

If You Like The Hired Girl, Try . . .

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Cheng, Andrea. (c2002). **Marika**. Asheville, N.C. : Front Street

Summary: Although she has been raised Catholic, Marika learns how dangerous it is to be of Jewish heritage and living in Hungary during World War II.

Kanefield, Teri. (2001). **Rivka's way**. Chicago : Front Street/Cricket Books

Summary: Unsure about her upcoming marriage and eager to see what lies beyond the walls of Prague's Jewish quarter in 1778, fifteen-year-old Rivka Lieberman takes great risks to venture outside, where her many new experiences include friendship with a Christian boy.

Matas, Carol. (2001). **The war within : a novel of the Civil War**. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Summary: In 1862, after Union forces expel Hannah's family from Holly Springs, Mississippi, because they are Jews, Hannah reexamines her views regarding slavery and the war.

Napoli, Donna Jo. (2002). **Daughter of Venice**. New York : Delacorte Press

Summary: Frustrated with the restrictions her gender imposes on her life, fourteen-year-old Donata, disguised as a boy, sneaks out of her noble family's house to roam the streets of late sixteenth-century Venice and then must confront the repercussions of her actions.

Pressler, Mirjam. (2001). **Shylock's daughter**. New York : P. Fogelman Books

Summary: Sixteen-year-old Jessica, who longs to be free of the restrictions of her father and life in the Jewish ghetto of sixteenth-century Venice, falls in love with a Christian aristocrat and must make choices which will affect her whole family. Inspired by Shakespeare's play *The Merchant of Venice*.

Rosenthal, Betsy R. (2012). **Looking for me**. Boston : Houghton Mifflin

Summary: In 1936 Baltimore, an eleven-year-old Jewish girl, one of twelve siblings, tries to find her place in her overcrowded family.

Schwabach, Karen. (c2006). **A pickpocket's tale**. New York : Random House

Summary: When Molly, a ten-year-old orphan, is arrested for picking pockets in London in 1731, she is banished to America and serves as an indentured servant for a New York City family that expects her to follow their Jewish traditions.

Watts, Irene N. (2013). **Touched by fire**. Plattsburgh, NY : Tundra Books of Northern New York

Summary: Explores one family's journey as they flee from the pogroms of Russia in 1905, where the Cossacks burn villages to the ground, to Berlin, Germany, where Jews have a hard time living and working in peace, to the streets of the Lower East Side in New York. Teenage Miriam gives a first-hand account of the excitement everyone feels about going to America, the "Golden Land," the journey in steerage, the arrival at Ellis Island, and the discrimination the immigrants feel while seeking employment. When Miriam finally lands a job at the Triangle Shirt Waist Company as a cuff setter, she believes her future in the New World is finally secure. But on March 25, 1911, the fire that starts from overflowing bins of material scraps rages into what becomes known as the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire, and Miriam's life is forever changed.