

*All The Light We Cannot See*

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*All The Light We Cannot See* is a poignant look of the damage the war has done to people. In Paris, France, Marie Laure is a blind girl living with her father. While a few miles over in another part of Paris, lives orphan Werner and his sister who is fascinated about the world around him. A few years later, he gets a coveted position in a Nazi science regiment training camp. Meanwhile, Marie Laure's father is trusted to protect 1 or 3 copies for the Sea of Flames which is a very valuable gem. Her father drops her off at Saint-Malo to live with her reclusive uncle before getting arrested. While in the training camp, Werner grows farther away from her sister. A few years later, their paths intersect.

Although the book could've been a bit more concise, I love how the author took his time describing the world around the two characters and their inner thoughts. How the author presents a hauntingly tortured life of these characters, even though they were never in the Holocaust. It shows that not only Jews had the worst of it. This book is for more mature readers as the language is PG-13. The age target would probably be ages 14 and above. If you like stories during World War II, then definitely buy this book.

If you like this book I recommend *Number the Stars*, *We are Witnesses*, or *Unbroken*.