

THE WORLD'S GREATEST HEROES!

ANNE FRANK

The young girl whose famous diary has inspired millions



Thanks to her strong belief in the goodness of people, Anne's tragic tale became a story of hope...

It's 12 June 1942 and Anne Frank is celebrating her 13th birthday. Anne's parents have bought her a diary, one that she had chosen herself. It would be the most important present of her life.



Oh, Papa! It's what I always wanted! How did you know?

I must've read your mind! Ha, ha, ha!

The Frank family were German Jews who had fled to Holland to escape persecution from the Nazis during World War II.

Anne was a bright and energetic girl who enjoyed life. She settled well in her new home in Holland.



When Margot roller-skating is fake!

Tsk! So childish.

Anne's more sensible sister Margot.

Her playfulness and chattiness often got her into trouble, especially at school.



You will write an essay entitled, 'Quack, Quack, Quack' said 'Miss Chatterbox'.

Hooray! More writing! I love essays!

In 1940, the German Nazis invaded Holland. It was no longer safe to be a Jew.



There goes the neighbourhood.

In Holland, as in Germany, Jews faced exclusion from many everyday activities. Fun-loving Anne was unimpressed.



Jews can't ride buses; go to the cinema; go to the theatre; ride in cars; ride in trams; play sports; go out in the evening...

What CAN we do?

Margot had been called up to a work camp. The family went into hiding.

They left early one morning wearing as many clothes as possible. They didn't want to arouse suspicion by carrying cases.



I can't breathe!

Anne's father had prepared for this moment for weeks.

He'd converted rooms above his factory into a secret hideaway for his family.



Shh! Shh! Shh! Shh!

They had to keep very quiet so the factory workers didn't hear them!

Another Jewish family moved in and to begin with, Anne found it all very exciting!



It's like being on holiday!

Ha, ha, ha!

But it didn't last long. Months of being cooped up together led to many quarrels.



I don't want cabbage! You eat it!

Cabbage gives me wind! Everyone knows that!

That girl hasn't been raised properly!

Where are your manners?

Anne wrote down everything in her precious diary. It became her best friend.



Won't you come and play cards?

Not now, I'm writing!

Anne couldn't stand everyone being miserable. Unfortunately, her cheery chatter got on everybody's nerves!



Laughter is the best medicine!

What is there to be happy about?

Anne! Please calm down, Dear!

Stop smiling!

Every week friends would bring food and clothes. Anne would look forward to these visits more than anything.



Oh! I can feel the wind on your clothes!

There was very little fresh air in the hide-out.

The Jewish dentist, Fritz Pfeffer, also sought refuge and shared Anne's room. They constantly fought over use of her table!



Living with you is as much fun as having a tooth pulled!

There were many frightening occasions when they thought the police had found them. It usually turned out to be rats!



What's that noise?!

Dops! Sorry!

CREAK!

Food became scarcer, with only pickled cabbage to eat. But with the Allied armies pushing through Europe, hope of escape was high.



There's a wind of change!

Pardon me!

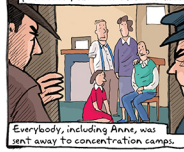
You can say that again!

Throughout the entire ordeal, Anne had written in her diary. In it, she wrote that despite everything that had happened, she still believed in the goodness of people.



I'm going to set this published one day, Dad!

But on Friday 4 August 1944, after two long years of hiding, the German police finally discovered the secret hideaway.



Everybody, including Anne, was sent away to concentration camps.

Anne's father, Otto, was the only one of the group to survive the horrors of the camp.



When he arrived back in Holland, he was astonished to find Anne's diary had been kept safe!

He found a publisher and the book was an instant hit. Here was the voice of an ordinary girl who spoke for the millions who suffered under the Nazis.



Anne's dream of becoming a famous author had well and truly been realized!