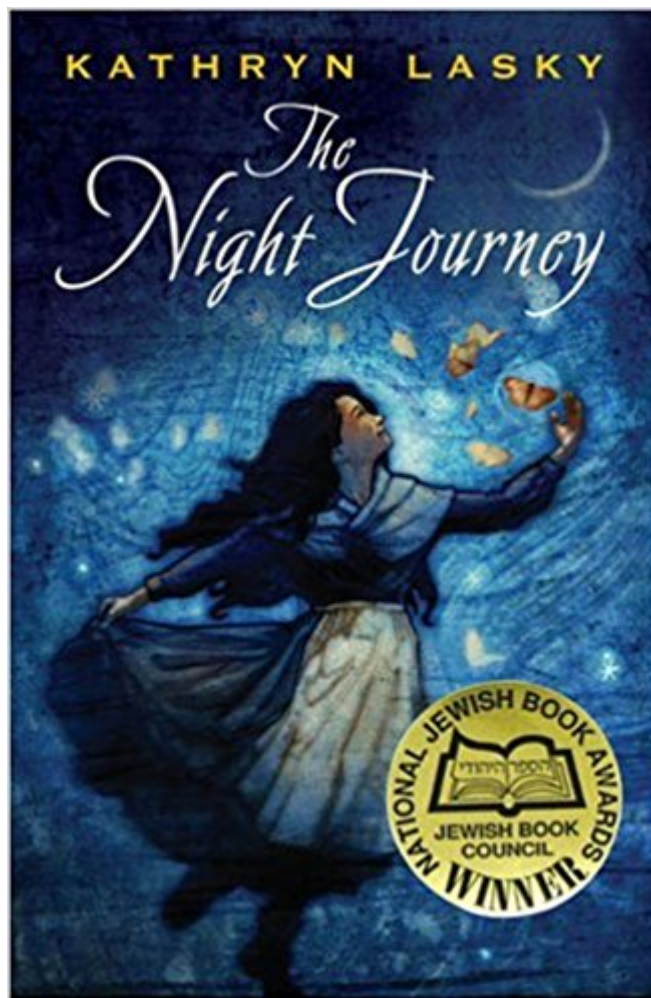


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# The Night Journey



## Synopsis

Thirteen-year-old Rachel dreads the afternoons she has to spend with her great-grandmother, Nana Sashie-until Sashie begins to reminisce about her childhood in Russia and Rachel finds herself caught up in a whirlwind of memories. As the events and characters of Sashie's past come to life, Rachel discovers a distant country and time, a time when Jews were forced to serve in the Czar's armies or were murdered in pogroms, a time when nine-year-old Sashie devised a wonderful plan to save her family from danger. . . .

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## Customer Reviews

Memorable . . . a story to cherish. (Booklist)

Kathryn Lasky lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Lasky has a very interesting style of writing. Her books are easy to read and very engaging.

Relaxing and can typically read her books in an evening.

I fell in love with Kathryn Lasky when I taught her compliment story Marven of the Great North

Woods to my 4th grade class. This is the story of the other side of her family and their arduous journey from a shtetl in Russia to freedom in the west during the pogroms. It's inspiring and enlightening and easy for my second language learners to read. It's good for them to know that they aren't the only ones with a refugee story of success. It is well written and evokes compassion and empathy as well as being a true adventure story.

The sale went smoothly and came on time. I'm sure that my daughter will enjoy it for many years to come.

I read this book with my 10 year old son for Holocaust Remembrance week although this particular book is not set for the Holocaust I thought this book was a wonderful book to add to our reading during that week because the main idea of the book is about a Jewish family in 1900 that is living a nightmare in Russia under the control of Nicholas the Second a Czar, that either kills Jewish people or makes them serve in the Russian Army to be killed. The book started extremely slow for both myself and my son. Main character Rachel, doesn't like spending time with her great-grandmother Nana Sashie until her Nana starts telling her the story of her childhood and how she and her family escaped Russia. Very interesting and heart breaking story. I usually love author Kathryn Lasky's books in fact her Guardians of Ga'Hoole as well as Daughters of the Sea series are so wonderful pulling you in page after page. The Night Journey pushes you away page after page. I mean it does get better as you go along, we gave the book a fighting chance and finished it. However one word OK 2 words will sum this book up for me SLOW and SLOWER. As not to include spoilers I want to say of course there are sad moments but I wish that there had been more happy ones when it came to present day Rachel and her life, I wish that her and Nana Sashie would have found even more things to talk about besides just this, maybe about Rachel as well. My son fell asleep easy to this book so if you are looking for a story to put kids to sleep this is a must. HAHA I admired the education I received from this book, the writing was awesome, some words needed a dictionary for my son but that was just part of the learning. The Night Journey was not awesome but also not the worst I have read for middle grades.

At first i thought this book was very boring. As i got deeper and deeper in to it i founf my self not stoping when reading was over. What i liked about the book was that it was about jews in world war 2, and that sparks my intrest because i have jewish background. The fact that a little girl helped her family escape from the nazies was also very intresting to me. The book was told in first person and

kept going back and forth in time which sometimes confused me. That was the only thing about the book that annoyed me. I would find myself having to read a hold 3 pages over because I was confused. I liked that the story was told by an elderly grandma to her grand daughter. My grandmother used to tell me stories like that and it brought back memories. I rated this book a four out of five because of all the action and drama. The only thing I did not like about the book was that sometimes it got very boring and it went back and forth in time, confusing me. All in all it was a good book, and I would recommend it to anyone who likes World War 2 stories about Jews.

This was a great book. At first I thought this book was boring, but as I got deeper and deeper into the book I found myself not stopping when reading time was over. The book was told in first person which made it interesting, because they would flip back and forth through time. It was interesting for me because it was about the Jews in World War, and I am half Jewish. Most World War books spark my interest. The characters were well described down to the smallest detail. Also, what was interesting about the book was that it was about an old lady telling her grand daughter about how she helped her family escape from a concentration camp and getting them home safely. The only thing I did not like about the book was that since it switched back and forth in time so much that sometimes I didn't understand. All in all I rated this book a 3 out of 5 because of all the action and drama, but little boredom. I would recommend this book to anyone who is interested in World War 2 events.

This is a story about a Russian family in the time of Nicholas the Second. They are going on a journey because they want to find a new home where they won't be bullied by Nicholas the Second. But on their journey they end up running into some Russian soldiers on some of the last times I read about this happening, they pretended that one of the family members were dead and they were having a funeral. Now they are in their home but their great-grandmother has died. I thought the book was OK. One thing I liked about it is when they had the need to sneak some gold to the sentry to get to their new home. One part I didn't like was when their great-grandmother died.

This was a really great book that kept me reading for a few days. It really showed me what it was like for a Jewish girl to live through turn-of-the-century Russia. This was a summer reading book for me at school, but I'm certainly glad I read it! I would recommend this book to any and all who are looking for a great read!

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