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Conspiracy Of Blood And Smoke



Synopsis

Acclaimed author Anne Blankman returns to the shadowy and dangerous world of 1930s Germany in this thrilling sequel to *Prisoner of Night and Fog*, perfect for fans of *Code Name Verity*. The girl known as Gretchen Whitestone has a secret: She used to be part of Adolf Hitler's inner circle. More than a year after she made an enemy of her old family friend and fled Munich, she lives in England, posing as an ordinary German immigrant, and is preparing to graduate from high school. Her love, Daniel, is a reporter in town. For the first time in her life, Gretchen is content. But then Daniel gets a telegram that sends him back to Germany, and Gretchen's world turns upside down. When she receives word that Daniel is wanted for murder, she has to face the danger she thought she'd escaped and return to her homeland. Gretchen must do everything she can to avoid capture, even though saving Daniel will mean consorting with her former friends, the Nazi elite. And as they work to clear Daniel's name, Gretchen and Daniel discover a deadly conspiracy stretching from the slums of Berlin to the Reichstag itself. Can they dig up the explosive truth and get out in time—or will Hitler discover them first?

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Gr 8 Up • Using false identities, Gretchen Whitestone and Daniel Cohen barely escape to England as the Nazis come to power in Germany. Gretchen, now Gisele, is living with Dr. Whitestone and his family, finishing high school with the goal of becoming a psychoanalyst. Meanwhile, Daniel is frustrated working for a society column that publishes meaningless news, yearning for the work he did back home. Living in safety, they can't help but feel powerless as they

hear of the terrible events unfolding in Germany. Then Daniel receives a disturbing telegram that forces him to return despite the risks. When Gretchen receives news that Daniel is wanted for murder, she knows she must face her greatest fears in order to save him. As the Nazi net tightens its grip around the pair, they find allies in the most unlikely of places. This leads to information that will not only clear Daniel's name but could taint the credibility of Hitler and the Nazi party. In the sequel to *Prisoner of Night and Fog* (HarperCollins, 2014), Blankman once again expertly crafts a powerful story full of mystery, intrigue, romance, and edge-of-your-seat terror and suspense. The well-researched plotlines are fascinating, while the multidimensional cast of characters drive the story. Readers will root for Gretchen and Daniel as they place themselves in danger while fighting to uncover the truth. VERDICT A captivating historical fiction title with an author's note for reference. — Donna Rosenblum, Floral Park Memorial High School, NY

— "Will leave the reader breathless with each unpredictable plot twist." (Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) (starred review)) — "Blankman once again expertly crafts a powerful story full of mystery, intrigue, romance, and edge-of-your-seat terror and suspense." (School Library Journal) — "Suspenseful and clever...The tight interweaving of Gretchen's journey with historical events lends a sense of the genuine—and results in the fascinating experience of following a quest readers know is doomed to fail." (Kirkus Reviews) — "Bold and brave." (Booklist) — "Heart-stopping drama" — "brilliant storytelling and characterization." (Romantic Times) Praise for *PRISONER OF NIGHT AND FOG*: — "I'm in awed envy of the daring with which Anne Blankman plunges into her difficult and sensitive subject matter. It's terrifying and incredible to think how much of this story is true." (Elizabeth Wein, award-winning author of *CODE NAME VERITY*) Praise for *PRISONER OF NIGHT AND FOG*: — "PRISONER OF NIGHT AND FOG seamlessly blends the fascinating, terrifying facts of Hitler's rise to power with a gripping murder mystery. Gretchen is a brave and believable protagonist, and readers will become engrossed in her struggle to uncover the truth. I can't wait for the sequel." (Michelle Cooper, award-winning author of the *Montmaray Journals* series) Praise for *PRISONER OF NIGHT AND FOG*: — "A nail-biting visit to Adolf Hitler's inner circle in the early days of the Nazi party's rise to power." (Jennifer Armstrong, author of *In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer* (with Irene Gut Opdyke)) Praise for *PRISONER OF NIGHT AND FOG*: — "Completely engrossing." (Publishers Weekly (starred review)) Praise for *PRISONER OF NIGHT AND FOG*: — "An interesting perspective on a well-trod era." (Kirkus Reviews) Praise for

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This book, and the first book in this series, are amazing. Wonderful characters, an exciting plot, twists and turns. What's not to like? Anne Blankman is a great author with natural talent. I hope she writes more books

I absolutely loved the series. It was so hard to put the book down and I honestly loved the way the author exposes the reader to emotions throughout the book.

Anne Blankman is an amazing writer and this book was the first I read by her and makes it hard to put down. Definitely worth the read.

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Great read and flows seamlessly from the first book!

Good follow-up to her first book. Couldn't put the book down. Great development of the historical situation along with romance and mystery.

Excellent book!!! This series was so good I'm having a hard time finding something to read next!

Wonderful sequel! I love this story and the characters are all well developed! I never lost interest!

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