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Soldier Boys



Synopsis

Spencer Morgan And Dieter Hedrick Are On Opposite Sides Of The War And Fighting For The Same Thing. At the age of fifteen, Dieter's blind devotion gets him promoted from Hitler Youth into the German army. Dieter's determined to prove his allegiance and bravery all costs. Spence, just sixteen, drops out of his Utah high school to begin training as a paratrooper. He's seen how boys who weren't much in high school can come home heroes, and Spence wants to prove to his friends and family that he really can be something. Their worst fear was that the war would end too soon -- that they wouldn't get the chance to prove themselves. But when they finally see the action they were hoping for, it's like nothing they could have ever imagined.

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Customer Reviews

Dean Hughesâ™ Soldier Boys is one of a set of war time stories that he has written. Soldier Boys is a story set in the World War II era and is about two young boys that are eager to be involved in the war. Dieter is a Bavarian farm boy that is a devoted member of the German Hitler Youth and Spencer is an American farm boy from Utah that drops out of school and convinces his parents to sign his papers so that he can enter into the service early. Both boys have great pride in wanting to serve their country in taking down the evil opposition, not knowing the trials and tribulations that lay ahead for them both. The book follows both boys through their training and movement into the

battlefields showing their emotions and actions as they descend into the reality of war. Throughout the story both boys overcome obstacles all the while sticking to their beliefs and promises that lead to a heart wrenching turn of events at the end of the story. This book is well written and reflects what I perceive the war was really like. For Example, young American boys wanted to go to war after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and Hitler brainwashed the youth of Germany convincing them they were defending their homeland against aggressors trying to restrain the Germans economy and wellbeing. Once the boys are involved in the war they lose the glamorous view of war and come to the grim reality of war, losing friends and comrades along the way. They both also come to terms with what battles are really like, with the strategies, actions of the soldiers involved, the reality of how lives are taken in battle, and the aftermath of battles fought.

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