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A compelling true story of three LDS teens fight for freedom.

"Rudi Wobbe: Charged with Preparation to High Treason and Aiding and Abetting the Enemy."

Thus began the trial of Rudi Wobbe and two of his teenage friends as they stood before the justices of the dreaded Voksgerichtshof, the infamous supreme court of Nazi Germany. All the power and indignation of the Third Reich now focused on these three young men who dared to distribute the truth about the war to their neighbors. If found guilty, they faced imprisonment, and perhaps even death.

Why did they do it? Because the teachings of their parents and the Church taught them to respect individual liberty and to rely on their conscience in choosing between right and wrong. Now their naive confidence was shaken by the torture they'd endured at the hands of the Gestapo. Yet, their brilliant young leader, Helmuth Huebener, whose intelligence and conviction stood out like a beacon of truth in the oppressive courtroom, faced his accusers with confidence. It was his finest moment ... would it be his last?

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Amy says

This is a powerful biography! I remember now that my grandmother bought it for me when I was 14, and this is the book I've been trying to remember the title of for 6 months. It is a life changer. Focuses on core values, fighting for right and freedom, and trusting in God. All the while giving lots of great German centered WWII experiences.

My only critique is that I wish he would have had a professional writer help. It could have used a really good editor for order, sentence structure and word choice. With that it could have been a national bestseller. But regardless, the experiences are so powerful and his message so wise and moving it is well worth your time.

Amiee says

This is one of the few books I've read, and not cared about the writing style at all. It is a true story about three Mormon teenagers in Nazi Germany. The boys knew that the Nazis were evil, and so they used their church's typewriter and paper to type anti-Nazi flyers, which they would then post all over the city. Inevitably, they are discovered and interrogated and tortured by the gestapo. The boys all receive lengthy prison sentences, except for the leader. Helmut Huebner was brought before a triad of judges known as "The Blood Tribunal" for the red robes they wore. Huebner, though only a teenager, is given a death sentence.

It is a truly amazing story, all the more so for its truth. These young men displayed inspirational courage in the face of the greatest evil of the 20th century, and did not compromise themselves before it. This story will touch you, no matter what your faith.

Nate Bringhurst says

This book is clearly written by an amateur and its sometimes hard to understand what is going on. But it is such an amazing story its easy to forget about the poor writing.

Mayde says

I love factual recounts from the holocaust era. The writing wasn't phenomenal but it was neat to read about that time period from an LDS German perspective.

Francie says

I read this fascinating story many years ago after finding it on my mother-in-law's bookcase. She said that Rudi Wobbe was somehow related to my husband's family (turns out his daughter is married to Ken's cousin) and that it was a true story. This is a wonderful account of three teenage boys in Nazi Germany who stand up to the Nazi regime. It is a story that has become even more personal to me this past year as my son Caleb

played the role of Helmuth Hubener in the movie "Resistance Movement".

Brent Winslow says

I picked this up from a general cleanup of my grandparents home prior to selling. The most interesting part of the true story of 3 LDS teens in Nazi Germany opposing the illegitimate government was related to how politics influenced church services, from members of the church considering Hitler the Savior of Germany, to others suggesting the strong genealogical efforts of the church were paralleled in the Nazi's demand for Aryan descendants.

As a warning to our day, being able to see beyond the simplistic, regimented, structured indoctrination of 2017's US regime, and catching a broader vision of the truth that exists beyond party, and beyond borders, is equally critical.

Julia says

I read this book in 2 days. A quick read but very powerful. I admire his enduring love for his friend, respect him for the horror he lived through, and hope I could continue a worthwhile life despite the terrible experiences he had to endure.

Cindy says

Three LDS youth choose not to be Hitler youth. They are not well received by their peers, and yet they are valiant to what they think is right. This book causes reflective thinking...would I stand up for truth? Would I look at my options or just go with the flow?

Anneliese says

this is a captivating story. it's hard for me to really feel like i understand how the people in the book feel about many things because my life has been so different. i hope that i'm never in a position to really empathize.

Amber says

What an incredibly moving story of one young boy's experience of Nazi brutality during WW2.

The depravity of the Nazi regime knew no bounds. They were a cult of death. The fact that people not only survived the ravages of WW2 from the inside-as a German who defied the authorities-is a testament of the indomitable will of the human spirit.

This is an inspiring story of faith and positive attitude, and although the subject matter is grim, is suitable for 7th grade and up.

Rudi and his 2 friends listened to the banned BBC broadcast one night, in Hamburg Germany. They then printed the information from the broadcast, and secretly deposited them in mailboxes, coats, and billboards. For this crime, Ruddi was sentenced to prison for 10 years. He was 15 years old. His friend, Helmuth Huebener, wrote the actual pamphlets. He was sentenced to death by beheading. He was 17 years old.

