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Book Title: Night

Rate 1-5: 4.5

“*Night*” is a memoir written by Elie Wiesel talking about his experiences as a Jew during the Holocaust. The story is narrated in the first person point of view and told through the protagonist, Eliezer Wiesel, who is a young Jewish boy. The memoir focuses on the conditions of the Nazi concentration camps at Buchenwald and Auschwitz. Eliezer and his father, Shlomo, remain together throughout the story but Eliezer gets separated from his mother and sister and never sees them ever again. Some of the major themes of “*Night*” are loss of identity, silence perpetuating violence, and religious faith. Throughout the story, we see these themes grow and have an impact on Eliezer, his father, and the rest of the inmates in the concentration camps during the Holocaust.

I thought the book was very emotional as it is based on the Holocaust but also very realistic and informational. I liked how there weren't many characters in the story but the ones we did have, were very crucial to the depiction of the Holocaust and its experiences. My favorite character was Eliezer because we see his development as a character/human throughout the story. Such as his struggle with Religious beliefs and faith but also turning to God during his hard times. Additionally, I loved all the imagery used to describe the horrors of the Holocaust.

I would recommend this book to anyone who is either interested in educating themselves about the holocaust or anyone who is interested in reading about it. I'd recommend the reader's age be above 13 because of the sensitive topics this book focuses on.