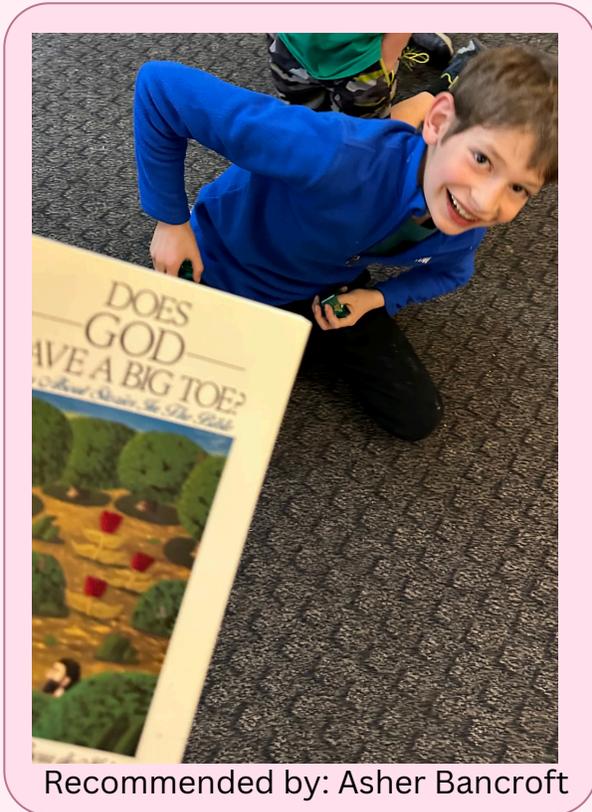


# BOOK REVIEW



Recommended by: Asher Bancroft

## ABOUT BOOK

TITTLE : DOES GOD HAVE A  
BIG TOE

AUTHOR : MARC GELLMAN

YEAR : 1993

P AGE : 96

## RATE

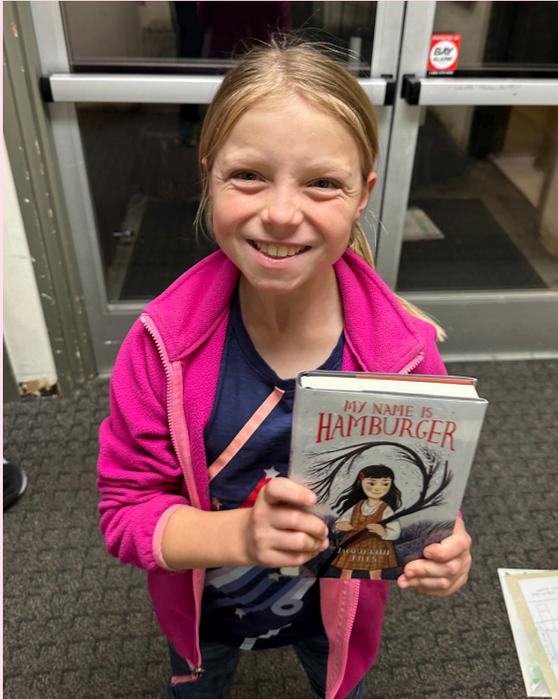


## REVIEW

Does God have a big toe is a collection of short stories that are modern and fun to read. One of them is about Adam naming the animals. Another is about Moses watching the bush burn. There is also one about the Shofar.

I liked that it takes stories we all know and love and transforms them. It also provides reasoning from parts of the Torah like why the bush burned. On the flipside the people kind of don't have common sense so that's weird. Also, it visualizes God as a person and in other parts of the story they are inanimate.

