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The Last Nazi: A Joe Johnson Thriller



Synopsis

The buried contents of a Nazi train. An aging SS mass-murderer. And the wartime secrets of a U.S. presidential hopeful's Jewish family, hidden for seven decades. War crimes investigator and ex-CIA officer Joe Johnson is more than intrigued when he learns of a link between the contents of a Nazi train, hidden by Hitler's Third Reich, a ruthless blackmail plot, and financing for a U.S. presidential hopeful's 2012 campaign. But the investigation becomes bigger and more deeply personal than Johnson expects when it leads him toward an SS Holocaust killer who escaped his net years earlier, and propels him into a deadly conflict. Soon there are high-level intelligence and criminal networks combining against Johnson across three continents. He finds himself inextricably caught up in a terrifying quest to win justice, to avenge his mother's tortured past and revive his flagging career. With dramatic settings, explosive action and characters readers will come to love, *The Last Nazi* is a gripping full-length thriller—the first in a forthcoming series featuring Joe Johnson. Buy *The Last Nazi* today and read how Johnson puts himself right in the firing line in his fight for justice against the very worst type of criminal.

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Customer Reviews

The Last Nazi is unusual because for me it rests on a pivotal question of the notion that Concentration Camp Jews would rather blackmail the commander of the camp they suffered under rather than seek war criminal justice through The Hague. My expectation of a mystery-thriller based on such a notion would be an intense, fast-paced, dialogue rich read. The pace of the story varied as if you were going up and then down a hill which made staying engaged difficult. Towards the end of the book there was more excitement as the plot began to sort itself and become one cohesive story. A hindrance was too many sub-plots to give any one of them its proper due. The main characters were not feisty as you would expect and the female characters were more unhelpful than helpful and did not add any vim or vigor to character interaction or dialogue enrichment. The reading was tedious instead of game changing and incendiary. I truly believe if the sub-plots were trimmed down, more thought put into who's the character, what interactions and experiences should be taking place and at what level, what could follow would be a great book. (Note: "I received a free advanced copy of this book and voluntarily chose to review.") -Tex. The Last Nazi: A Joe Johnson Thriller

A surprisingly good story that ranges from WWII to the present day. Both early and later portions of the story take place in an area of Poland I am very familiar with, and the book does a good job providing a historically accurate description of the area and the part it played in the war. The plot driver is a treasure of Nazi gold hidden in tunnels during the last days of the war. Two brothers who escaped the concentration camp during the war use the gold to torment a evil Nazi in hiding in Argentina. The characters are very interesting, and interact in a variety of ways as Joe Johnson, a former CIA agent turned Nazi-hunter, tracks the aged war criminal despite efforts by two governments to protect the criminal. The Nazi's son, old friends, former lovers and enemies work with and against Joe Johnson as he tries to understand the issues and do the right thing. The writing is quite good and keeps the level of suspense high as threat after threat impacts Johnson and his team

The Last Nazi by Andrew Turpin shows us that good writing can make even well-examined plot lines interesting and (somewhat) new. After the end of WWII, there seemed to be no end to themes exploring the Nazi soldiers that got away, stolen hoards of gold that reappeared through

