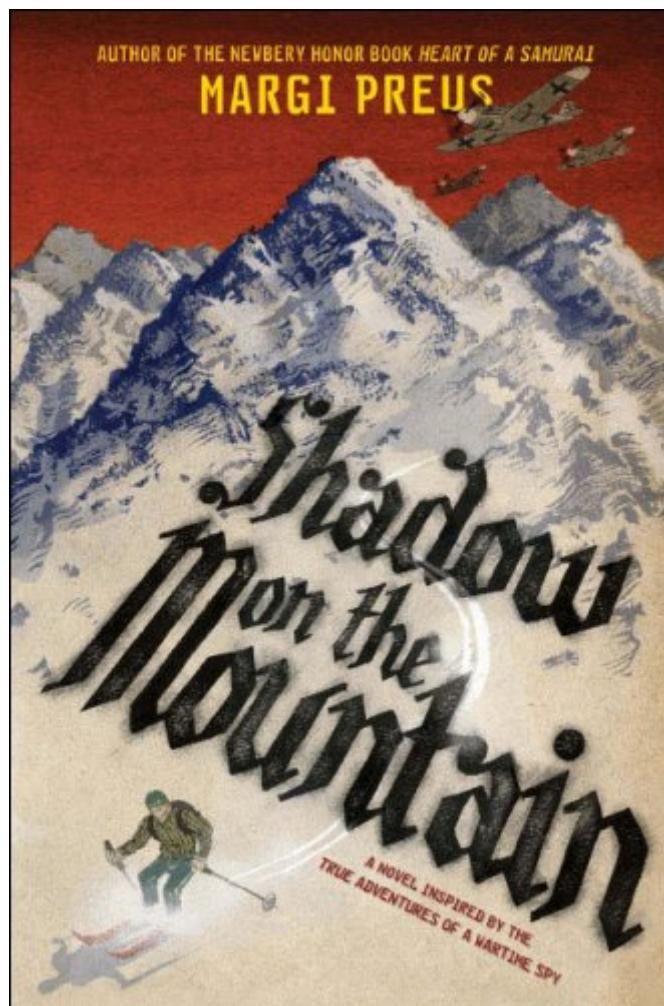


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Synopsis

Shadow on the Mountain recounts the adventures of a 14-year-old Norwegian boy named Espen during World War II. After Nazi Germany invades and occupies Norway, Espen and his friends are swept up in the Norwegian resistance movement. Espen gets his start by delivering illegal newspapers, then graduates to the role of courier and finally becomes a spy, dodging the Gestapo along the way. During five years under the Nazi regime, he gains--and loses--friends, falls in love, and makes one small mistake that threatens to catch up with him as he sets out to escape on skis over the mountains to Sweden. Preus incorporates archival photographs, maps, and other images to tell this story based on the real-life adventures of Norwegian Erling Storrusten, whom Preus interviewed in Norway. Praise for "Shadow on the Mountain": Newbery Honor winner Preus infuses the story with the good-natured humor of a largely unified, peace-loving people trying to keep their sanity in a world gone awry. Based on a true story, the narrative is woven with lively enough daily historical detail to inspire older middle-grade readers to want to learn more about the Resistance movement and imitate Espen's adventures." --Kirkus Reviews, starred review "This engrossing offering sheds light on the Norwegians' courage during World War II. Preus masterfully weds a story of friendship with the complications faced by 14-year-old Espen and his friends as Nazi restrictions and atrocities become part of their everyday lives...This is at once a spy thriller, a coming-of-age story, and a chronicle of escalating bravery. Multidimensional characters fill this gripping tale that keeps readers riveted to the end." --School Library Journal, starred review "A closely researched historical novel... relates this wartime tale with intelligence and humor...Ms. Preus deftly uses together historical fact (Espen is based on a real-life spy) and elements of Norwegian culture to conjure a time and place not so terribly long ago." --The Wall Street Journal "Margi Preus, who won a Newbery honor for Heart of a Samurai, returns with another riveting work of historical fiction... This fine novel, which includes an author's note, a timeline, a bibliography and even a recipe for invisible ink, is based on extensive research... The result is an authentic coming-of-age story, perfect for readers fascinated by the diary of Anne Frank or Lois Lowry's classic, Number the Stars."

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Customer Reviews

A very interesting story of Espen, 14- year old boy, and his friends caught up in the five year occupation of Norway during WWII. Some school mates sided with the occupying forces while Espen and his friends joined the Resistance. Espen worked under difficult circumstances fearing for his life, lives of his family, and friends to bring peace back to Norway. The book is based on a true story.

I remember reading The Snow Treasure (McSwiggle) when I was a child about how Norwegian children snuck the King's gold out of Norway under the eyes of the Nazis. Here's another memorable book, based on an historical event. Fourteen year old Espen joins the Resistance. How does he know who to trust. How can he not put his family in danger? Lots of adventure in this book as he helps the Norwegians resist the Nazi regime.

I am interested in the world wars but this book took that to another level. You can really feel when he feels scared, exasperated or even slightly content. U understand what they were going through, and what they though while they were doing so

The book gives a view of the resistance and determination of the Norwegian people. Although

fiction, the events are based on facts'

Excellent book. Wonderfully written.

Interesting story from world war two. Captivating story line based on a true experience.

My grandson shares books with me that he reads in school and then we discuss them. This is really a bonding thing with us. This book is filled with suspense. I really admired the young people who risked their lives for liberty

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