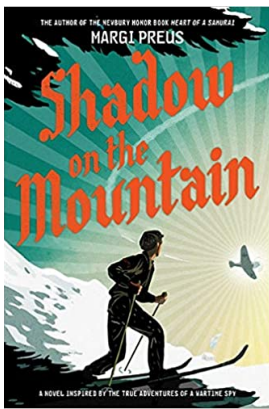


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Shadow on the Mountain

by Margi Preus



Read Aloud Video

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

What's It About?

Shadow on the Mountain recounts the adventures of a 14-year-old Norwegian boy named Espen during World War II. After Nazi Germany invades and occupies Norway, Espen and his friends are swept up in the Norwegian resistance movement. Espen gets his start by delivering illegal newspapers, then graduates to the role of courier and finally becomes a spy, dodging the Gestapo along the way. During five years under the Nazi regime, he gains—and loses—friends, falls in love, and makes one small mistake that threatens to catch up with him as he sets out to escape on skis over the mountains to Sweden.

Preus incorporates archival photographs, maps, and other images to tell this story based on the real-life adventures of Norwegian Erling Storrusten, whom Preus interviewed in Norway.

Who Wrote It?

I grew up in a pretty town in Minnesota, in a beautiful area of rolling hills, farms, and hardwood forests. My mother was a pianist, organist, and piano teacher. My father was a Lutheran pastor. He liked to hunt and fish and walk in the woods, and I liked to walk in the woods with him. Before I started writing books, I had a lot of oddball jobs: I taught swimming lessons in remote Alaskan villages, was a groom at a horse race track, have been an adventure travel guide, a professional note-taker, a dance instructor, a teacher of fiction writing—also children's literature and the director of a theater company in Duluth.



Minnesota, where I still live. Learn more about Margi, by visiting her website: <https://www.margipreus.com/> or by listening to the interview at the end of this video!

AR Reading Level: 5.0

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I want to read this book: YES / NO

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