

Real Time, by Pnina Moed Kass. This frenetic, lightning-paced, scary, cinematic story made me feel like an old person. In other words, teenagers will love it. Several characters with different backgrounds, on different emotional journeys, board a bus that is subsequently bombed by a terrorist. Each entry has a time-stamp, like on 24. The narrative shifts rapidly among the German teenager descended from Nazis, the young kibbutznik, the Holocaust survivor, the Palestinian suicide bomber, the kind Palestinian doctor. (Just like *The Breakfast Club*, but with explosives!) In 2004, *Real Time* won the Association of Jewish Libraries' **Sydney Taylor Award** for the best Jewish book for older readers.