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## **Violin of Hope**

Ella Schwartz Juliana Oakley, Illustrator Kar-Ben Publishing (Nov 5, 2024) Hardcover \$19.99 (32pp) 979-876560419-9

The story of the Holocaust told through the journey of a violin, this powerful picture book fans a spark of hope into an enduring flame. Papa delights his family by playing the violin—until Nazis arrive on their doorstep, seizing their belongings. Years later, a luthier discovers and restores the violin, returning it to the unsuspecting, strangely familiar hands of a young boy. The boy goes on to become a concert violinist, spreading the violin's music of hope around the world.

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