places like restaurants, movie theaters, or schools. It was not only Jews that Hitler targeted. He spoke with hate against anyone who did not believe the same things he did.

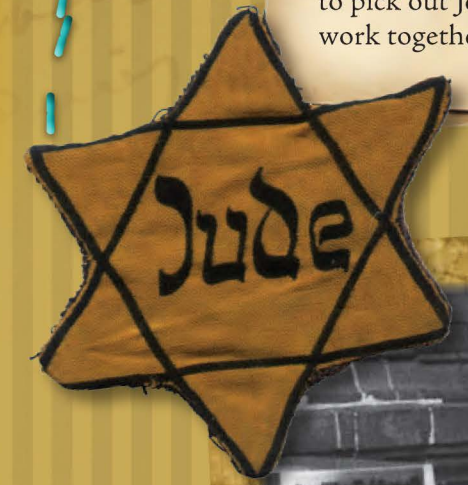


A Nazi soldier stands in front of a store with a sign that reads, "Germans! Defend yourselves! Do not buy from Jews!"

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The Star of David

Jews chose the Star of David as the symbol to represent themselves and their faith. The 12 sides of the star represent the original 12 Jewish families. Hitler imposed laws that required Jews to wear the star. He wanted it to be easy to pick out Jews, so they couldn't hide or try to work together.





Jews were forced to wear the Star of David where it could be easily identified.