Katie says

This is an amazing story of a young german boy (15) and his friends who rebel against Nazism during WWII. Amazing story.

Abby says

I knew this book was about three LDS teenagers who stood up to Hitler during Nazi Germany, but I always thought it seemed logical that some Mormon kids would do that. Why would any Mormons NOT stand up against Hitler, right? Wrong! It was fascinating (and terrifying) to learn what Nazi Germany was like, even for members of the church. There was a branch president who put up a sign banning anyone with a Jewish heritage from entering the building. Members thought that Hitler was called of God, there to bring Germany back into its rightful place in the world and rebuild the country. People prayed for Hitler to be blessed and guided during the opening prayers in Sacrament Meeting. They would quote the twelfth Article of Faith which says "We believe in honoring, obeying and sustaining the law". They even tied family history work in with finding out which people had Jewish bloodlines. And those who didn't go along with the Nazis were usually too terrified to say anything for fear of the Gestapo. It wasn't like Mormons were hanging out together, talking about how to show a united front against evil Hitler. It was the opposite. When someone disappeared from the congregation to a reeducation camp, people would shake their heads and scoff and wonder why that person was so unfaithful.

The author pointed out that looking back it's easy to see how evil the Nazis were, and it seems strange to imagine anyone living in that time period not seeing it as well. But it snuck up on them, a little bit at a time. For these boys to do what they did (write up anti-Hitler handbills and secretly distribute them on bulletin boards and in apartment buildings - with news they had gotten from an illegal radio, listening to BBC broadcasts) showed an incredible amount of free thinking and integrity. All the news they heard from their own country made it sound like things were going great, and they had an unstoppable army. I've started thinking about what's happening in our country. I hear about communists and ex criminals being placed in key government positions, but I don't do anything about it other than shake my head a little bit. I'm too busy with my own life to do much more than be vaguely aware of what is happening in my country and in my government. I remember reading about Stalin getting into power in the former USSR. Lenin was not a great guy, but he was a lot better than Stalin. When Lenin died unexpectedly (if I recall correctly), they put Stalin in as a temporary leader, to hold them over until they had decided who to really put in charge. He never gave up his power, and millions died. (Lenin had even said that he didn't like Stalin, and to never let him in a position of power because he made him nervous.) It's the same story in so many places in history. A country puts someone rotten (who seems awesome at first) in power, and horrible, terrifying, awful things happen. I

can't even comprehend what it's like to not live in a free country, but unless all of us get involved in our political process we may end up in that same boat.

I vote that we all put honest, decent people in power, who believe in individual liberty and freedom. And I recommend this book. It will remind you why you shouldn't be complacent. Also, the hero of the story is named Helmuth, and isn't that a great name? You could name your next kid after him. Or not. Too bad he had a weird name. If he'd had a normal name, I bet a lot of people would be tempted to name someone after him. He was a cool kid. Way to go, Helmuth. I will give you a big old high five someday when I meet you in heaven.

Kathryn says

Wow! I had heard about these three teenage German boys and how they were arrested for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, and had seen the Documentary, but this was the first book about it I have read. It was gripping, to say the least. This book is written by Rudi Wobbe so it is from his perspective and about his specific experience. This book gave me a whole new appreciation for those who had the courage to fight against the Nazi regime and paid the ultimate price. I wonder if I would have had the courage to do the same. Both heart pounding & heartbreakingly.

Camille says

great book. a must read. eye-opener :)

Jensen says

The story was about three LDS teens that hand out hand bills about the truth of Hitler and the Nazis. The main characters were Rudi Wobbe, Helmuth Huebener, and Karl-Heinz the 3 German LDS teens fight for freedom. My favorite character was all three of the LDS teens. There was a time when robbers try to get away from the law and hide and one day 2 robbers came by our school and we had to be on lock down it felt like I was in jail for an hour. The 3 LDS teens have been to jail. They hated what Hitler had done to Germany. I really like this book because I am LDS and we have rights to make our own choices. My favorite part in the book is when Rudi gets free and gets a gun from the French guards and gave it to someone else. If I want to change something I change it. I wish there was not a underworld Nazi in Utah I hate the Nazis so bad. And I also like the part when Rudi knocks a guy with a knife out. I recommend this book to the people that are LDS and people that want to learn the gospel from us. any one who likes LDS and world war 2 books. Please there is hope in life and I know that the gospel is real and we can give hope of faith and I say these things by the name of our Savior named Jesus Christ Amen.
