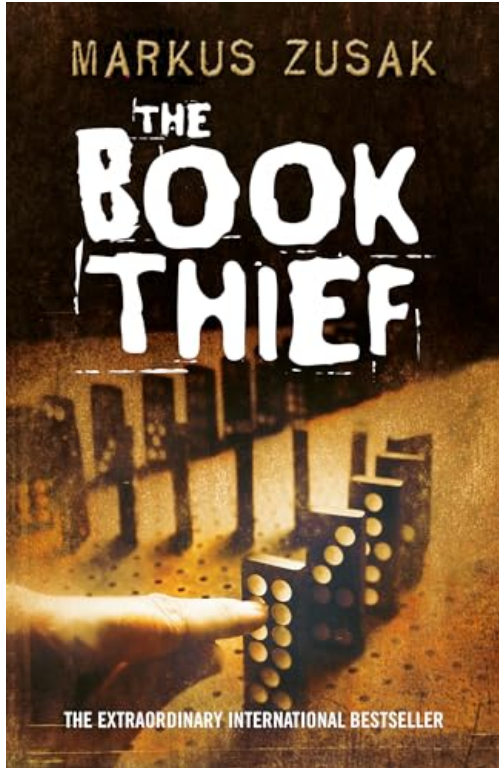


The Book Thief



Note: Obtain your own copy of the book and bring it to class on the first day of school.

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Annotate & Provide **Examples of the following** **thematic elements, with** **textual evidence:**

- Identity and belonging: How do characters define themselves in a world shaped by war?
- Survival vs. Morality – Identify moments when characters must choose between safety and doing what is right. What do these choices reveal about their values?
- The Costs of War – Track the losses, sacrifices, and emotional toll experienced by characters throughout the novel.

Be Prepared To . . .

- **Compose a 350-word reflection exploring your intellectual and emotional response to the novel.** This informal writing may use first person and should analyze specific scenes that impacted you and examine how the novel shaped or challenged your understanding of life in Nazi Germany. Include specific textual evidence and consider both compelling elements and aspects you found challenging or thought-provoking. You may also reflect on the narrator's role and how this stylistic choice influences your experience of the story.
Due the second day of school.
- Test over the information provided in the novel on the first Friday of the academic year.