

## Keeping My Hope

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**Description:** Christopher Huh started writing *Keeping My Hope* when he was 13, after learning about the Holocaust in his middle school. Created entirely with just paper and pencil, it took him about 1½ years to complete the book. To write *Keeping My Hope*, Christopher spent over a thousand hours conducting research on the subject. When the book was published in February 2013, Christopher was 14, and an 8<sup>th</sup> grade honor student attending public school in Montgomery County, Maryland. *Keeping My Hope* is a 169 page historical fiction graphic novel. Ari is a teenager whose entire life is turned upside down by the horrors of the Holocaust. He and his family are torn apart and moved to Auschwitz, where the reader gains an inside look at what prisoners in concentration camps suffered. However, even with these atrocities, the power of friendship shines through and gives Ari hope to keep surviving through the darkest blizzards of terror. Informative yet touching, *Keeping My Hope* spreads the message of how powerfully racism and prejudice can affect those around us.

**Christopher Huh** has enjoyed creating stories and drawing since he was very young. When he was just six years old, he would spend many hours watching movies, drawing, and took an early interest in the subject of history. He would draw whatever he found interesting ranging from the Titanic ship, to ancient scripts. As his writing skills developed, he began to create stories and fictional characters to accompany his drawings, and compose music for the story. In February 2013, fourteen year old Christopher published his first book, *Keeping My Hope*, a historical fiction graphic novel about the WWII and the Holocaust.