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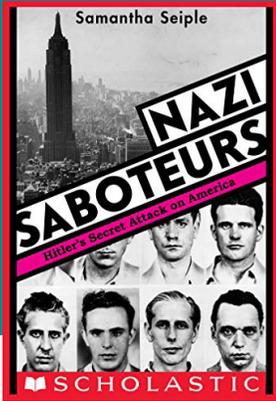
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Rating

Excellent

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Intermediate, Young
Adult

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During World War II, eight German men volunteered to infiltrate the United States and bomb key factories and railroads. On a secluded estate in Germany, these men learned how to fight, spy, and to become experts with explosives. Divided into two teams, they planned for four men to infiltrate New York while the others came in from Florida. Dropped off by a submarine off the coast, each group was given explosives and money to help their efforts. Unfortunately, the New York group was discovered soon after their landing, and the men fled into the city to hide among the crowds. Realizing their work was already over, George Dasch and his comrade Peter Burger contacted the FBI and confessed their sabotage plans. A military tribunal was held, and six of the eight men were sentenced to death. Dasch and Burger were sentenced to prison until 1948, when they were deported back to Germany.

Highlighting a little known snippet of WWII, this fast-paced and intriguing narrative reveals Hitler's twisted plans to plunge America into chaos. Revealing the thoughts and motivations of the saboteurs, this book showcases why they agreed to fight for the Führer. Some wanted to get out of the slums of war-torn Germany, others felt they deserved extra honor and money because of their knowledge of America, and one was forced to join to prove his loyalty. With all these different motivations, suspicion was rampant. It was this distrust that led to the group's ultimate downfall. This fascinating nonfiction read is for history fans ages 12 and up.