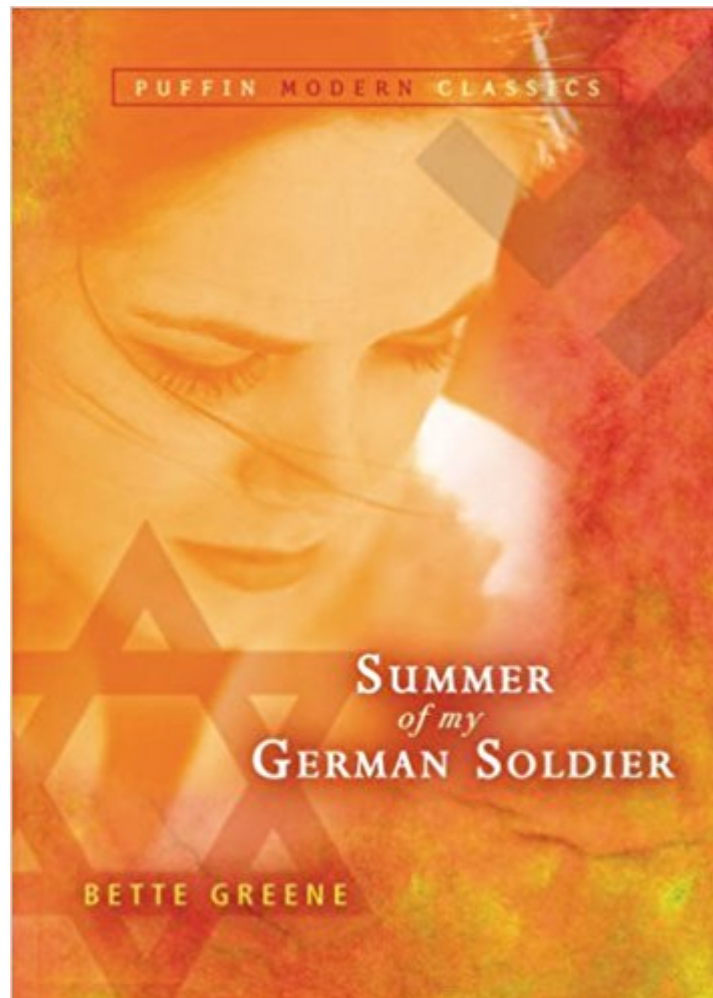




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Synopsis

An emotional, thought-provoking book from multi-award-winning author Bette Greene. The summer that Patty Bergen turns twelve is a summer that will haunt her forever. When her small hometown in Arkansas becomes the site of a camp housing German prisoners during World War II, Patty learns what it means to open her heart. Even though she's Jewish, she begins to see a prison escapee, Anton, not as a Nazi, but as a lonely, frightened young man with feelings not unlike her own. In Anton, Patty finds someone who softens the pain of her own father's rejection and who appreciates her in a way her mother never will. While patriotic feelings run high, Patty risks losing family, friends and even her freedom for this dangerous friendship. It is a risk she has to take and one she will have to pay a price to keep. "An exceptionally fine novel." *The New York Times* "Courageous and compelling!" *Publishers Weekly* A National Book Award Finalist An ALA Notable Book A *New York Times* Outstanding Book of the Year

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Courageous and compelling! -- Publishers Weekly

Bette Greene's first novel, *A Summer of My German Soldier*, is hailed as "an exceptionally fine novel" by the *New York Times*, and has become a modern classic. Published in 1973, this beloved book has inspired an Emmy Award-winning television film and a recent stage musical. The first book in the Philip Hall series, *Philip Hall Likes Me. I Reckon Maybe.*, was a 1975 Newbery Honor Book and a 1974 *New York Times* Outstanding Book of the Year. Born in a small Arkansas town, Bette Greene has lived in Memphis, Tennessee, Paris, France, and New York City. She now lives in Boston, Massachusetts.

The antagonist POV of a young Jewish girl during wartime invokes much empathy and the reader can't help but wish she would make better decisions as they exacerbate the difficulty of growing up in an abusive household. While there are some uplifting moments and characters the darkness and the despair crush any glimmer of hope the reader may develop. Maybe it's just too real to enjoy?

I purchased this book for my grandson as one of his summer reading choices because I remember enjoying myself many years ago...a beautiful and unusual story.

Just received this book looks good thanks

My 15-year-old daughter was required to read this book for English/Lit class. I read it too, and found it to be historically informative and an excellent example of imaginative, descriptive writing. The story is a real page-turner, never boring, full of suspense and surprises. The author is very insightful, giving readers pause for thought on important social issues. While the story introduces young readers to different ways of examining a situation, and the author's writing style is witty and unique, the reading is not difficult--it is compelling. I wish all teens had the privilege of being required to read this book!

Enjoyed this story and it's amplification of our history.

I HAV ENJOYED ALL OF BETTE GREENE BOOKS . WELLWORTH READING

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