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Britain, 1941. The government is building a secret army of intelligence agents to work undercover, gathering information and planning sabotage operations. Henderson's boys are part of that network: kids cut adrift by the war, training for the fight of their lives. They'll have to parachute into unknown territory, travel cross-country and outsmart a bunch of adults in a daredevil exercise.

In wartime Britain, anything goes.

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Artus D says

Secret Army is a very exciting and interesting book. The story is fun and there are a lot of action scenes. The scenes are intense and breathtaking.

Henderson's Boys, Secret army is about 6 teenagers training to work undercover for the government in a war. The story in Secret army is also about survival and fighting for what you think is right. The story takes part in 1941 and there is a war going on.

In my opinion, this book is about survival and teamwork. I would recommend this book to teenagers that like to read about action or spies.

Nina says

Done and dusted. Gaining very bad, worsening opinion of this series. However, I must praise this book as it is probably my favourite of all of them. I just don't like them killing other people. I am sorry, but that's just the way that I am. Like, no.

So the best thing that happened in this books was that I found out what CHERUB stands for, it was wonderful to finally found out but kinda disappointing and random. SO yes. Not really worth you time, in my opinion. Seriously. I am not going to lie to you, because the truth is, I wish someone told me how bad it was before I READ THIS SERIES.

However, persistence may be some help, it may get better. Though I highly doubt it.

Mella says

I really loved reading about Marc, Paul, Rosie, PT and Henderson get out of France but it was also really cool to see them back in Britain being trained as covert agents. Luc is a crazy bastard. Troy seems nice. Marc, Rosie and Paul are still my favourites but.

Tasha says

A sign of a good book? Reading it straight through in an evening, pausing only to grab a drink or food. Well, that's what I did with this one because I literally couldn't put it down!

The Henderson's Boys series is pretty much a prequel to the CHERUB series. CHERUB is an organisation that was set up by Charles Henderson during World War II, training youngsters to become secret agents - because no one suspects a kid. The first two books have had Henderson, along with a handful of war orphans, scuppering the Nazi's plans to invade England. they have now made it back to Britain and set up a

training facility. Secret Army follows the first lot of kids through their training and a final test which will enable them to be allowed to be dropped into occupied Europe on actual missions.

Really great plot, combining the exciting adventure I've come to expect from this and the CHERUB books as well as loads of great detail about how the CHERUB organisation came to be.

Melindaaaaa says

Konečně nahlížíme do nitra nové vzniklé špionážní organizace složené převážně pouze z dětí. Děti a špioni? Jak by mohli být užiteční? To byste se divili.

Charles Henderson se snaží přejít na způsob, jaký působí děti papaláše, že děcka mohou být pro špionážní práci užitečná. S tvrdým výcvikem pomáhá pan Takada, který mladým CHERUBům dává přání do tříla. Fyzický trénink, souboj, střelba. CHERUB je zatím jednotka jen pro chlapce, ale pokud Rosie, jediná dívka, se kterou jsme se už díve seznámili, uspěje, je zde naděje i pro další odvážné slečny.

Dozvídáme se o dalších dvou nových postavách, Troyovi a jeho malém bratříkovi, které vyzvedne superintendantka McAfferty z odporného ústavu pro mladé delikventy, kam všebec nepatří a vidí v nich velký potenciál pro CHERUB.

Také se konečně objevuje Hendersonova manželka a my se o ní dozvídáme také spousta zajímavých věcí a ona sehráje poměrně důležitou roli v příběhu.

Díky Hendersonově vynálezavosti se mladí agenti ocitají na parašutistickém výcviku, který absolvují, všichni zapeklitého závěrečného úkolu. Jak se jim příprava na špionážní práci daří? To vše se můžete dozvědět v tomhle báječném příběhu napříčovaném akcí. Charaktery si víceméně oblíbíte a příběh působí plynouc a ani nevíte jak a už je konec. To je pro mě známka kvality a moc jsem si pořátky CHERUB užila. Těším se na pokračování :)

Baily says

This was an amazing book that I read. The book is set in WWII occupied Europe. C.H.E.R.U.B (Charles Henderson's Espionage Research Unit B) is a group of covert spies who are all children trained, gathered and run by Charles Henderson. The characters are Troy, an orphan who while trying to protect his brother was abused by his orphanage and rescued by C.H.E.R.U.B. Then there is Marc, a kid who rescued the founder of C.H.E.R.U.B after running away from his orphanage and helping become the first C.H.E.R.U.B spy. Rosie and Paul, brother and sister who escaped from the invasion of France to be recruited by C.H.E.R.U.B. Those are all the characters. In The Secret Army, C.H.E.R.U.B gets trained to parachute and goes on their first training exercise.

