

*The Book Thief*

By Markus Zusak

*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak is a story of a girl, some words, some fanatical Germans, a Jewish fist-fighter and thievery all written from Death's point of view. After reading the novel, discuss the following questions in paragraph form. (One paragraph for each response) Please bring your typed assignment to class on the first day of class.

1. What is ironic about the titles of the books that Liesel steals? Is there a common thread or are they connected in any way? How do they fit into the story?
2. Discuss how the themes of abandonment and guilt are explored in the novel.
3. Compare the lives of Liesel and Max. When do they become friends?
4. Four people live in the Huberman household. Discuss each character's demonstration of courage.
5. Why is Death haunted by humans and especially fond of Liesel?

