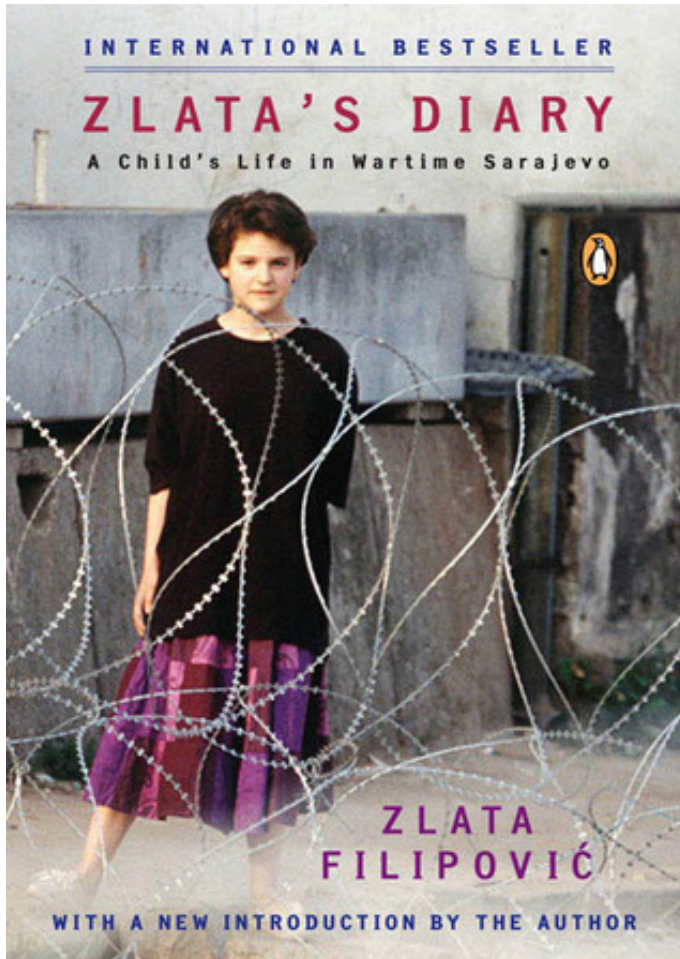

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Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Wartime Sarajevo



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Description

When Zlata's Diary was first published at the height of the Bosnian conflict, it became an international bestseller and was compared to *The Diary of Anne Frank*, both for the freshness of its voice and the grimness of the world it describes. It begins as the day-today record of the life of a typical eleven-year-old girl, preoccupied by piano lessons and birthday parties. But as war engulfs Sarajevo, Zlata Filipovic becomes a witness to food shortages and the deaths of friends and learns to wait out bombardments in a neighbor's cellar. Yet throughout she remains courageous and observant. The result is a book that has the power to move and instruct readers a world away.

Insightful reviews

Destiny: Zlata's Dairy
Filipovic, Zlata

"A blast of gunfire!" doesn't that sound scary. Have you ever heard gunfire before? If you have how does it sound? Did it sound loud and annoying or did it sound nice and peaceful? I think it probably sounded loud and annoying.

Zlata's Dairy about a girl named Zlata Filipovic whose child life was ruined by a war in Sarajevo. Before the war started in Sarajevo, Zlata was living a great life. She took a lot of classes. She took music class, solfeggio class, tennis lessons, English lessons and choir practice. The war in Sarajevo took all of that away from Zlata. The war in Sarajevo also destroyed a lot of people lives. Some people lost there arms and legs. Even though you have never experienced being in a war, Zlata's Dairy makes it really realistic for you to experience it with her.

Zlata's Diary (which she calls Mimmy) is also about events that happened in the mist of the war. It talks about Zlata's dad Malik, Zlata's mom Alica, and Zlata herself had to do to survive through this war without any gas, without any water, and with the electricity that kept on going off and on. The war in Sarajevo ruined Zlata's grandmother and Zlata's grandfather lives. This war also ruined a lot of other people's lives mentally, through the separation between parents and their children and through separation between husbands and wives. During the war people became selfish by escaping Sarajevo by their self leaving behind their children and their husbands.

Zlata Filipovic did a terrific job writing about all the feelings and the experiences she went through during the war. It helped realize that wars are very destructive. Just think about every single war that is happening right this second is destroying a child's life. It is stopping their education, which is stopping their dreams of becoming anything they wanted to be. That is sad and disturbing and for Filipovic to safely make it through the war and being able to tell us her experience is a blessing.

Mary Louise: Zlata's Diary is the true story of Zlata Filipovic, a young girl who lived and suffered through the terrible siege in Sarajevo in the early 1990s. She received this diary before the siege began, and it's striking to see the difference in her writings from before and during the war. Before the siege, she was like any ordinary 5th grade girl- she studied, did well in school, took music lessons, watched television shows, and enjoyed family vacations. After the siege, her diary takes a turn to delve into the horrors of her newfound existence. She has such strength and such poignancy as she tells her story to her Mimmy (the name she'd given to her diary); it was often shocking to me that she was 11 and 12 years old as she wrote this diary. Powerful, heartbreaking recollections of a girl who was witness to her beloved city being destroyed. One particular moment in the book struck me. On January 26, 1993, she writes: "Mimmy, I've noticed that I don't write to you anymore about the war or the shooting. That's probably because I've become used to it. All I care about is that the shells don't fall within 50 meters of my house, that we've got wood, water, and, of course, electricity. I can't believe I've become used to all this, but it seems I have. Whether it's being used to it, fighting for survival or something else, I don't know." How tragic that Zlata was forced into getting used to snipers, shells flying, and war as her every day existence. I don't doubt that it was her focus on survival that led her to getting used to this existence, but how tragic that she- and any child of war- had to get used to this kind of horror, this kind of ruthless violence. As I finished the book, I realized something that I was surprised I hadn't thought of when I started reading. Zlata is only 11 months older than me. After I finished this book, I imagined myself and my life at the same time she was writing this diary and I was thinking to myself about how incredibly strong she was. She is a survivor (she and her family were able to escape to France shortly after the last entry in this diary was written), and her diary lives on as a reminder of what that siege did to Sarajevo. Many were lost, much was destroyed, but Sarajevo lives on. This book is a reminder that though it came close to total destruction, Sarajevo also survived.

