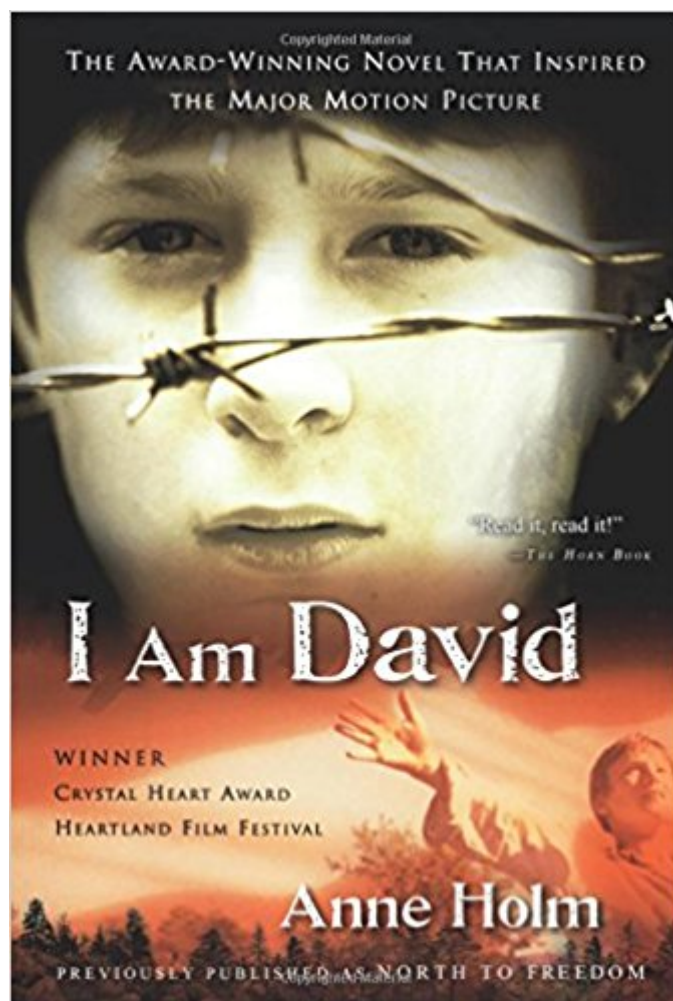


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# I Am David



## Synopsis

David's entire twelve-year life has been spent in a grisly prison camp in Eastern Europe. He knows nothing of the outside world. But when he is given the chance to escape, he seizes it. With his vengeful enemies hot on his heels, David struggles to cope in this strange new world, where his only resources are a compass, a few crusts of bread, his two aching feet, and some vague advice to seek refuge in Denmark. Is that enough to survive? David's extraordinary odyssey is dramatically chronicled in Anne Holm's classic about the meaning of freedom and the power of hope.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

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## Customer Reviews

"The single finest novel ever written for children of about ages 9 to 13."--School Library

Journal"Read it, read it!"--The Horn Book"Extraordinary and unforgettable."--Chicago Tribune

ANNE HOLM (1922-1998) was born in Denmark, and she began her writing career as a journalist. *Am David* was originally published--under the title *David*--in Denmark, where it became a million-copy bestseller and received numerous awards.

It's a fantastic read about a boy who has lived all his life in a Natzypreison camp during WW2 and

how he gets away with very little awareness of life outside prison. His good heart and faith that leads him throughout his journey and search for his mother, or the 'woman in the country in the North'. My father used to read this aloud for the women in the church sewing-circle and I can recommend it to all ages from 9 and up.

I read this book as a child and could still remember many of the images and emotions it evoked in me. I was delighted upon rereading it that, as an adult, I still rated it as an excellent book. I have started reading it to my class of 9-11 year olds and they love the depth of emotions and the drama of this stunning novel.

Great

This is the touching survival story of 12 year old David who escapes from a European prison camp where he'd lived most of his life then embarks on an uncertain journey to freedom in Denmark. The story reads with a light sprinkle of good Christian characterization, yet without being too forceful. The author, Anne Holm, was born in Denmark on September 10, 1922. She later became a journalist and an award winning writer of children's books, and lived to the age of 76. "I Am David" and its previously published title "North To Freedom" were both published in the United States by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and its successor Harcourt Inc., respectively. Anne's original Danish version titled "David" was published in Denmark by the Danish publishing house Gyldendal. I'm not an english major, but I found that the editors at Harcourt were either unable or unwilling to prevent both english translated editions from repeatedly using the improper tenses of the verbs "lay" and "lie" throughout the book. The word "lay" requires a direct object and the word "lie" does not. The misuse of these words however, is not uncommon in professional published material or even in colloquial usage when speaking. Needless to say, this is a wonderful story--and I loved the movie based on her story just as much.

I thought "I Am David" was a wonderful book. It was well written. It made you feel how David felt. I made you root for him that he didn't get caught and that he made it to his destination. I recommend it to everyone who likes this kind of book.

A wonderful book! A moving story for adults or young adults. I bought this book because my 90 year-old aunt used to teach it in grade school. She still has adults come up to her and ask her how

to get a copy of the book they loved so much as children.

This is a compelling story of a twelve year old boy who has spent his impressionable years in a concentration camp. No one knows why he's there, or what happened to his parents, except for the people who imprisoned him. David doesn't even really know why a guard who seems to hate him had suddenly helped him escape and told him to find his way to Denmark. David knows nothing of the outside world except for a few details he's overheard from the other prisoners. But he's quick to learn and has been exposed to many different languages inside the camp. He trusts no one, and has few interaction skills with other people. Strangers who meet him are often suspicious. David quickly realizes he must try to learn how to smile and fit in so he can make his long journey without being caught and returned to 'them' at the concentration camp. Though listed as juvenile fiction, this is a 'must read' for adults as well. Chrissy K. McVay author of 'Souls of the North Wind'

the author Anne Holm did an excellent job understanding the mind and emotions of a child who spent first 12 years of his life in a nazi concentration camp. the intelligent mind. the cautious mind the deep virtues developed in inhumane conditons was astounding to understand and capture these qualities. excellent novel.

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