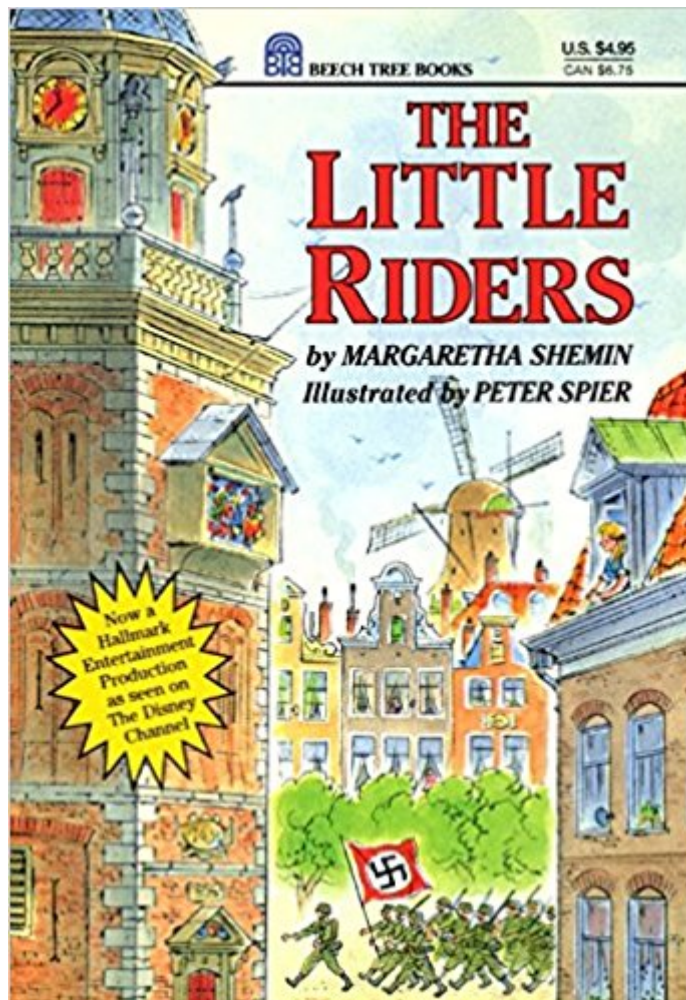


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# The Little Riders



## Synopsis

"Take care of the little riders," says Johanna's father to the eleven-year-old when he leaves her with his parents for an extended vacation in their Dutch village. And Johanna does. She loves the twelve metal figures on horseback who ride forth each hour from the clock on the ancient church tower. She would do anything to protect them, anything. And on night she risks her life to prove it. Set during the Second World War when the German army occupied Holland, *The Little Riders* is an exciting, moving adventure story, just right for reading aloud.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"Heartily recommended."--" School Library Journal(starred review) "A fine book."--" The Horn Book

*The Little Riders* is a believable tale of the experience of one ten-year-old American girl caught up in World War II when blitzkrieg comes to the Netherlands while she is visiting her Dutch grandparents. The novella offers drama and excitement for young readers. As the reader follows the story of the small acts of resistance against the Nazi occupiers, the imagining of the trials and despair of the war become possible, yet the brutality is kept at a level that allows even a ten-year-old to read the book and emotionally cope. This is an excellent book for introducing World War II studies and for cultivating the understanding that courage is often shown by ordinary people in times of adversity,

that creativity and standing together can defeat an enemy. I recommend this book for initial studies of World War II as well as for personal adventure reading.

I thoroughly enjoyed the story of the little riders from WWII. It tells how the town saved the ageless figures from their town clock and the compassion of a Nazi officer who resided with the keepers of the clock. I passed the book along to the daughter of a French war bride. She and her husband recently visited France and Germany and show special interest in the stories of their ancestors who once lived in the area.

Excellent book..I even loved it and the school wanted it to put in their library! thank you

the small book arrived in a heavy duty envelope without any damage. Met my expectations.

I read this book when I was 7 years old in about 1963 and I loved it. I have given at least 10 copies to people who also loved it. It is the story of a brave little girl who befriends a German soldier who has taken over her house during the war.

sweet little book. great way to learn history

Beautifully written book about a little girls perspective of the Natzi occupation of holland during the war. Definitely worth reading.

Enjoyed this read aloud book! We read it every day at lunch and my girls wouldn't let me stop! Recommended.

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