



## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### *Night Song* by Tricia Goyer

World War II Historical Novel

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1. At the age of thirteen Jakub found himself a prisoner of the Nazis. Why was the Nazi party interested in imprisoning Jewish children?
2. How did Terezin Camp—where Jakub was taken—differ from other internment camps you've read about?
3. How were the children who were interned at Terezin treated? What few things brought them joy in this horrible place?
4. What were the hardest things Jakub had to deal with living inside the camp?
5. Evie became part of the underground resistance. What were the goals of the underground? What price did they pay for their efforts?
6. Nick was a medic in World War II. Do you think it was harder for him to care for his fellow soldiers or for the liberated prisoners at Mauthausen? How do you think the American GIs felt upon witnessing the camps?
7. When Otto, the Nazi soldier, visited the storehouses in Prague he discovered they were filled with items confiscated from the Jewish people. What do you think happened to these items? Do you believe they were ever returned to their rightful owners after the war?
8. In *Night Song* the author portrays Otto as a Nazi soldier who is guided by evil. Do you think this portrayal was realistic? In your opinion, why did Nazi soldiers do what they did?
9. At Mauthausen Jakub discovered an orchestra made up of prisoners. Before reading *Night Song* had you ever heard of orchestras inside the camps? Why do

you think the Nazis allowed the orchestras? What do you think it would have been like to make such beautiful music in such a horrible place?

10. At the end of the book, Jakub is reunited with his father. How do you think their lives changed after the war?
11. If you could finish Jakub's story, what would you like to see happen? What do you think *did* happen to the Jewish survivors after the war?

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