# BOOK REVIEW



Recommended by: Annalena Wright

## ABOUT BOOK

TITTLE : MY NAME IS  
HAMBURGER

AUTHOR : JACQUELINE  
JULES

YEAR : 2022

PAGE : 240

## RATE

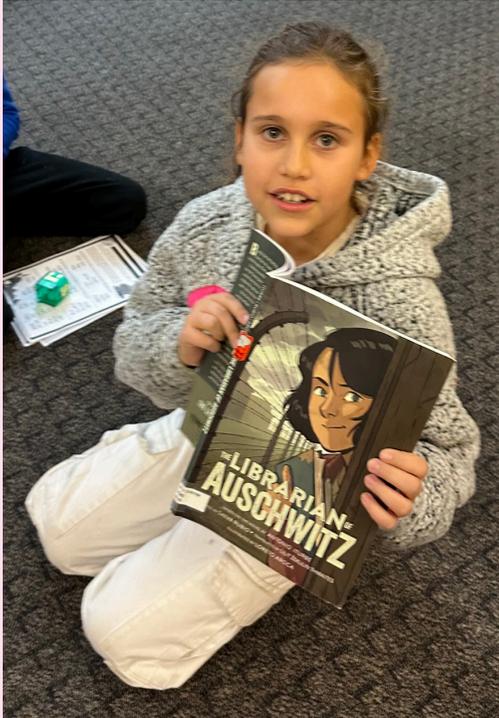


## REVIEW

Trudie Hamburger is the only Jewish kid living in her small southern town in 1962. Her dad's German accent is strange, and her last name means "chopped meat". She hides in the library to avoid singing Christmas songs.

One thing I like about this book is it is a novel in verse. This means it tells the story through poems. Every chapter tells a small part, and every paragraph tells an even smaller part. Trudie Hamburger is telling the story from her point of view. As she tells the story she describes her feelings and that helps the reader comprehend what is happening. One thing I dislike about the book is that no one stands up for Trudie when she is being bullied. I feel bad for her, but on the other side it makes the book have drama. In our lives people stand up for each other for bullying but she did not have that encouragement. Trudie had good friends but no encouragement after being bullied. If I was there, I would be supportive of her and encourage her to stand up for the bully.

# BOOK REVIEW



Recommended by: Talia Kaplan

## ABOUT BOOK

TITTLE: THE LIBRARIAN OF  
AUSCHWITZ

AUTHOR : LORETO AROCA

YEAR : 2023

PAGE : 144

## RATE

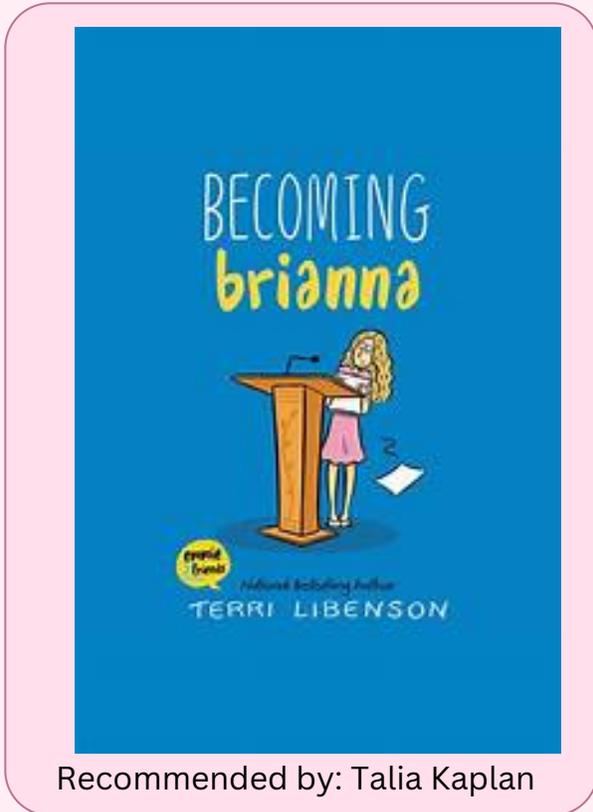


## REVIEW

The librarian of Auschwitz is about a girl who goes to a concentration camp, and she wants to read books, so they make her a librarian, but the people are not allowed to read in the concentration camp and the Nazis are horrible to them, but the concentration camp next door was worse, and she noticed she was very lucky. The book is mainly about a girl that something horrible happened to her, but she was still grateful and tried her best to be happy.

