We Are Children Just the Same: Vedem, the Secret Magazine by the Boys of Terezin by Marie Rut Krizkova

Emotional Ride Into The Odyssey Of The Terror Of The Terezin

Extracts from the secret newspaper published by the children of Terezin between 1942-1944. It contains essays, interviews, poems and artwork written behind the blackout shades of their cellblock.

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My Personal Review:
As the daughter of one of the authors I have heard all the stories of the holocaust and how the boys of room L417 found refuge in "Vedem" without their parents. I believe strongly that had the boys survived they would have shared a lot with the world. By simply reading a few lines of Petr Ginz's poems, art and stories you realise that he would have excelled had he had the chance which unfortunately was cruelly torn from him. Even worse is the fact that he was not alone. Most readers do not realise that they were little boys who were taken out of their homes and away from all that they knew before the age 15 and some as young as 10. This book relates to children because it does not describe in detail the horrors but more so the small "joys" of the camp. Adults can relate because the work and articles emit the feelings of the citizens in hell. Therefore this book is truly a wonderful piece of work. For those who are interested: the book will be published in paperback soon.

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