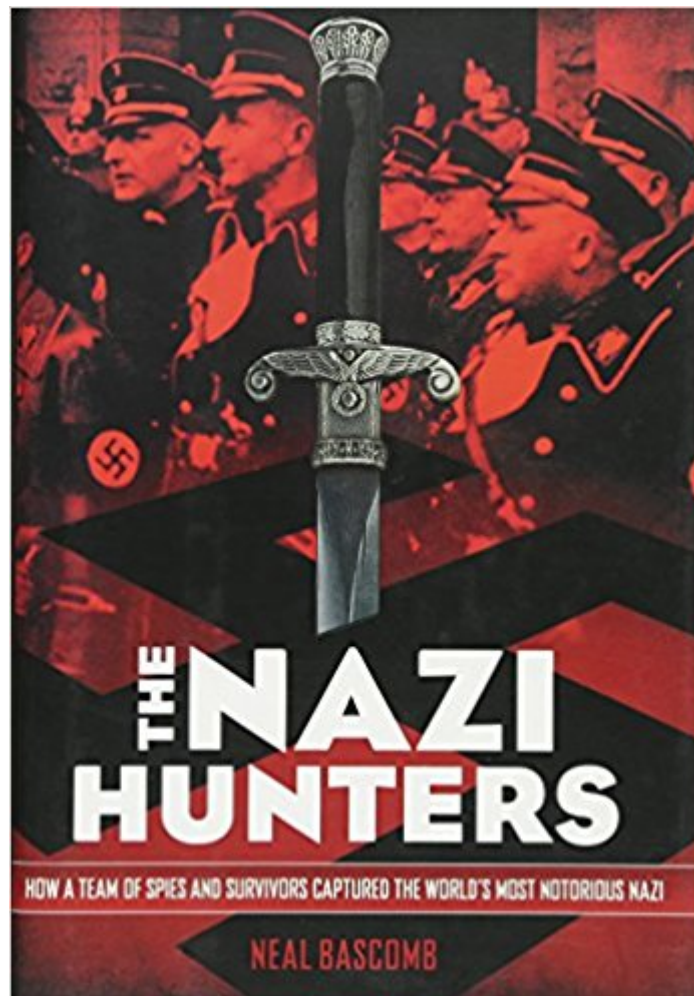




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# The Nazi Hunters: How A Team Of Spies And Survivors Captured The World's Most Notorious Nazi



## Synopsis

In 1945, at the end of World War II, Adolf Eichmann, the head of operations for the Nazis' Final Solution, walked into the mountains of Germany and vanished from view. Sixteen years later, an elite team of spies captured him at a bus stop in Argentina and smuggled him to Israel, resulting in one of the century's most important trials -- one that cemented the Holocaust in the public imagination. *THE NAZI HUNTERS* is the thrilling and fascinating story of what happened between these two events. Survivor Simon Wiesenthal opened Eichmann's case; a blind Argentinean and his teenage daughter provided crucial information. Finally, the Israeli spies -- many of whom lost family in the Holocaust -- embarked on their daring mission, recounted here in full. Based on the adult bestseller *HUNTING EICHMANN*, which is now in development as a major film, and illustrated with powerful photos throughout, *THE NAZI HUNTERS* is a can't-miss work of narrative nonfiction for middle-grade and YA readers.

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 8 Up—The author of the adult book *Hunting Eichmann* (Houghton, 2009) tells the harrowing story of the Israeli agents responsible for tracking down Adolf Eichmann, a Nazi leader who orchestrated the extermination of six million Jews. In the years following World War II, many Jews were involved in attempts to find Nazi war criminals who had gone into hiding all over the

globe and bring them to trial. Eichmann was a prime target, but no one had heard anything about him for years until an offhand comment in a letter led to a seven-year saga that involved a diverse cast including Mossad agents, regular citizens, and politicians, all with the single purpose of capturing this man. From caf  s in Buenos Aires to the halls of the fledgling Israeli government, from false identities to secret drops, this story has all the hallmarks of a spy novel. Bascomb has a knack for turning complex detail into a suspenseful, heart-pounding narrative. Every face is catalogued, every procedure thoroughly outlined, every moment accounted for in this tale that requires patience and perseverance; at times it unfolds at a breakneck pace and at others, it is tantalizingly slow. The author depicts Eichmann as more than just a soulless Nazi monster and target; he is also seen as a father and husband, giving this account some balance. The depth of research in this fine work is evident in the level of information provided and in the extensive bibliography and source notes. An excellent choice for libraries looking to extend their World War II and Jewish history collections. --Jody Kopple, Shady Hill School, Cambridge, MA (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

