

	<u><i>The story</i></u>
Broader message of the novel/film	The power of words and literature as opposed to the brutality of war.
Point of view: Who narrates the story? Is it a good choice? What is the implication?	Narrated by Death the day after the death of the main character, Liesel. Death is an omniscient narrator. It is certainly a good/wise/clever/imaginative original choice. Death as an omniscient narrator can comment on the behaviour of humans (and humans' inhumanity) without being part of the plot.
Context of the story: Setting/place-time period	World War II: September 1939-September 1945 <u>Action of the story-February 1938-1947 (2 years after the war)</u> <u>April 1944 Munich is bombed</u> It is set in Nazi Germany in 1938, one year before WW II started and right after the persecutions of Jews started. " Night of Broken Glass " (November 9-10, 1938) Place: primarily the fictional German town of Molching, a suburb of Munich.
Basic characters of the story (name, appearance, personality, significance)	Protagonist: Liesel Meminger https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/the-book-thief/characters/
Significant events/actions in the plot	- Liesel's brother dies while travelling on a train to their foster parents. - Liesel steals her first book, titled the Gravedigger's Handbook when it falls out of the gravedigger's pocket. - Liesel is brought to her new home in Munich where she meets her new foster parents Rosa Hubermann and Hans Hubermann. - She becomes friends with Rudy. - She steals books from the mayor's wife. - She learns how to read by Hans and Max. - The city is bombed. Everyone dies - Two years later she sees Max. - She dies in New York (Sydney, Australia according to the book) at the age of 90.
Basic ideas conveyed	- The power of words - Mortality - The kindness and cruelty of humans - The oppression of the Nazi regime
Conflict-opposition displayed	- Memory VS oblivion (book burning) - The living and the dead - The oppressors and the persecuted - Humanity VS inhumanity
Your personal reaction to the story-feelings	