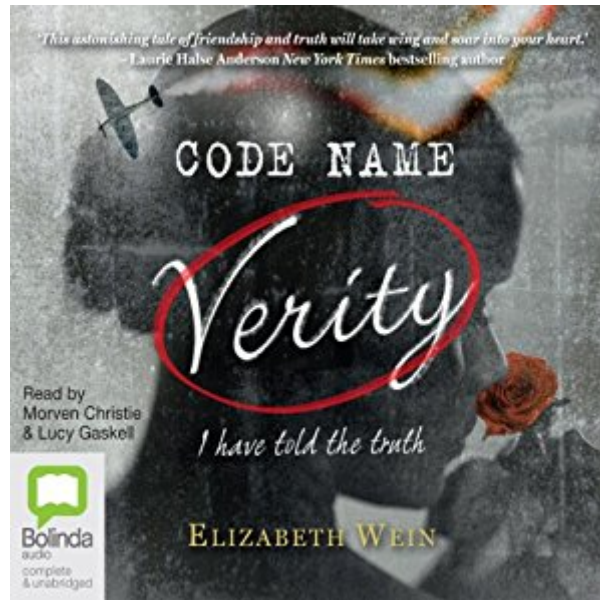




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Code Name Verity



Synopsis

Code Name Verity is a compelling, emotionally rich story with universal themes of friendship and loyalty, heroism and bravery. Two young women from totally different backgrounds are thrown together during World War II: one a working-class girl from Manchester, the other a Scottish aristocrat, one a pilot, the other a wireless operator. Yet whenever their paths cross, they complement each other perfectly and before long become devoted friends. But then a vital mission goes wrong, and one of the friends has to bail out of a faulty plane over France. She is captured by the Gestapo and becomes a prisoner of war. The story begins in Verity's own words, as she writes her account for her captors.

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Customer Reviews

I give few five star reviews, and then mostly to books I've read and re-read and continue to enjoy. But I was tempted to give one here. If in a few years, I re-read it and feel the same way, I'll revise my rating. The story is written in a rambling journal style, which put me off at first. But soon, engrossed in the unfolding events being set down, I forgot the technique and became lost in the tale. This takes place during World War II and the two English/Scottish heroines have pitched in to do their bit for the war effort. Both are little more than girls. One is a gutsy spy who's been dropped into occupied France and who's captured. Even as she fights them tooth and nail, the thought of torture petrifies her. So in the first chapter, she's writing down everything she can about her mission because the Germans threaten her with unspeakable horrors if she doesn't. She's honest in her scribbles: she wants to save herself and will tell them whatever they want to know. She names air

bases and gives them everything she can..The other heroine is a woman pilot. She's terrified, too. Of the bombs, of losing her family, of the dark... Enchanted with flying before the war began, she watched men with lesser qualifications go off to learn to fly while she had to sit and wait. When she was finally allowed back in the air, she ferried planes to different bases for other pilots--men pilots--to use against the enemy. Until one day she's chosen for a different section where she can put her expertise to better use. It's Maddie the pilot who drops her friend into France.We learn from the spy's point of view how she and Maddie forged a tentative friendship, then a strong alliance. And from Maddie's point of view, we learn how the pilot admires her friend and how she suffers when the spy is captured. Even knowing her friend is alive, we feel Maddie's despair when she learns a woman spy has been executed. She's terrified it's her friend.By the time the climax came, even though I suspected what might happen, I was still shocked.This is the kind of book where you delve into the lives of the characters and forget it's a story.Full of heartbreaking truth, but hopeful in the end, Code Name Verity is a book you won't forget. Give it a try. Even if you don't like stories written in diary form. Even if you're tired of World War II fiction. Even if you think women (and are there any doubters still out there?) can't be as heroic and stoic as men.Definitely four and a half stars.

This story sounded amazing however it's too slow for me and I felt very confused and began losing interest the more I read. Over all I did like the idea of the story and the characters were okay nothing special in my opinion. I won't be reading the second book since I barely made it through this one. I generally love YA historical Fiction this one just was too underwhelming for me I expected more.

Much better than I thought. It is a stretch to call it an historical novel since the main characters are imagined, but the author did a lot of research before writing this. She delivers an excellent look at the lives of women pilots and a look at the French Resistance. It's very well written, with a unique style. The story told by the captured Scottish ("Not English") spy is a marvel. I've added it to my "Authors to Buy" collection, and not too many wind up in that collection.

i cried. i am starting to cry writing this review. and i'm a guy. i don't usually cry over books. it's not an unpleasant crying either, rather a poignant appreciative crying. last night i emailed 10 friends, old and new, to recommend the book. not sure i've ever done that before either.only negative is that the book is being mis-marketed, and i am therefore afraid it won't reach it's target audience. i agree with others that the soft-porn cover art is both off-putting and completely mis-leading. not that i mind porn; rather that this book is not in the least sexually tinged. secondly this book is most emphatically

not a young adult book - unless times have so changed that "Inglorious Bastards" is a young adult film. Sure, young adults can appreciate this novel; but adults can too - likely even more so. wonderful character development. complex, layered plot - i wish i could talk about the plot, but...well, the NY Times review said it so well; you just can't. it's kind of the way you couldn't talk about that movie *****you remember...wait, i can't say that either!

I fell in love with these characters several years ago and have reread the book several times. I recommend it to all my friends and brought a copy to a book exchange party. This has forever changed my perspective on friendship. It also started an infatuation with WWII novels.

I would give this 10 stars if I could. I've already purchased paperback copies for all of the young people in my life to read and recommended it to everyone I know. I listened to the audio version, which is unbelievable. There's so much about this book that I cannot put into words. After a lifetime as a bibliophile, I can easily say I now have a favorite book. It is and always will be this one.

First off, I would like to say the best thing about this is the 2 female lead characters with incredibly important jobs during the war. I absolutely loved the plot twist with the 11 wireless sets. It caught me completely by surprise. This book was overall, a story about love and courage and friendship and when it was over, I cried. Perfect read for historical fiction lovers!

This is, first and foremost, a story of friendship. It is set in World War II, and the friends are a female WAAF pilot and a female wireless operator who becomes an agent for the UK because she speaks both French and German. The agent is captured by the Nazis before the story opens, and she recounts for us her experiences. I won't say more, because you will want to find your own way through this superbly told story of wartime horrors and human resilience.

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