This true story of a group of Jewish men brought together to capture and bring to justice a notorious Nazi war criminal takes place 15 years after the end of WWII. Adolf Eichmann, who had been in charge of eradicating the 725,000 Jews from Hungary and was discovered living in Argentina, became the target of the Mossad, a new Israeli secret service intelligence agency.

Eichmann's capture proved to be a hair-raising maneuver, as the Argentinians were not sympathetic to the cause, and any slight misstep could result in irreparable damage to both this endeavor and to the Israeli government. Bascomb has shortened and changed much of the language of his successful 2009 adult title *Hunting Eichmann*, but kept every bit of the suspense. This version includes a "list of participants" at the beginning to assist readers in keeping straight the many individuals involved in the scheme. This is a splendid example of fascinating storytelling blended with significant historical events. Periodic black-and-white photos expand the account. Grades 7-10. --Randall Enos

This is coming from a some what knowledgable 11 year old girl, but I absolutely LOVED this book. I have always been fascinated with WWII and I finally found another book about it. I really like how it explains the capture of the less famous, but much more evil of a person, Adolf Eichmann, who I never knew existed. I also cannot believe how he stayed in hiding for 15 years until his capture. This

book was a SMASHING read. I thought there was not a single part of the book that was boring or not interesting. I kept turning the pages on my iPad to see what would happen next. I can tell you, I really enjoyed this book and if you are interested in WWII and want a good book to read about it, choose this book to read. I highly recommend this book! I would also like to say thank you for writing it!:)

As someone who loves history I felt his very difficult subject was handled very well especially if sharing with younger readers such as middle or high school age kids. Well done!

My high school freshmen students can't get enough of this book--boy, girls, reluctant readers...you name it. Interesting historical photos and changing perspectives keep this book at a fast pace that I enjoyed, too.

I found it exciting, riveting and educational. I also feel that every person that learns more about the atrocities will help prevent something this horrible from happening again.

Wow. This is an amazing book. Not only is the story a fascinating one, but it is very well-written and quite compelling. Bascomb does a nice job of providing just enough background about the different people to provide understanding for why they behaved the way they did and why Eichmann's capture was so important. I was a bit surprised at my own reaction though to Eichmann himself. The man was responsible for doing some awful things and I expected to be rather disgusted with his actions and his rational for them, and I did feel that way. However, after I read about the conditions under which he was found and his continuing excuse that he was 'just following orders' I found myself pitying the man and his lack of humanity. How he could claim to believe in God and yet send millions of people to their deaths, I will never understand. The story of how Eichmann was discovered, captured, and tried is an intriguing story involving Holocaust survivors, spies, and intricate plans that had every chance of going wrong. What I found the most ironic though was that it was a mistake made by Eichmann himself that resulted in his capture. If he had had his sons use a different name (other than Eichmann), he most likely would never have been found. In the end his own arrogance doomed him. This is what nonfiction for young people should be and I highly recommend it.

My son had to read this as part of his Sophomore reading program. He was thrilled about it but

ended up saying it was pretty good. He has suggested that I read it as well. That is pretty strong rating from a 15 yr old boy.

At first, I just chose this book because I needed to read a non-fiction book for my class project, but after reading the first chapter, I was instantly hooked. I love how this book is mainly about events that occurred after World War II because I never learned too much about what happened post WWII.

This book had my attention from start to finish. Were it not for work, I would've completed it in one sitting. Captivating and very informative. Above all, it has shed a very bright light on the horrors of post-war criminals who did not realize that the long arm of lady justice extends beyond the borders of Nazi Germany. I would recommend this book to anyone that has an understanding of the holocaust events. Even if you don't, this book will give the reader enough background information.

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