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TEACHING THE LESSONS OF THE HOLOCAUST TO FIGHT INTOLERANCE AND BULLYING

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Book of the Month



Camp

By Elaine Wolf

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With one book published and another soon on its way, Elaine Wolf has rapidly become known as “the anti-bullying novelist,” a label she embraces whole-heartedly. *Camp* is primarily a mother-daughter/coming of age novel set in a summer camp in Maine. Its appeal however, spans a lifetime with positive feedback from people, male and female alike, aged twelve to ninety-three.

That appeal stems from the universal theme of bullying, a phenomenon associated primarily with school, but which, not surprisingly, affects young people in camp as well. Wolf addresses this topic head on and while the story details the dark undertones of how poorly people can treat each other, but it also illustrates empowerment and how to respond to the disrespect that bullying embodies.