



# REVIEWS

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FOR YOUNG READERS

FICTION

**The Thought of High Windows**, by Lynne Kositsky (Kids Can, \$16.95; ages 12-up). Any book that takes its title from a Philip Larkin poem is worth a look. As it turns out, *The Thought of High Windows* is a searing, poetic novel far removed from the concerns of that caustic Englishman. Based on true events, it tells of 60 German Jewish youngsters living hand to mouth in the south of France after the Red Cross helped them escape the Nazis at the start of the war. "You'd think that would make us friends, comrades in arms," writes Esther, the narrator, the one tempted by the oblivion that lies beyond high windows, "but until about three days ago we'd been fighting our own dirty little war." Still, as the wider war builds to its horrifying climax, Esther gradually sorts out her private conflicts. There is even space in this heart-rending world for love.

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