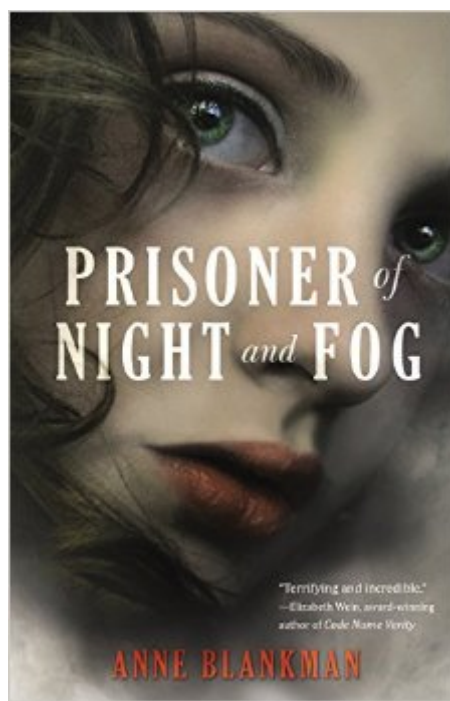


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A gripping historical thriller set in 1930s Munich, *Prisoner of Night and Fog* is the evocative story of an ordinary girl faced with an extraordinary choice in Hitler's Germany. Fans of *Code Name Verity* will love this novel full of romance, danger, and intrigue! Gretchen Müller grew up in the National Socialist Party under the wing of her uncle Dolf "who has kept her family cherished and protected from that side of society ever since her father sacrificed his life for Dolf's years ago. Dolf is none other than Adolf Hitler. And Gretchen follows his every command. When she meets a fearless and handsome young Jewish reporter named Daniel Cohen, who claims that her father was actually murdered by an unknown comrade, Gretchen doesn't know what to believe. She soon discovers that beyond her sheltered view lies a world full of shadowy secrets and disturbing violence. As Gretchen's investigations lead her to question the motives and loyalties of her dearest friends and her closest family, she must determine her own allegiances—even if her choices could get her and Daniel killed.

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Customer Reviews

We are The Unofficial Addiction Book Fan Club, to know more about this book, go to the post in our website. **REVIEW:** *Prisoner of Night and Fog* is the perfect YA story for those readers who want to give historical books a try. Filled with suspense, mystery and danger, but there's also room for questioning the beliefs of the main character and for love. The story starts with Gretchen whose uncle is no less than the very famous Adolf Hitler. Uncle Dolf taught her everything she knows, so she firmly believes in all his dear uncle says and believes in. However, Daniel Cohen, a Jewish

reporter, turns her life up side down by saying that her father was murdered by one of their own. Moreover, her beliefs are tumbling down when she feels an undeniable attraction for the Jewish boy when all she should do is hate him for what he is. I was completely captivated by this story. Reading from Gretchen's point of view is definitely thrilling, 'cause you get to see a side of Hitler you never thought of. When you think about all those Germans who followed Hitler's beliefs, you might think they were all brainwashed or promised with something that could not be replaced easily. However, when you start reading *Prisoner of Night and Fog* you realized that there's a lot more behind Hitler and it was nice to have "some insight" or at least a different one. Anne Blankman did an amazing job. Her writing style is excellent and definitely draws the reader's attention from the very first page. You are deep into the story without even realizing it. She was also really brave to bring Adolf Hitler into the story and put the main character as one of the closest people to this historical figure. She exploits the era, the danger and the fear.

If you've been craving a novel that depicts Adolf Hitler in all of his teenager-creeping glory, *Prisoner of Night and Fog* might be for you. I can usually count on having good luck with historical fiction, particularly novels set during WWI or WWII. (This story takes place in the period between the two wars.) But unfortunately, this book was mostly a miss for me, primarily due to problems with the protagonist. Gretchen is a teenager in Munich, fiercely loyal to the Nazi party. She's known as the "martyr's daughter" as a result of events that occurred nearly a decade ago, when her father jumped in front of a bullet intended for Hitler. Since then, her family was taken under Hitler's wing, and Gretchen became a kind of pet to her "Uncle Dolf." WWII and the Holocaust are still years away, but Hitler and the Nazis are already sowing the seeds of Jewish hatred. Gretchen has no reason to question these beliefs. If Uncle Dolf says Jews are subhuman, he must be right. She may not possess the same level of hatred, but she does her best to avoid contact with Jews. So far, so good. Many people are raised with prejudices and biases, and Gretchen's beliefs were commonplace at that time. However, when a Jewish boy whispers to her from an alley that he has information on her father's death, it's like a flip is switched, and all of Gretchen's biases quickly disappear. Why would she trust anyone in an alley who is behaving suspiciously, let alone someone she has been raised her entire life to hate? I was excited to read a YA novel set in this period from the German point of view, but unfortunately, the opportunity to explore how someone can overcome deep biases was squandered here.

THINGS I ADORED. Gretchen is a super strong heroine. I love characters who break the "strong"

stereotype. You know...kick butt and sassy? Gretchen was neither of those, yet she was strong and someone I easily admired. Sure she was brainwashed, buuuut, these things happened. I loved her flexibility and strength to question. Also, I love her for this quote: Maybe she didn't matter enough to the Brauns, certainly not enough to her mother and Uncle Dolf, and definitely not at all to Reinhard. But she mattered to herself. And that was all that needed to be true. (39% through) It's about the "Origins of Hitler". I haven't read a book like this before. Not ever! I find that intensely exciting! I personally think of Hitler as a mean killing machine...but was he born that way? What drove him to it? And what about Hitler's backstory? I always suck at recalling facts -- but give it to me in story form and I remember and learn. So while his is just historical fiction (and definitely not 100% accurate) I feel like there's intense historical facts in here. I LEARNT STUFF. GO ME. The author's note rocked. What? I'm a bookworm. Yes I read the author's note, and yes this one was particularly juicy with facts. Psychopaths! This book is loaded with them! Who knew right? Hitler isn't actually the main antagonist. It's Gretchen's older brother, Reinhard. He's a psychopath...cold, emotionless, cruel. It was really interesting how the book explored mental illness. Lots of theories. Lots of crazy people. Totally not a direction most books take and for that I LOVED IT. Gretchen + Daniel = I ship them like peanut butter and chocolate. Obviously Daniel is a Jew and Gretchen is a favourite of Hitler. They're bound to run into trouble.

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