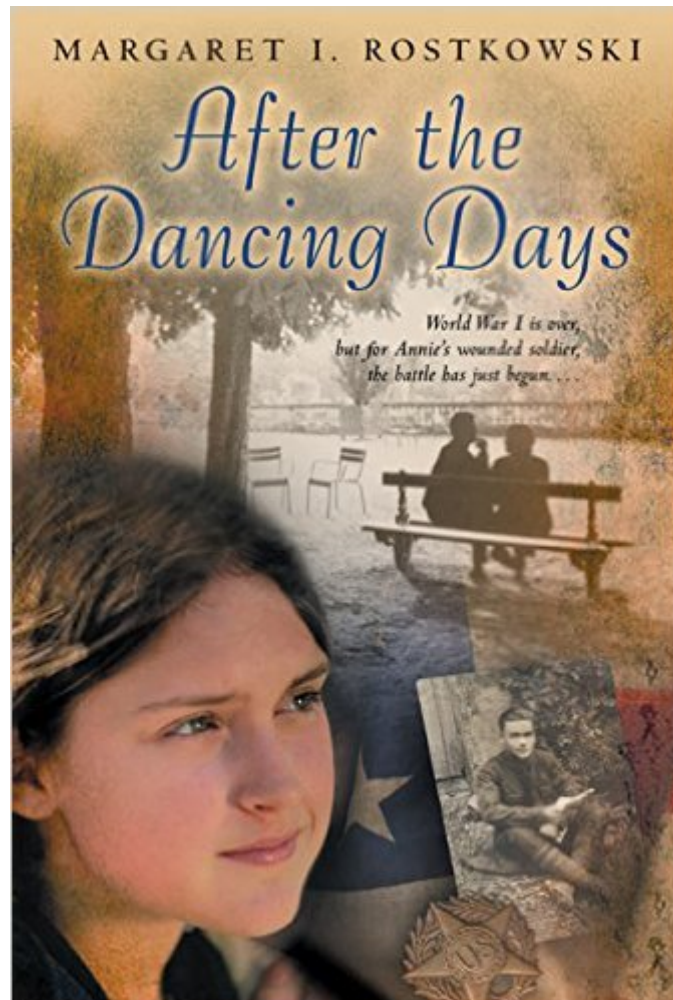


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# After The Dancing Days



## Synopsis

Is War A Thing To Be Forgotten? That's what Annie's mother would like to do. She wants to forget the pain and heartache--and to keep it away from Annie, too. But Annie cannot forget the death of her favorite uncle, who was killed in France. She cannot forget Andrew, the angry young veteran she meets at the hospital where her father works. Can Annie find the courage to help Andrew? And will she ever be able to make sense of a war that took so much from so many? Drawn to the Kansas hospital where her father cares for wounded World War One veterans, Annie meets Andrew, a disfigured young soldier. As Annie helps Andrew slowly adjust to his wounds, she also faces devastating truths about war and the complex world of adulthood. A girl on the brink of womanhood comes to terms with the brutal aftereffects of war in an absorbing novel. BL. Notable Children's Books of 1986 (ALA) 1986 Best Books for Young Adults (ALA) The USA Through Children's Books (ALSC) 1986 Children's Editors' Choices (BL) 1987 Children's Book Award (IRA) Young Adult Choices for 1988 (IRA) 100 Favorite Paperbacks 1989 (IRA/CBC) Notable 1986 Children's Trade Books in Social Studies (NCSS/CBC) 1987 Teachers' Choices (NCTE) 1986 Golden Kite Award for Fiction (SCBW) Judy Lopez Memorial Award Certificate of Merit 1986 Jefferson Cup Award Winner (Virginia Library Association)

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## Customer Reviews

After the Dancing Days is about a girl who is dealing with the death of her uncle, the war, and her father being away helping the doctors at war. When her father finally arrives, her life starts to

change. She cannot stop thinking about all of the wounded soldiers. As the weeks go by she learns to manage her thoughts and keep up with her ever-changing life. I loved *After the dancing Days*. It was very interesting to see a girl about my age going through so much and handling it so well. It is also very inspiring to me because of the fact that she is so strong spiritually and emotionally. The war brought a great deal of depression to the family, not to mention the rest of the country. When everything starts to get worse, she loses a good friend who helped her through the whole time. I thought the book was really good and great for anyone who likes to read.

