

The Police Dilemma

The year is 1941 and you are living in Nazi occupied Paris. Despite the occupation, your parents have decided to stay in the city and life has finally calmed down and become as normal as possible for you. Sure, there are soldiers all over the streets, rations for basic foods, and imposed curfews, but you and your family have learned to survive under these conditions. A few other families that you know of have decided to stay too including your neighbors who have a girl about your age named Dora. The two of you used to hang out, but you haven't seen her in a while since her parents decided to send her to boarding school at the beginning of the school year.

One day, you walk outside with your mom only to see Dora's parents crying. They tell you that Dora ran away from school. What is even more shocking is that they haven't informed the police and it has been three days! This seems completely odd to you. Sure, things are weird under occupation, but the police must know about a missing child, right?

As you continue your walk with your mom you question her about the situation. Your mom informs you that Dora and her family are Jewish and that her parents probably sent her to Catholic boarding school to keep her hidden from the Nazis. If they inform the police that she is missing, then the police will know that she is Jewish. But if they don't tell the police, she may never be found. Later that evening, Dora's parents come to your home to seek your family's advice about the situation. What should you tell them?

Dora Bruder



<http://www.holocaust-history.org/klarsfeld/French%20Children/html&graphics/Photo%20scans/P1599.jpg>

Dora Bruder was a young Jewish girl who was being hidden in a Catholic Boarding School in Paris. In 1941, at the age of 15 she decided to run away. Her parents waited 13 days to alert the authorities and place a missing persons ad in the newspaper. She did eventually return but was later captured by the authorities and sent to Auschwitz.