Deborah: Sorry Zlata, but you are no Anne Frank. Yes, she went through a lot, but no more than many others.

I found this repetitive, way too many names to keep track of, (does everyone have a J in the middle of their name there?) it got to the point where I didn't care who they all were.

I had to read this book in increments because my eyes would glaze over. I found it dull, pretty much the same diary entries, time after time.

A friend said she had to read this in high school. Ugh! I'd hate to have had to make a report on this.

Dolores: there isn't a lot you could say approximately this book. Wartime diaries are a really powerful approach of speaking what humans endure via on a regular basis. This ebook used to be essentially written by means of an clever and delicate younger woman. It used to be attention-grabbing to learn her strategies on being in comparison to Anne Frank--she did not want to be in comparison to her on account that she didn't wish to undergo an analogous fate. That to me was once an insightful remark approximately humans being greater than simply information items.

Daksha Chandra: The e-book Zlata's Diary is ready a lady who's residing via a coarse time in Sarajevo. round Spring 1992 there has been a warfare that had happened. The battle had occurred end result of the political cause equivalent to the chief wanted a change, there has

been a terrorist assault in the course of 1992 in Sarajevo which made the rustic dangerous to dwell in. sooner than the conflict Zlata had a regular existence and acted like her personal age yet that every one replaced as soon as the conflict had started. Zlata's mum's paintings position was once destroyed and it used to be a topic for them simply because they wanted it for his or her daily living. Zlata and her kinfolk attempted their most sensible surviving in Sarajevo. through the battle Zlata's neighbors needed to steer clear of the rustic since it was once no longer safe. Zlata couldn't break out simply because they didn't find the money for to escape to a different country. whilst Zlata was once dwelling with the bombs and the violence round her she stored a diary to Mimi and he or she wrote all her techniques down and what used to be taking place round her. The booklet Zlata's diary is non fiction simply because this used to be an occasion that had occur whilst the struggle began and whilst Zlata died humans stumbled on her diary access and so they made the ebook Zlata's Diary. The authors social message is conversing approximately how struggle alterations humans and their lifestyles. It impacts shut courting which might lead them to lonely and scared. the most concept of the ebook may talk about in regards to the background of the warfare in Sarajevo and the way humans defended themselves and survived while the warfare had came about throughout the novel. whilst Zlata was once within the guard she might write within the diary access approximately what she observed and what used to be occurring outside. Her phrases support the reader suppose what was once occurring throughout the war. At the beginning i assumed that the publication was once very violent. while i used to be interpreting the booklet I loved myself initially while Zlata's lifestyles is gentle and chuffed in class after which without notice it turns darkish and mysterious whilst she got here again domestic and her mum instructed her the scoop that her neighbors will be leaving the rustic due to the war. She used to be shocked via what her mum used to be announcing on what had occur to the folks and the place they went whilst I learn the booklet it felt as though i used to be within the position the place the struggle had begun and it felt unpleasant. i discovered a number of the elements of the e-book tough to understand. I imagine this publication was once potent since it helped the reader comprehend what used to be moving into the tale and it helped me comprehend on the way it was once like getting on with the struggle and discovering protect if the bomb had come. My opinion at the e-book will be if Zlata had the choice to run away then i feel that she must have an choice to convey her relations yet considering the fact that her mum position didn't move that good it might be not easy for Zlata surviving along with her neighbors long past to a different country,

Luke G: April 17. We acquired the UN aid package deal today. YO child YO, because the clean Prince of Bel Air could say. attempted to observe Murphy Brown however the sound used to be drowned out by way of shelling (I know, extra shelling!) after which the rabbit ears have been exploded by means of a sniper's bullet. RUDE! Pepsi simply got here out with limited-edition cans with Linda Evangelista on them. I want i may get one. i have not tasted processed sugar in over 5 months. received an A in math, biology, and piano! The piano used to be exploded so needed to mime the recital. Still, I in basic terms made mistakes.yrs,ZlataZlata Filipovic really comes throughout as a really vibrant and delicate 11-year-old in her diaries, however the pop-culture references weirded me out. this article is sort of a mashup of Anne Frank and White Noise. might be I reacted this fashion simply because i used to be born an identical time as her, and that i was once doing and observing and pondering some of the similar issues at age 11, minus cowering within the cellar in the course of rounds of ethnic cleansing. the main

astounding factor in studying this can be that the motives of conflict and the reasons of the warring factions have been too convoluted for a truly shrewd permanent 11-yr-old to attempt to variety out, at the same time she used to be being victimized by way of these disputes. not like Anne Frank, the place there's a yes experience of who the undesirable individuals are and what they wish to do, violence the following turns out arbitrary and destined to proceed forever—artillery is simply undesirable climate that has moved in to stay.

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