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# COURAGE TO DREAM

## TALES OF HOPE IN THE HOLOCAUST

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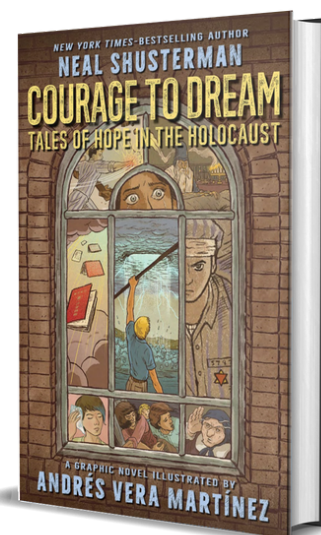
I am very proud to present to you *Courage to Dream: Hope in the Holocaust*, which has been a passion project for over ten years, and is more relevant now than ever.

More and more we see authority figures give permission to hate and social media echo chambers amplify it. I once described ignorance and intolerance as cockroaches that fester in dark corners. They can only be defeated if we're not afraid to shine light into those dark places. While all my books are attempts to shine that light, this one in particular is very close to my heart. As an American Jew, I have always felt a strong calling to wage war against antisemitism and Holocaust denial, as well as all forms of racism and "otherism."

The five stories in *Courage to Dream: Hope in the Holocaust*, illustrated brilliantly by Andrés Vera Martínez, are surreal journeys through some of the darkest days of human history. I have always believed that imagination is one of the most powerful tools we have to gain perspective. The power of imagination can't change the past, but it can transform our present and lay the groundwork for a better future.

It is my wish that readers of all ages will be moved by this book, finding hope in the face of despair, wonder in defiance of harsh reality, and the courage not just to dream, but to actually build the world we want to see.

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