

Hayles, Marsha – Breathing Room

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Description/Genre – Historical fiction

Review – Evvy Hoffmeister is in a TB sanatorium in Loon Lake, Minnesota during WW II. The war and anti-Semitism lurk in the shadows as Evvy and her roommates attempt to follow the extensive rules as they try to get healthy enough to get home. The characters in this book are appealing and the chapters are introduced by images of historical documents and popular cultural items of the era.

Suggestions for Classroom Use/ Curriculum Connections – The book would be an excellent companion to History, English, Health and FACs classes.

NYS & Common Core Standards Connections - CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.7.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.7.4, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.7.9 , CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.7.4, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4,CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.7, NYS ELA 1, NYS SS 2

Recommended Grade Level(s) – Grade 7, but appropriate for grades 5-9.

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