

- **Discussion Questions For**
- ***Trapped in Hitler's Web***

- In the opening of Chapter One, Maria and Nathan are applying for jobs. Why?
- Why can't Nathan use his own name?
- On page 4 what do you think the typist is up to?
- In Chapter Two, is Nicoletta a friend or enemy of the Nazis? Explain.
- In Chapter Three, why do some people have work cards and others don't?
- Why do you think the author made Chapter Four so short?
- Chapter Five: Is Maria in a safe place? Discuss.
- Chapter Six: What are your initial thoughts about Frau Huber? Herr Lang? Frau Lang?
- Chapter Seven: Why are the workers stealing food? Do you think these workers are committing a crime? Why/why not?
- Draw a picture of inside the barn, where Maria lives.
- In Chapter Nine, we meet a group of Hitler Girls. Can you think of ways that they are "trapped in Hitler's web"?
- In Chapter Ten, Frau Huber receives a dress. Why did her husband send it to her? Now, think of the girl who had her dress stolen. Describe her – create her as a character, with name, country, what she looks like, what she loves, what she's afraid of. (author note: this dress haunted me)
- In Chapter Eleven, we learn of *Rauhnacht*. What does the word mean? What is it a replacement for? How did you feel when you read this chapter? (author note: I was sad and so very angry writing about this)
- We meet Otto in Chapter Twelve. What do you think of him? Compare him to Sophie.
- Chapter Thirteen: How is Sophie trapped in Hitler's web?
- Chapter Fourteen: How is Frau Huber trapped in Hitler's web?
- In Chapter Fifteen, Maria is off the farm. Describe daily life for "Aryan" Austrians in Salzburg. Describe daily life of "Slav" foreign workers.
- Chapter Sixteen: is Frau Schwartz a kind person? Why/why not? Has your opinion of Frau Huber changed? How?

- Chapter Seventeen: Did this chapter frustrate you? Why? Do you think the author did that on purpose? Why?
- Chapter Eighteen: Is Otto trapped in Hitler's Web? How/why?
- Chapter Nineteen: What do you think of Frau Huber's situation? Has your opinion of her changed from the beginning of the book?
- In Chapter Twenty, Maria had a choice to make. How do you feel about her choice? What would you have done in her place?
- In Chapter Twenty-One, think of all the ways that food or drink is used as a weapon.
- Chapter Twenty-Two: Do you think the author uses Max as a symbol? What are some of the things he could be a symbol of?
- Chapter Twenty-Three: What are the good things that happen in this chapter?
- Chapter Twenty-Four: Are the sisters now safe? What is the white powder (DDT!!)
- Chapter Twenty-Five: What do you think happens after "The End"?