Lauren White says

I'm not sure about this book. I enjoyed it, but knowing there isn't another book in this series it seems like a cop out. All of it is a training exercise rather than any real spy action, which would be fine if they were in France toward the end of the book but they never get there.

16LongbottomJ says

The book was good again but not as good as the first 2 as it was mostly them training but it was still enjoyable

Cindee says

This book was just as good as the other two even if it was more about training than anything else it just makes me want to read the next as soon as possible. I liked the characters even more in this book they were just developed so much more than before. I loved the story even if it was more training than anything else. So overall I loved this book and will be continuing the series.

Carla Gallardo says

When you read this book, you feel like you are reading a story that really happened. Muchamore explores the historic facts around the fictional storyline, like a pro.

Kerenza says

This book is the third book in the series and to be honest the did prefer the first two because of the fact that the earlier book are all based in Nazi occupied France and this gives a exciting backdrop to the book. As they have to find a way around the secret police (Gestapo)as well as the check points.

This book is more about the training of the characters. I like the growing relationship between PT and Rosie and how Marc reminisces about the past and Jae. This book is done in two main section: The training at camp and the parachuting training. I preferred the parachute training section as it had more action and kept me more interested than the first part of the book had. The character all develop throughout the book especially Paul, who become a real dare devil. The parachute training section also see the relationship of the people in Group A change and I feel it is for the better.

Overall this book was better than I did expected it to be but as it wasn't in France and the Fact that it wasn't until the final chapters that more action began and it became fast paced, that it only receives three stars. I felt that the book could of been more exciting, but this won't stop me from the next books in the series.

Romana says

4 stars (just) - this is much more like what I expected from this series so it's the best one so far for me.

My main criticism from the last book - the unlikely language from young teens - still stands, but the sexism didn't seem as prominent, mostly because they actually DID something in this book. However I was still confused by Henderson's domestic issues which were included without much purpose. Ok, Henderson had

problems with his wife but it had absolutely no consequences elsewhere and the issues were only skimmed over. I just didn't see the point.

Other than that, I was pretty impressed by the plot. It resembled the Cherub books more in that it focused on Marc, Rosie, Paul, PT and their new friends during training. Granted, they didn't have a proper mission until very late in the story, but the build up was good and I liked the insight into training.

So I'm moving on to the next book, but it's the last one I actually have in physical form. And so it's going to have to really impress me if I'm to bother getting hold of the next ones...

Nathan says

good book

Dan says

This is the third book in the Henderson's Boys series, the prequel series to CHERUB. Unfortunately this is the obligatory "training" book of the series. If it were a video game, it would be the levels where you learn the controls but are keen to get through so you can play the exciting levels.

Charles Henderson is training up his group of child spies but many of his superior officers are threatening to shut the unit down before it even gets going. Paul, Rosie, Marc and PT, along with new recruits Luc and Troy, are going to have to prove themselves to secure the future of the unit...

I understand that this book was necessary as there had to be a period when the group were trained up. The trouble is that meant a lot of the best bits of the first two books were lost. The early books were CHERUB in World War II, an action story with a proper historical element. Without the historical element it didn't feel very different from the first CHERUB book, The Recruit.

Muchamore tries to liven the book up with some interesting character stuff but it doesn't work too well. Troy is introduced here and then pretty much forgotten for the rest of the book. The main group is gradually becoming more professional, with Paul in particular becoming a little action hero. I hated Luc but appreciated the character- Henderson recognized that horrible people make good spies. And there's also a bit about Henderson and his wife which frankly felt rather out of place.

An enjoyable enough read but a definite drop in excitement from the first two books. Probably justified for the overall series plot though and I suspect the action really goes up a knot in the next few books.

Emma Carter says

Amazing

An amazing book with a great setting and storyline . Very well priced. If you love cherub then you will

definitely love Henderson's boys.
