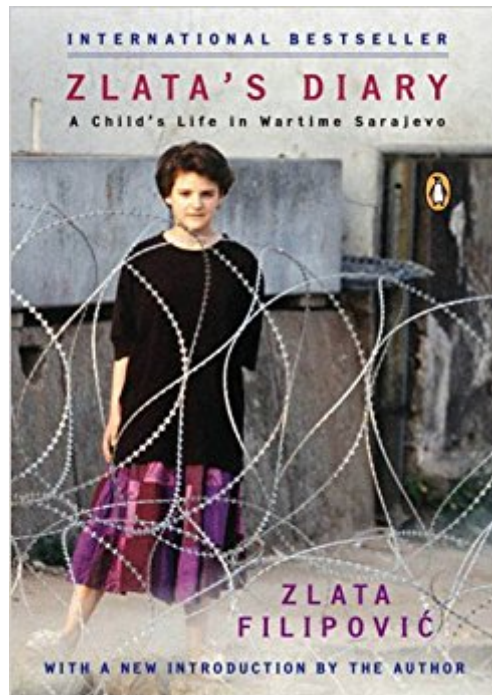




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# Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life In Wartime Sarajevo, Revised Edition



## Synopsis

The child's diary that awakened the conscience of the world When Zlata's Diary was first published at the height of the Bosnian conflict, it became an international bestseller and was compared to The Diary of Anne Frank, both for the freshness of its voice and the grimness of the world it describes. It begins as the day-today record of the life of a typical eleven-year-old girl, preoccupied by piano lessons and birthday parties. But as war engulfs Sarajevo, Zlata Filipovic becomes a witness to food shortages and the deaths of friends and learns to wait out bombardments in a neighbor's cellar. Yet throughout she remains courageous and observant. The result is a book that has the power to move and instruct readers a world away. "The only bright thing to come from [Sarajevo's] recent history." -USA Today "Conveys the bewilderment and horror of modern-day conflict...One of Zlata's gifts lies in throwing a human light on intolerable events." -San Francisco Chronicle

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Ten-year-old Croatian Filipovic's graphic, firsthand account of life in embattled Sarajevo was a nine-week PW bestseller. Photos. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

YA-From September 1991 through October 1993, young Zlata Filipovic kept a diary. When she began it, she was 11 years old, concerned mostly with friends, school, piano lessons, MTV, and Madonna. As the diary ends, she has become used to constant bombing and snipers; severe

shortages of food, water, and gas; and the end of a privileged adolescence in her native Sarajevo. Zlata has been described as the new Anne Frank. While the circumstances are somewhat similar, and Zlata is intelligent and observant, this diary lacks the compelling style and mature preceptions that gave Anne Frank's account such universality. The entire situation in the former Yugoslavia, however, is of such currency and concern that any first-person account, especially one such as this that speaks so directly to adolescents, is important and necessary. While not great literature, the narrative provides a vivid description of the ravages of war and its effect upon one young woman, and, as such, is valuable for today's YAs. Susan H. Woodcock, King's Park Library, Burke, VA Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This novel/diary is a masterpiece. This story is about an 11 year old girl named Zlata Filipovic who is a normal young girl who goes to school everyday like most people. Then one day war strikes in her home town Sarajevo. She writes on and on about her life going through wartime. Read the book to find out what happens in her life while going through wartime. I really like this book because I enjoy reading diaries about a person's life while they were growing up. It's even more interesting when the person is going through tough times in their life. I would definitely recommend this book to everyone because Zlata's story/adventure through time of war is really interesting. It's really cool to hear how her days are in war time. I think this story was written for a younger age group because she tells about how her life was while she was growing up. Which I think it would be great for younger people that are growing up while going through hard times just like Zlata did. So those people can compare their life's while growing up with Zlata's while they're reading her story. One of my favorite parts of her story was when she was calling the people who were attacking on Sarajevo "the kids". Which made me laugh when she called the attackers that because I thought it was a funny name to call the bad people. I also personally really liked the section of pictures that they added into the story. I liked it because it's always cool to get a visual of some things that're mentioned or talked about in the story. One of the pictures was Zlata standing next to her mom (Alica) and they had just cooked some bread. That they had just made with a pressure cooker. The caption said "cooking is quite an achievement without electricity" which amazed me. It amazed me because I have never been able to cook without electricity. So that is quite an achievement because I don't know anyone else who has been able to do that. Overall this book/story/diary or whatever you call it. This book is pretty amazing and I do recommend that you buy this book and read it now. I assure you you'll enjoy it. It's too good of a story to miss out on.

Zlata's Diary was a great book. I personally have not read a diary type of book before and I loved this one. This book has a sad and fun theme to it. It is about a girl, Zlata, and her story through the wartime. It takes place in Sarajevo, Bosnia. She is sad that her childhood was robbed from her, which she states multiple times. "I feel shocked, sad, unhappy, and frightened and I wonder where they are forcing me to go, I wonder why they have taken away my peaceful and lovely shores of my childhood." Personally I would t,. my childhood would feel like there's nothing left of it. Although she does try to cheer up her diary by stating the many things that cheered herself up. Like her little Kitten Cici. "Cici has brightened up this misery of a life." That line was one of the most depressing in my opinion. She did try to cheer herself up however she still thinks her life is a mess and a misery. I would recommend this book to anyone. It was a great book to pick up and read. Once you start you can't stop. It's one of those books where you get so interested that you just can't put it down. Anyone could get invested into Zlata's life and see how she grows over these two years.

After reading an autobiography about one girl's account of her slavery (in Britain in the 1990s to 2000s - not a typo), I decided to encourage my 11-year-old daughter to delve into these true stories as a way to personalize the way girls and women have been and are still struggling to survive around the world today, unlike the relative safety and security and educational and financial prospects we are privileged to enjoy in the U.S. These girls and women have found a way to maintain their hope in their struggle to survive.

It is the Yugoslavian version of the Diary of Anne Frank. It goes through her experiences during the war in former Yugoslavia. It just kind of ends without much of an ending. It is like a diary where you want to know what happened to her, but you cannot seem to find the pages. It does give you an inside look as to what was going on in former Yugoslavia during this time.

Excellent book.

This diary does a good job of describing the bombing and shelling and day-to-day events of the war but at times sounds like more like a war correspondent's report rather than a young girl's diary of her inner thoughts. I have the feeling that the fact that she was interviewed about her diary during various parts of the war through the publishers that it has tainted the authenticity of how or what she writes. Nonetheless, the impact of the war and the disrupted lives of school children and how they

plod on despite the was around them make is a good read.

An accurate, and yet an emotional description of civilians trapped in the battlefield of sectarian and age old ethnic hatred. Written by a young teen, who has not yet hidden her objective truthfulness, which adults tend to do. Top quality, fast delivery, great price. It is amazing how convenient it is to buy such worthwhile books, and, unlike a library book, you can keep these purchases for future reference and make notes right in your books.

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