

Number the Stars Essay by Emily R.

Number the Stars Theme Essay

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry was an inspiring and captivating story because it not only told a tale of nobility and courage, but also had a beautiful theme shining through the pages. In Number the Stars, Lois Lowry wrote of human decency and pride that encouraged realistic characters to do the right thing. Her character's pride and kind hearts guided them like a lighthouse through a terrible and frightening darkness.

In the story, a girl named Annemarie lived in Denmark during the time of the Nazi invasion. Her best friend, Ellen, a Jewish girl, received an urgent warning that the Nazis were going to take her away. While smuggling Ellen to her Uncle Henrik's house, Annemarie must battle her fears in order to save her friend. What guides her to do this? Her pride of who she is. "Frightened, but determined," says Uncle Henrik, referring to his pride, that he would later use to do something risky, but important. In the story, the Danish citizens were proud of their country, so instead of sitting back and watching the Germans take over, they formed a secret effort to smuggle Jews to the safety of Sweden.

But even with their pride, how could the characters be sure that they were doing the right thing? The answer is simple: Characters like Annemarie, Ellen, and Uncle Henrik were all-around good people. They were selfless and caring in many ways, a trait that I find very admirable. For example, in one of the story scenes, Uncle Henrik was explaining to Annemarie that it is easier to be brave if you don't know everything. For this reason, he didn't tell Annemarie the whole story of what was happening. This scene touched my heart because Uncle Henrik was very compassionate by not telling

Annemarie more than she needed to know. Also, Annemarie showed incredible maturity and patience because even though she wanted to know what was going on, she understood that she couldn't.

In conclusion, Number the Stars is more than worth your time. It is unlike any other book because it not only tells a flawless and delightful tale, but also leaves a lasting impression on your life. This book has taught me that if you follow your heart, it will lead you down a wonderful path.