Record Nr. UNINA9910783977203321 Autore Shavit Zohar Titolo A past without shadow: constructing the past in German books for children / / Zohar Shavit; translated from the Hebrew by Aaron and Atarah Jaffe New York;; London:,: Routledge,, 2005 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-135-88068-9 1-135-88069-7 1-280-24397-X 9786610243976 0-203-33455-8 Edizione [1st English ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (338 p.) Collana Children's literature and culture;; 32 Altri autori (Persone) **JaffeAaron JaffeAtarah** Disciplina 830.9/358 Soggetti Children's literature, German - History and criticism Young adult literature, German - History and criticism Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945), in literature Children's literature, German - Political aspects Children - Books and reading - Germany National socialism in literature Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. 303-333) and index. Nota di contenuto Book Cover; Half-Title; Title; Copyright; Dedication; Contents; Series Editor's Foreword; Acknowledgements; Note on Citations; Introduction to the English Edition; Introduction to the Hebrew Edition; Part I The "Story" of the German Past and the Construction of Its Past Image; Part II Strategies in the Construction of the "Story"; Part III Whose War Was It?; Part IV The Construction of an Alternative Discourse; NOTES; Primary Sources; Secondary Sources; Index Sommario/riassunto A Past Without Shadow examines 50 years of German children's books in which the darkest horrors of the Third Reich have routinely remained hidden. The horrors of the Third Reich are systematically screened and

filtered, allowing the darker, bleaker parts of history to escape

illumination. Here Zohar Shavit explores 345 German books for children describing the Third Reich and the Holocaust, and finds a shocking distortion of the past: a recurrent narrative which suggests that the Germans themselves had no hand in the suffering inflicted on the Jews. These books, Shavit argues, have cre