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THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PYJAMAS
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INFORMATIONS:

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▪ *Characters* ▪

Alfie Summerfield- 9 year old boy living in World War I who's family struggles after his father leaves for war.

Margie Summerfield- Alfie's mother, who tries to keep the family together and well but is having a difficult time.

Mr. Janacek- Alfie's best friend's father who owns the general store down the street. He is a Jewish man.

Kalena Janacek- Alfie's best friend who gets taken away with her father when they are accused of being spies

Joe Patience- George Summerfield's best friend who is a conchie, or someone who refused to go to war

George Summerfield- Alfie's father who goes off to war in the summer of 1914 and suffers severe shell shock after being in the trenches for so long.

TOPIC:

The day the First World War broke out, Alfie Summerfield's father promised he wouldn't go away to fight—but he broke that promise the following day. Four years later, Alfie doesn't know where his father might be, other than that he's away on a special, secret mission.

Then, while shining shoes at King's Cross Station, Alfie unexpectedly sees his father's name on a sheaf of papers belonging to a military doctor. Bewildered and confused, Alfie realizes his father is in a hospital close by—a hospital treating soldiers with shell shock. Alfie isn't sure what shell shock is, but he is determined to rescue his father from this strange, unnerving place.

