The amazing home of Aunt Lucy

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- A book about the fate of a Jewish girl and her parents during the Second World War
- It shows the history of Jewish children and their families and how they tried to survive in an accessible manner
- A book for children with a troubled history (war and its horrors) told from a child's perspective
- The emotions experienced by a child and her confusion faced with the reality of war
- A book that can start off the process of telling children about the history of World War II and the holocaust
- A book for Jews of different origins and not only

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Basia lives in a happy home with Mum, Dad and Purry the cat. Every year she waits for her Hanukkah candy. Until one day a war breaks out and everything changes. They have to move into a ghetto, from where its inhabitants are transported to an unknown place every so often, never to return. Fortunately, Basia manages to hide in Aunt Lucy's hospitable home. She lives there under a different name. She misses her parents, but also has friends there and feels safe. Unfortunately, she has to flee again, change her name again. And then again …

Summary:

When the war breaks out, a girl ends up in the Warsaw ghetto together with her parents. From there, her parents smuggle her out so she might avoid ending up in the camp 'from where nobody returns'. She arrives at the house of Aunt Lucy, who hides Jewish children. Together with other children, she misses her parents, changes her identity and religion in order to survive. Soon she has to flee from there and ends up with a Polish family who adopts her and the girl changes her identity again, but she is finally safe.

The book concludes with a summary of the Second World War and its consequences.

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