*After the Dancing Days* is a heartwarming story that accurately depicts historical events. The author gives readers an accurate picture of what the war was like, how the soldiers felt, and what life was like after the war. In addition, all of the characters behaved true to the time period. The history of World War I and the years following the war is revealed through the eyes of young Annie, the main character. Annie is a very dynamic character who changes throughout the story. At the beginning of the book, she is portrayed as a typical young girl, enjoying child-like activities. Throughout the book, Annie matures and enjoys the company of a twenty year old soldier over the company of children her own age. This story was told in the first person enabling the reader to know how Annie felt and how she changed. *After the Dancing Days* is a great story for middle school or high school students learning about World War I.

I absolutely loved this book. At first I didn't think I would like it but I was wrong. This book was easy to understand and write an oral report over. I disagree with anyone who says it's too hard. I am only 16 and understood and went through exactly what Annie was feeling. I recommend this book to anyone who wants a better understanding of what war was like, in a teen's view.

*After the Dancing Days* is a fantastic book. It is about friendship and how you should not judge people by their appearance. This book is also full of drama. There is also a mystery to the story. *After the Dancing Days* is filled with some facts about the war. I would recommend this book to girls seven to fourteen. I don't think boys would like it. It is more a book for girls. I would also recommend it to people who like mystery books and friendship and drama all in one. It is definitely a page turner. At some parts I couldn't put it down didn't want to read. Usually I was glued to the page. I could have read it in one day because of the fact that you want to know what happens next but the author just leaves you hanging therefore you have to turn the page and start a new chapter. The characters are those of whom you can relate to. Annie is the main character. You will also read about Uncle Paul,

Grandmother and grandfather, father, mother, and Andrew the wounded soldier. Annie befriends Andrew and looks past his wounds. I liked Annie a lot, she was very realistic and in a way she was a hero to Andrew. Annie's mother was my least favorite character. She judges people on how they look. I did not like her actions or the way she thinks. But every book has one of those characters. Although I went on about how great the book is it does have its weaknesses. It is kind of hard to get into because the beginning is really slow. But it speeds up and becomes very exciting.

This book was entertaining and insightful. It captured the essence of what it was like for an adolescent after WWI. Annie is coming of age during a time when the world had suffered a loss of innocence. This book would work well in an integrated study of literature and history. Connections could be made to other reading material of that era. Although this book is earmarked for a Young Adult audience it has an ageless quality about it that would allow even adult readers to enjoy. I would recommend this book to everyone who enjoys reading well written fiction.

This touching story of a 13 year old girl named Annie and a badly deformed man named Andrew is one you will never forget! The author tells an amazing story of their friendship. It is a beautiful tale! I would recommend that anyone who loves a great book that you just can't put down read this book!

I admired this book. Annie lives with her mother and father. WW1 has just ended, and Annie's father is a doctor at a hospital for wounded soldiers. During the most wonderful summer of her life, Annie meets Andrew, a war veteran. He was one of her father's patients; one of the wounded soldiers. At first, Andrew is sharp and mean, but slowly the two grow into dear friends. Andrew even helps Annie find out more of the mysterious death of her uncle. I loved this book so much, that I would rather give it 10 stars!

After the Dancing Days is about a 13-year-old girl named Annie. It takes place in a small town outside of Kansas City, in 1919. World War One has just ended and Annie becomes interested in one of the wounded soldiers at the hospital where her dad works. Annie and Andrew, the soldier, end up becoming good friends, and Annie has to make the choice of obeying her mom and not going to the hospital or keep visiting Andrew. She decides to keep visiting Andrew while her mom is away for the summer. While visiting the hospital and talking to the men Annie learns about the true horrors of the war, and not just what the newspapers and adults tell her. I gave this book three stars because it is a good book, but at points it isn't all that interesting. Overall it wasn't too bad but I have

read some more interesting books. This book relates to the essential question of "What does it mean to be an American?" There were some people after WWI, like Annie's mom, that tried to forget about the war and the soldiers who came back wounded. Annie discovers that the wounded soldiers are still normal men that shouldn't be ignored. Annie's mom does in the end figure this out. I think that during this time period, being an American meant acknowledging the wounded soldiers and realizing that they were also suffering from the war.

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