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## Izabella's Story To Be Published

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**Izabella Kulczycka**, a fifth grader at Advent, has had a historical family story selected for publication in "Grannie Annie, Vol. 11," to be released later in May by The Grannie Annie Family Story Celebration. The stories will be published in an eBook, in a PDF book, and on The Grannie Annie's [website](#).

Based in St. Louis, The Grannie Annie invites students in U.S. grades 4 through 8, and homeschooled and international students of comparable ages, to write about something interesting they discover from their family's history based on their interviews with older relatives.

**Izabella's** story, titled "The War's Cons: My Great-Aunt's Story", captures a child's changing perceptions of World War II:

"The air raid sirens then went off, and she went with the other children to the shelter in the apartment building. They came with all of their toys, and it was all

good fun. They knew that the planes would be knocked out of the sky like dead flies and that the Nazis were stupid to attack Poland, the bravest country in the world. But the airships came in and killed Little Eva. That wasn't the way wars were supposed to go. This wasn't fun at all."

The thirty-six stories in "Grannie Annie, Vol. 11," represent the 555 submissions received this year from young authors across the country. The published stories took place in twelve countries on four continents over a span of 140 years.

"As the number of students taking part in The Grannie Annie continues to grow, it becomes increasingly clear how richly rewarding the experience is — for the young people, their families, their teachers, and their communities," said Connie McIntyre, Executive Director of The Grannie Annie.

All students who submitted stories or illustrations for "Grannie Annie, Vol.

11," will be honored at The Grannie Annie's Family Stories Festival at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis on June 5. Also to be honored at that Festival are authors and illustrators of stories included in "Echoes from World War II: Young Writers Sharing Family Stories." The Grannie Annie published "Echoes," its first themed collection, in celebration of its tenth anniversary. The stories in "Echoes" were previously published in annual Grannie Annie volumes and present varied aspects of the war from twenty countries around the world.