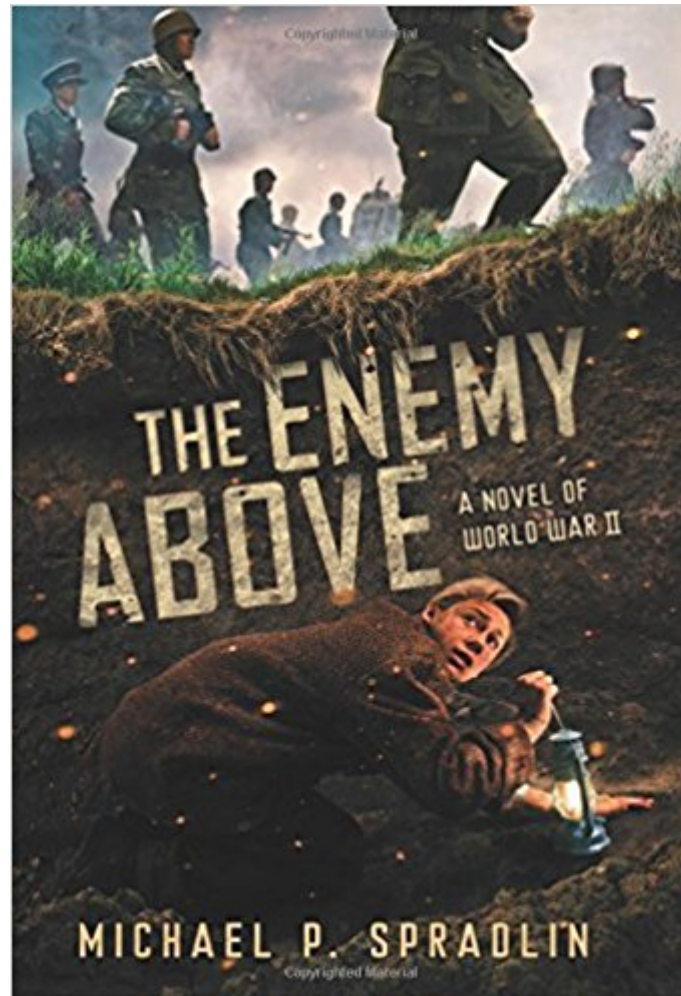




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The Enemy Above: A Novel Of World War II



Synopsis

Nazi gun fire can only mean one thing...The Germans are closing in. And twelve-year-old Anton knows his family can't outrun them. A web of underground caves seems like the perfect place to hide. But danger lurks above the surface. Ruthless Major Karl Von Duesen of the Gestapo has made it his mission to round up every Jew in the Ukrainian countryside. Anton knows if his community is discovered, they will be sent off to work camps...or worse. When a surprise invasion catches them off guard, Anton makes a radical decision. He won't run any longer. And he won't hide. He will stop being the hunted...and start doing some hunting of his own. Michael P. Spradlin's newest thriller is the ultimate game of cat and mouse set during one of the darkest moments in history.

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Gr 5-7 • The year is 1942, and 12-year-old Anton, his bubbe, and his uncles are forced to flee their small Ukrainian village with other Jewish residents when the Nazis invade. They seek refuge in secret caves that are known only to locals, sneaking out at night to find water for their survival. Meanwhile, Major Von Duesen, a Nazi commander whose mission it is to capture or kill as many Jews as possible, is outwitted time and again by Anton and his kin. Chapters alternate

between Anton, who often seems wise beyond his young years, and Von Duesen, a caricature villain who will stop at nothing, including personal ruin, to capture the boy and seek revenge. Scenes of sabotage and suspense, including several lucky escapes and a couple of disturbing murder scenes, will keep readers turning the pages. However, the breakneck action supersedes any real character development. Although Anton struggles with issues of faith, longing for his missing father, and loss, these themes are dealt with only on a cursory level. VERDICT Set in an interesting locale, this will satisfy historical fiction fans who want page-turning action without much depth. —Madeline J. Bryant, Los Angeles Public Library

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I purchased this book for my grandson who is a fan of Mr. Spradlin's work. I picked it up myself before I connected with him and started reading. I could not put it down. While my own generation has not had to endure what these individuals lived through, Mr. Spradlin brings you right into the war. You feel the terror, the anger, and the hopelessness. A fabulous read.

My 9-year old daughter loves this book! She was never into historical fiction, but fell in love with it when my 11-year old son was assigned to read it for school. Right away, she asked for a copy to keep at home. A very well-written story.

I was tutoring a 4th grader, and we often use books to work on literacy skills. I felt this book was too "heavy" in subject matter for him, and we didn't finish. When Rena and her son were so brutally murdered, we stopped.

This book will keep you wanting to read until the end. I hope other people read this and are touched by the story. Maybe it will bring someone closer in their spiritual life.

My 9 year old daughter loved this book. It was a great way to spark interest in history and learn more about what happened during that time.

Fast paced story with lots of action with heartfelt characters. Great read for anyone who likes WWII.

Highly recommended for boys or girls.

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The book was good and I taught me more to stay away from suspicious people and people with guns and to try not to touch guns

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