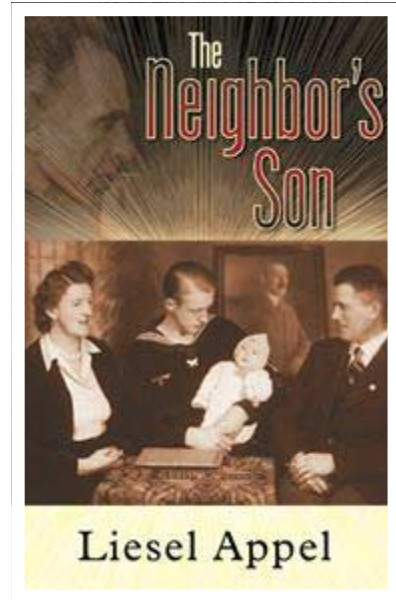


9-year Old's Charming World Murdered...

Nine-year old Liesel Steffen's charming world is shattered one sunny Spring afternoon in her front yard in Bottrop—Eigen, Germany, 1951, when a handsome Neighbor returns 'home.' Proud Liesel parades the man inside to celebrate her idol—her late father—certainly the hero who saved the Neighbor's infant son during *Kristallnacht*, also known as 'The Night of Broken Glass.' Liesel is whisked away to her room while her mother ejects the Jew from their home. When the young girl discovers that her father was a German Nationalist, one of Hitler's Loyal Lieutenants... she questions:

How could her parents be part of such unspeakable evil?
Was Liesel herself so wicked?

Was she too a German Nationalist, destined to carry out this hideous mission?
Should Liesel turn her back on her parents? Could she love them anymore?
Could she love herself? Who is she? Who are our 'Neighbors?' Who are we?



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Liesel Appel, born in Klingenberg, Germany in 1941, graduated from Teachers Training College, Limburg, to become a nursery school teacher. Then she fled her past, left her native Germany. A philanthropist, Liesel has several millions of dollars for charities. In 1990, Liesel converted to Judaism. She lives in North Carolina with her husband Don Appel and their three cats. She travels the USA, presenting her story to enlighten people and create peace. To this day, Liesel continues to search for her Neighbor's Son. She is currently finishing her second book, *Third Generation*.