

*Number the Stars* Essay by Jordan N.

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry provides a few characters who did the right thing. Those characters were Peter, Henrik, and Annemarie. All of those characters really helped with the escape of the Jews.

The character, Peter, did the right thing in many ways. Here are a few reasons. The first way is that after losing Lise he still kept in touch with the Johansens. I think that is very important. He would bring them gifts like seashells, the newspaper, and even beer. Peter also stuck to the Resistance after Lise's death. That showed me that he really wanted to help the Jews and he would do anything for them even when he was devastated. Peter also risked his life because he knew that the Germans were wrong for capturing and killing Jews. He risked his life for the Jews' safety. Peter really was one of the characters who did the right thing.

Henrik also did the right thing by helping many Jews. I think this because he kept secrets from the kids. Keeping secrets from the kids was the right thing to do because it helped the kids to be safer. Sometimes knowing the truth makes it harder to be brave and to lie. Another reason is that he kept the Jews in his house. This was a good thing because it gave the Jews a place to stay. It also

helped them to hide from the Nazis. Henrik also did the right thing by taking the Jews over to Sweden on his fishing boat. He also hid the Jews under the floorboards so the soldiers wouldn't find them. I think Henrik really did do the right thing.

Annemarie also did the right thing. I think this because she brought the forgotten package to Henrik that contained the handkerchief. She was also very brave to stand up to the Nazis the way she did. I think that protecting Ellen and pretending that she was her sister was the right thing. Annemarie really did the right thing.

Number the Stars was a wonderful book. It really was an eye opener to what happened during the Holocaust. This book also showed many other characters that did the right thing.