unexplained front organizations, speculation on what the world would look like if Germany had won the war, and the possible coming to power of a fourth Reich. This novel will revisit a combination of parts of those themes with a slightly new twist that makes this novel an interesting read. There are several mysteries with solutions that are hinted at in a step-by-step manner that should entertain the inquisitive reader's mind. All this is to say I liked this novel. Jacob and Daniel were German prisoners forced to work in tunnels in Poland. Boxes of unidentified goods were being stored in vaults at the end of the tunnels. In the Prologue, we have a tunnel collapse. Many are killed and the survivors are shackled for a train trip back to camp incarceration. Because of the excitement of the tunnel collapse and bickering between guards as to who will be blamed for time and work lost, Jacob's hands were not secured tightly. He was able to free his twin brother Daniel but they had to jump from the train without being able to free other prisoners. We then move forward in time to the present day. Our main protagonist, Joe Johnson, had a varied past that included stints with the OSS, an organization that later morphed into the CIA. He had a personal interest in hunting down war criminal as his relatives had been incarcerated in one of the more infamous death camps. These days, Joe is a sometime private investigator but also has earnings from giving lectures and collaborating on stories about his work as a Nazi hunter. Invited to a party, Joe meets former love interest and reporter Fiona. The fundraiser was to promote the campaign of David Kudrow, a Republican candidate, and opponent of Mitt Romney. David had a brother, Nathaniel, who had just suffered setbacks in the financial sector and was a bit envious of the increasingly famous David. Their father is Daniel, one of the twins who had escaped from the prisoner train. Daniel now lived in the US, Jacob lived in London. Presidential candidate David didn't seem to have much trouble with funding. His father and uncle were able to make frequent contributions to the campaign. Nathaniel, the failed and envious brother likes to drink. In his talk with Joe Johnson, he reveals the name of the camp where his father and uncle had been imprisoned. Joe is surprised. It is the same camp where his relatives were imprisoned. Nathaniel probably knew this. Nathaniel goes on to hint at a dark source of campaign funding for brother David. Nathaniel knows that Joe has won awards for investigative reporting. Joe is hooked and agrees to meet Nathaniel later at a more discreet location for a longer talk. Nathaniel moves on to talk separately with Fiona. Attracted to her, Nathaniel seeds their conversation with more clues as to the source of David's financial support. Nathaniel suggests a later meeting at a pub to speak further of devious financial goings on. Nathaniel will not meet with either Joe or Fiona. By this time, and we are only 8% through the novel in chapter three, the reader may have guessed that the escaped twin brothers had discovered there was gold in the boxes being sequestered by the soldiers and that after their escape they had managed to return in the

confusion of postwar resettlement, seized (but not stolen) the gold, and were now putting it to good use for the family. But there were problems, ones explored by the rest of the novel. There were minor mysteries such as: where did Nathaniel go? There were more important mysteries such as: how was the gold or money laundered in a way that it could be funneled to a current US presidential candidate? David was opposing Mitt Romney and sitting President Obama. To accept money tainted with a Nazi past would be almost as absurdly impossible as a US Presidential candidate accepting campaign help from Russia. The novel proceeds with several clever twists and turns as false identities, shell companies, and financial fronts are explored. Joe Johnson is tenacious in his pursuit of truth, far more so than in his pursuit of Fiona. There are several good subplots. There is gang strife as a younger group of gang members war with their aged leaders. The aged leaders are part of an organization linked with Jacob and Daniel. Investigator Joe has several links to former intelligence colleagues so readers experience a good spy story. Finally, there is last minute action that contributes several surprises to a well-planned ending that brings all parts of the story to a logical ending. This is a solid read with surprises made more surprising by the paths that readers are enticed to follow. I look forward to reading more from this author.

This is my honest review of a book I received from the author. I DON'T RECEIVED ANY MONEY TO READ THIS BOOK. ONLY LEAVE AN HONEST REVIEW. At least I read this book. The premise is not a new one but new is every day. I had some difficult with the characters and the in-plots. When an author works with so many in-plots be careful that the main doesn't dissolved. That's what happened here the main plot dissolved in salt and water when the in-plots cave. Needs to revise. The characters at many times more than help were problems with the characteristics the author gave them. Needs to revise. War Crimes in dramatic "real" scene is always a good theme in a genre but needs to had a firm hand controlling all, the author lost that control. But, not all is lost, Joe had a future with also a character indepth. The effort and the travel gave the author the 4 stars. I'm very honest with my Reviews, not only for me, the author or other readers, how an author know when did something good or need improvement? How another reader believe in my review? If I didn't read the book, I don't Review. If the book is good, Review. If the book isn't good, Review. With that we all benefit, readers, authors & readers searching for something new or special. My opinions are my own.

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