Christopher Huh

*Keeping My Hope*

The making of a book

How Did It Start?

- 7th Grade English Class
- WWII and the Holocaust
- Holocaust Expert School Visit
First Drawing

- Didn’t know about book
- Create a special story
- Good way to learn!
- Pencil & Notebook
Making It to a Book

- Amazon.com, CreateSpace
- WOW! This is actually possible!
- Started drawing and writing for a book.
- Fully committed. Never looked back.
Daily Routine

- Come home from school
- Finish Homework
- Research
  - US Holocaust Memorial Museum
  - Shoah Foundation
- Draw
Who is Ari?

Jewish
Teenager
Polish Nationality
Lomza, Poland

Moral Lessons

- 6 million people were murdered.
- 1.5 million were children.
- Lomza Jewish history is gone.
- We should not forget what happened to those innocent people.
Grandpa Ari explains

“This is what racism and prejudice can do to people.”
**Keeping My Hope** is a historical fiction graphic novel which circles around the life of Ari. 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 started drawing and 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 a year and a half to complete the book. To write *Keeping My Hope*, Christopher spent over a thousand hours conducting research on WWII and the Holocaust.

"This book is highly recommended for synagogues, middle schools and high schools. It's destined to be a classic."
—Association of Jewish Libraries Reviews

"I am moved to learn of the efforts you are making to bring awareness to the Holocaust." —Elie Wiesel, Nobel Peace Laureate, author of *Night*

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Korean-American Christian teen teaches the Shoah

Eighth-grader Christopher Huh creates a Polish-born Jewish grandfather for his graphic novel for kids, ‘Keeping My Hope’.

On October 7th, the Auschwitz uprising began. I had a front row seat for it all.

At first glance, it doesn’t seem likely that Christopher Huh, a second-generation Korean-American Christian teenager living in suburban Maryland, would have such a close relationship with Antal Koszak, a Polish-born Jewish grandfather who survived Auschwitz, dysentery and a death march.

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Christopher Huh was just five years old when his sister showed him a graphic novel. It was the first time he had seen anyone draw a whole story in color. Huh, who is now an eighth grader, says that after the first time he saw a graphic novel, he was hooked.

Huh’s graphic novel, ‘Keeping My Hope’, is about a Polish-born Jewish grandfather named Antal Koszak who survived Auschwitz and dysentery and a death march when he was a child.

Huh’s goal is to make people think about the Holocaust and to show the importance of remembering those who went through it.

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The graphic novel tells the story of a Polish-born Jewish grandfather who survived the Holocaust and dysentery and a death march when he was a child.

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