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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 8 Up—The author of the adult book *Hunting Eichmann* (Houghton, 2009) tells the harrowing story of the Israeli agents responsible for tracking down Adolf Eichmann, a Nazi leader who orchestrated the extermination of six million Jews. In the years following World War II, many Jews were involved in attempts to find Nazi war criminals who had gone into hiding all over the globe and bring them to trial. Eichmann was a prime target, but no one had heard anything about him for years until an offhand comment in a letter led to a seven-year saga that involved a diverse cast including Mossad agents, regular citizens, and politicians, all with the single purpose of capturing this man. From cafés in Buenos Aires to the halls of the fledgling Israeli government, from false identities to secret drops, this story has all the hallmarks of a spy novel. Bascomb has a knack for turning complex detail into a suspenseful, heart-pounding narrative. Every face is catalogued, every procedure thoroughly outlined, every moment accounted for in this tale that requires patience and perseverance; at times it unfolds at a breakneck pace and at others, it is tantalizingly slow. The author depicts Eichmann as more than just a soulless Nazi monster and target; he is also seen as a father and husband, giving this account some balance. The depth of research in this fine work is evident in the level of information provided and in the extensive bibliography and source notes. An excellent choice for libraries looking to extend their World War II and Jewish history collections.—Jody Kopple, Shady Hill School, Cambridge, MA (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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This true story of a group of Jewish men brought together to capture and bring to justice a notorious Nazi war criminal takes place 15 years after the end of WWII. Adolf Eichmann, who had been in charge of eradicating the 725,000 Jews from Hungary and was discovered living in Argentina, became the target of the Mossad, a new Israeli secret service intelligence agency. Eichmann's capture proved to be a hair-raising maneuver, as the Argentinians were not sympathetic to the cause, and any slight misstep could result in irreparable damage to both this endeavor and to the Israeli government. Bascomb has shortened and changed much of the language of his successful 2009 adult title *Hunting Eichmann*, but kept every bit of the suspense. This version includes a "list of participants" at the beginning to assist readers in keeping straight the many individuals involved in the scheme. This is a splendid example of fascinating storytelling blended with significant historical events. Periodic black-and-white photos expand the account. Grades 7-10. --Randall Enos

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Praise for *The Nazi Hunters*:

Winner of the YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Award

Winner of the Sydney Taylor Book Award for Teen Readers

"*The Nazi Hunters* is a fabulously exciting piece of history that teens *should* know about -- and now they will! Bascomb's detailed scenes allow readers to live through this true tale of courage and daring as if they were there." -- Deborah Heiligman, Printz Honor-winning author of *Charles and Emma* and *Intentions*

"I found *The Nazi Hunters* riveting, from its suspenseful search for Eichmann to the capture of the war criminal responsible for orchestrating the murder of eleven million people, including six million Jews. Neal

Bascomb's book is incredibly well-researched and paced like an espionage thriller. The hunters' commitment to bringing Eichmann to justice is sure to captivate readers." -- Susan Campbell Bartoletti, Newbery Honor-winning author of *Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow* and *The Boy Who Dared*

"From cafés in Buenos Aires to the halls of the fledgling Israeli government, from false identities to secret drops, this story has all the hallmarks of a spy novel. Bascomb has a knack for turning complex detail into a suspenseful, heart-pounding narrative." -- *School Library Journal*

"Photographs are included throughout the text, adding not just to the evidence of Eichmann's guilt but to the reader's sense of being along on the mission." -- *The Horn Book Magazine*

"Tension rises from the pages, thanks to Bascomb's command of pacing, judicious use of quoted material, inclusion of archival photographs and strong descriptions." -- *Kirkus Reviews*

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