I did not like the book because it was inappropriate. I liked it because it was a good story.

# BOOK REVIEW



Recommended by: Talia Kaplan

## ABOUT BOOK

TITTLE: BECOMING BRIANA

AUTHOR : TERRI LIBENSON

YEAR : 2020

PAGE : 320

## RATE

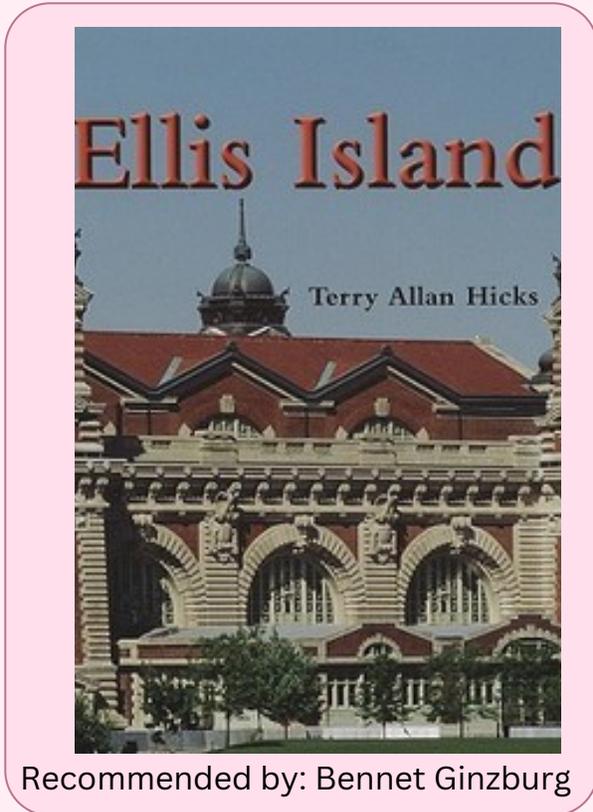


## REVIEW

Becoming Briana is about a thirteen-year-old girl that is very shy, and she doesn't care about going to synagogue or anything but then her mom convinces her to do a bat mitzvah, but she doesn't want to. Her mom does and she has 6 months until her bat mitzvah. During those 6 months she gets in fights with her BFF, she has to learn a new language (Hebrew) and she goes through a rough patch and then she notices that the bat mitzvah was not a bad idea, and she does it and she loved it and totally did not regret it.

I like the book for being honest about feelings of the main character and that the book was funny, and I feel like I have done the same exact things as the main character, and I want to read the next books in the series because it was so good, and this is my favorite book from the library.

# BOOK REVIEW



## ABOUT BOOK

TITTLE: ELLIS ISLAND

AUTHOR : TERRY ALLAN  
HICKS

YEAR : 2006

PAGE : 40

## RATE



## REVIEW

This book is about the history of an island in New York Harbor, called Ellis Island. In the beginning of the book, it goes into an in-depth description of the conditions of the immigrant ships going to America in the late 1800s to early 1900s. Then the book explains that the reason why people were making the long and perilous voyage was for the opportunity to find work. In the second and third parts, the book explains the early use of Ellis Island during the War of 1812 as a gunpowder storage location and prison. Later, the island was used as an immigration station and then WWII prison. Finally, today Ellis Island is a museum and part of the Statue of Liberty monument.

I like that this book goes in-depth on some things, like the conditions of the living spaces of the immigrants and the first immigrant to go through Ellis Island. But I wish there was more details about the other parts of Ellis Island history. Like, why did they change it from a prison to a gunpowder storage space? Was the prison during WWII a big one or a small one? How secure was it? Where on the island did they keep the prisoners? Details like these would have made it more informative about everything, not just the immigration process.