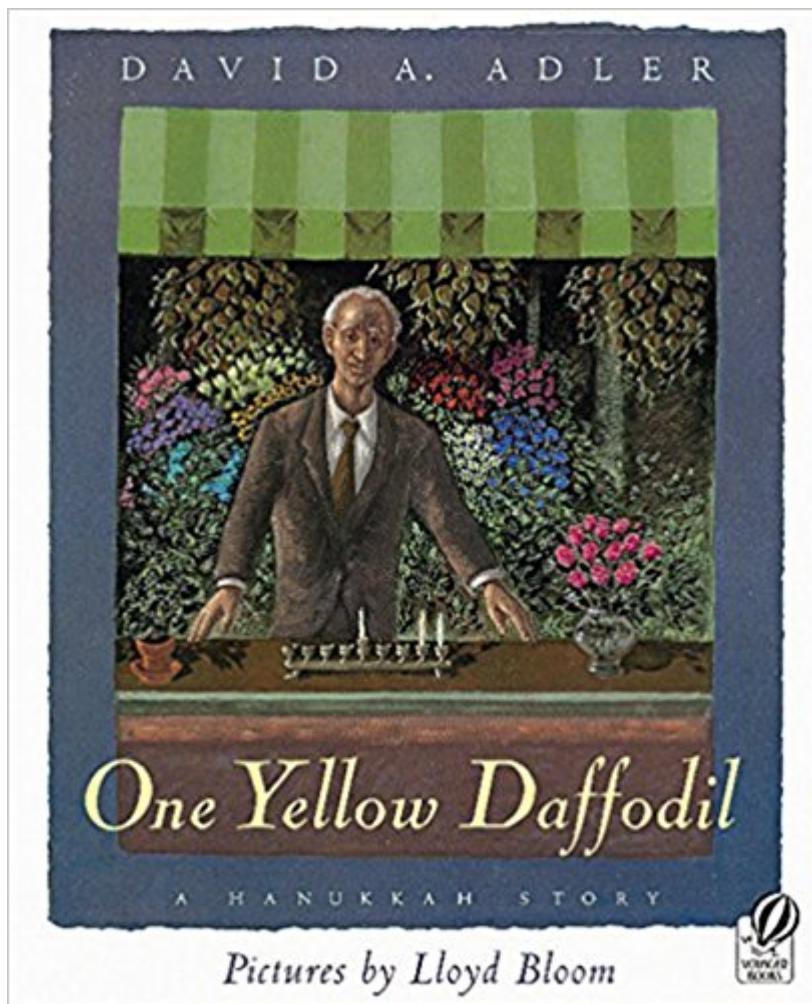


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# One Yellow Daffodil: A Hanukkah Story



## Synopsis

A Holocaust survivor shares Hanukkah with a loving family that gives him the courage to remember.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Ages 5^8. Holocaust survivor Morris Kaplan spends his days tending his flower shop and trying to ignore his emotional emptiness. Two of his youngest customers, Jonathan and Ilana, visit every Friday to buy flowers for their family's Sabbath. He is surprised when the children arrive on a Tuesday, until they explain that this bouquet is for the first night of Hanukkah. After Mr. Kaplan admits that he no longer observes holiday traditions, the children invite him to join their family festivities the following evening. Although the celebration brings forth painful memories--including one of a single daffodil growing in the mud at Auschwitz--the experience helps Morris begin reconnecting with humanity. Bloom's rich acrylic paintings lend an appropriately thoughtful tone to the pensive text. The story is only marginally connected with Hanukkah, but it lends itself to sharing on Holocaust Remembrance Day. Pair with Feder's The Feather-Bed Journey for another perspective. Kay Weisman --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"A memorable family read-aloud. "USA Today "Optimistic...touches on many universal themes. "The New York Times "A tribute to the power of friendship and faith. "The Boston

Globe "A simple but powerful story." School Library Journal "Beautiful. ...This story tells of the miracles that love and friendship can perform." The Jewish Journal

Not only is this a touching, sweet Hanukkah story, it is a wonderful first Holocaust story. The first time I found this book sixteen years ago I read it to our children who at the time were six, seven, and eight. They loved this story, which became a yearly part of our Hanukkah celebration. I have gifted this book many times. There are many lessons too important to miss within this honey of a holiday tale.

I bought this book for my 9 year old son who is very interested in World War 11 and Adolf Hitler. He has a basic knowledge of what took place, but of course I don't get into the gruesome details-he is still too young. Even though my son reads on his own, I read this to him. He did pick up on the subtle verbiage of book. It allows parent to fill in the blanks as he/she sees fit. Definitely a great, easy read.

30-page picture book. Slightly longer than your average picture book but still short enough for one sitting. Two children invite Morris, the flower vender, to join them for Hanukkah. The holiday brings back painful boyhood memories as he recalls the horrors of the holocaust and the last time he celebrated Hanukkah with his own family. Emotional healing begins when he shares these memories with the Becker family. A perfect introduction to the holocaust for sensitive younger audiences. The holocaust story is not graphic or overwhelming but does portray a strong sense of sadness, hopelessness and loss. Makes a good read-aloud for older students as well.

This emotionally engaging story is partly about Hanukkah and partly about the Holocaust, but is mostly about real people and real feelings. Morris Kaplan, a lonely man who is a Holocaust survivor, is very kind to Jonathan and Ilana, a brother and sister who come to his flower shop regularly to buy flowers, by giving them more flowers than they actually have the money for. A friendship develops and the children invite Mr. Kaplan to their home to help celebrate Hanukkah. This small kindness changes Morris Kaplan's life---and that of the family. I loved this story and the good feelings it evoked in me. I would recommend this story for all ages.

I love this book. I teach 3rd grade and happened upon it quite by accident. It was by far the most effective way to teach not only about Hanukkah, but also in a very age appropriate way, about the

Holocaust. It lead to great discussions that day. I was moved to tears when I read it the first time. Yes, it is a story about deep grief, but also about the strength to live in unliveable situations. I highly recommend this book to anyone who teaches, who has children, or just wants to read a beautiful story of hope and renewal.

This is a nice book that combines the sadness of one man's story with a nice message about Hanukkah.

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