

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. **The Boy Who Dared**

Recommended for Grades 6-12

Historical Fiction

This suspense filled novel takes place in a small town in Germany. Recently after the loss of the hard fought First World War, Germany is in great depression and in need of a savior. In this book a young member of the Hitler Youth begins to realize information about Germany during World War II that he is not supposed to know. He believes the right thing to do is to release propaganda to alert his people what was really going on but does not know what he is actually getting himself into.

In my opinion I thought this book was an excellent all around book. It shows what the Germans had to deal with after the World War. The entire book had me at the edge of my seat wondering what would occur next. Susan Campbell Bartoletti really uses great suspense, action, and details to reel the reader in. At points in the book, I could actually picture the moment and feel like I was there. There were many good points about this book, but I also thought there were a few flaws. I felt that the German words in the book made it feel more realistic but were slightly hard to follow and understand. After using context clues they were easily understood. I was also very upset about how the book had ended because of the result to the main character.

I would recommend this book to anyone who is interested in suspenseful books and even if you just like to read. It is a very interesting book especially to a person that enjoys reading history of Germany and World Wars.

-Brandon