
Heroes of World War II: World War II Spies and Secret Agents

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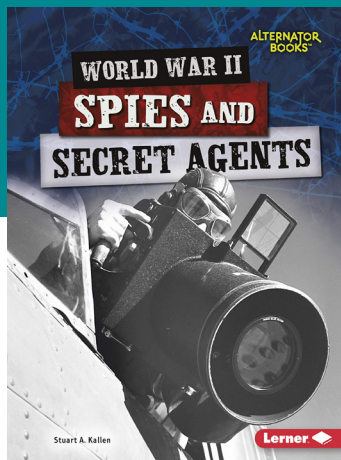
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Book Review

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Excellent

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Feel like a real spy as you read the true stories of some of the best secret agents for the allied forces during World War II. Merlin Minshall leads a mission to delay ships from delivering war supplies to Germany. When the mission fails, he escapes on a speedboat. Josephine Baker is an entertainer who uses her fame to carry top secret information without being suspected. Ian Fleming helps start a group of secret agents which later inspired him to create the character, James Bond. Virginia Hall helped the French Resistance get supplies and training. Morris Berg was an American baseball player who was recruited to find out if the Germans had discovered how to make an atom bomb. While each of these spies played a different role in the war, each was important in helping the Allies succeed and end the war.

This book could be used in an elementary level classroom to help students learn to do research at a beginner level. The back of the book has a timeline and glossary as well as a list of websites and books for more information. This book is factual and interesting but still simple enough for younger students to understand and use. Although the personal information on each of the spies listed in the book is minimal, it would still be a good resource to use for students working on writing biographies. By reading this book, they would get a good overall image of the historical person without getting their entire life story. This would give them a good starting point with their work. Another use for this book could be to help students see some of the smaller events taking place during the war. Although there were large scale wars and issues, there were also smaller, less well-known events that were equally important in ending the war. This leads students to recognize that even small efforts can play a role in success.