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## **Editorial Review**

From School Library Journal

Gr 8 Up—Using false identities, Gretchen Whitestone and Daniel Cohen barely escape to England as the Nazis come to power in Germany. Gretchen, now Gisele, is living with Dr. Whitestone and his family, finishing high school with the goal of becoming a psychoanalyst. Meanwhile, Daniel is frustrated working for a society column that publishes meaningless news, yearning for the work he did back home. Living in safety, they can't help but feel powerless as they hear of the terrible events unfolding in Germany. Then Daniel receives a disturbing telegram that forces him to return despite the risks. When Gretchen receives news that Daniel is wanted for murder, she knows she must face her greatest fears in order to save him. As the Nazi net tightens it grip around the pair, they find allies in the most unlikely of places. This leads to information that will not only clear Daniel's name but could taint the credibility of Hitler and the Nazi party. In the sequel to Prisoner of Night and Fog (HarperCollins, 2014), Blankman once again expertly crafts a powerful story full of mystery, intrigue, romance, and edge-of-your-seat terror and suspense. The well-researched plotlines are fascinating, while the multidimensional cast of characters drive the story. Readers will root for Gretchen and Daniel as they place themselves in danger while fighting to uncover the truth. VERDICT A captivating historical fiction title with an author's note for reference.—Donna Rosenblum, Floral Park Memorial High School, NY

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"Will leave the reader breathless with each unpredictable plot twist." (Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) (Starred Review))

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"Suspenseful and clever...The tight interweaving of Gretchen's journey with historical events lends a sense of the genuine-and results in the fascinating experience of following a quest readers know is doomed to fail." (Kirkus Reviews)

"Bold and brave" (Booklist)

"Heart-stopping drama...brilliant storytelling and characterization." (Romantic Times)

Praise for PRISONER OF NIGHT AND FOG: "I'm in awed envy of the daring with which Anne Blankman plunges into her difficult and sensitive subject matter. It's terrifying and incredible to think how much of this story is true." (Elizabeth Wein, award-winning author of CODE NAME VERITY)

Praise for PRISONER OF NIGHT AND FOG: "PRISONER OF NIGHT AND FOG seamlessly blends the fascinating, terrifying facts of Hitler's rise to power with a gripping murder mystery. Gretchen is a brave and believable protagonist, and readers will become engrossed in her struggle to uncover the truth. I can't wait for the sequel." (Michelle Cooper, award-winning author of the Montmaray Journals series)

Praise for PRISONER OF NIGHT AND FOG: "A nail-biting visit to Adolf Hitler's inner circle in the early days of the Nazi party's rise to power." (Jennifer Armstrong, author of In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer (with Irene Gut Opdyke))

Praise for PRISONER OF NIGHT AND FOG: "Completely engrossing" (Publishers Weekly (starred review))

Praise for PRISONER OF NIGHT AND FOG: "An interesting perspective on a well-trod era." (Kirkus Reviews)

Praise for PRISONER OF NIGHT AND FOG: "Haunting and captivating" (School Library Journal)

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From the Back Cover

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