



TEEN SERVICES COMMUNITY SERVICE TEEN BOOK REVIEW

Projekt 1065 By Alan Gratz Reviewed by Justin Meuschke

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Grade: 11

Book Title: Projekt 1065

Author: Alan Gratz

Number of Pages: 309

Rating (on a scale of 1-5): 5/5

Character List:

- Michael O'Shaunessey - The protagonist in the story. Michael is a 13-year-old Irish boy who is a spy for the Allies in Berlin, Germany during World War II. He has to join the Hitler Youth and take many risks in order to avoid being exposed. He has a very good memory.
- Fritz Brendler - Michael's short, dependent friend. Fritz proves to be useful to Michael not only for his mission, but also as a trustworthy friend. He is very ambitious, and is very loyal to the Nazis and Germany
- Simon Cohen - A pilot for the British Royal Air Force. When his plane is shot down, Michael finds him and brings him to safety. He gives advice to Michael and helps him greatly.

Review:

We've all heard about World War II. The Nazi Party, Hitler, Germany trying to conquer the world, and so on. But what is it like being a young teen in Germany while this is all going on?

Michael's parents are Irish ambassadors, but they are also spies working for the Allies. They traveled to from Ireland to Berlin with him and began uncovering as much information as they could from the embassy they resided in. This inadvertently resulted in Michael also being greatly involved in their spying. He joins the Hitler Youth and attends school in order to blend in with the other boys his age, which is where he meets his friend, Fritz. He's a short, blonde boy who dreams of joining the SRD, which is basically the junior Nazi - police. One day during class, Fritz shows him a large blue paper. It's the first of 12 blueprints made by his dad for something known as "Projekt 1065". Michael has to be friends with him long enough to memorize each of the 12 pages at Fritz's house and transcribe them from memory onto paper back at the embassy. All without being caught.

The story is told from a first-person perspective, and readers are immersed into the stealthy and dangerous situations Michael finds himself in. The book is different from most other books because it doesn't follow the usual numerical chapters. Instead, for every change in the current situation or scene, there will be a short title referring to some aspect of it. It improves the story because it consistently lures you into reading more, while also allowing the story to progress very smoothly and at a consistent rate. This book is definitely aimed for younger teens, and it's a good read for anyone interested in WWII or other similar topics.