# Proposed Core Literature Titles

The following summary is provided by the California Department of Education’s “Recommended Literature List”, and the top three Google searches of the book title and author name that produced a description of the title.

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**Title:** Number the Stars  
**Author:** Lois Lowry  
**First Published:** 1989  
**Lexile Level:** 670  
**Proposed Grade Level:** 6

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**California Department of Education, Recommended Literature List:**  
https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/rl/  
This title is on the CDE Recommended Literature List.

**Annotation:** In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be courageous when she helps to shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis. Readers will feel the tension and danger as the Danes help their Jewish friends escape to safety.  
**Copyright:** 1989  
**Grade Level Span:** 3-5; 6-8  
**Genre:** Historical Fiction  
**Classification:** Read Aloud  
**Culture:** Jewish/Jewish American; Multicultural  
**Topic:** English-Language Arts/General  
**Discipline:** History/Social Science  
**Award:** Newbery Winner

**Description From Top 3 Google Searches:**

Search: “Number the Stars” by Lois Lowry  
https://www.amazon.com/Number-Stars-Lois-Lowry/dp/0547577095  
As the German troops begin their campaign to “relocate” all the Jews of Denmark, Annemarie Johansen’s family takes in Annemarie's best friend, Ellen Rosen, and conceals her as part of the family.

Through the eyes of ten-year-old Annemarie, we watch as the Danish Resistance smuggles almost the entire Jewish population of Denmark, nearly seven thousand people, across the sea to Sweden. The heroism of an entire nation reminds us that there was pride and human decency in the world even during a time of terror and war.

https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/books/number-the-stars-by-lois-lowry/  
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Ten-year-old Annemarie Johansen and her best friend Ellen Rosen often think of life before the war. It's now 1943 and their life in Copenhagen is filled with school, food shortages, and the Nazi soldiers marching through town. When the Jews of Denmark are "relocated," Ellen moves in with the Johansens and pretends to be one of the family. Soon Annemarie is asked to go on a dangerous mission to save Ellen's life.