My Brother’s Secret
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About This Book

Karl Friedman is only twelve, but like all boys his age in Germany, he’s already playing war games, training to join the Hitler Youth. Stefan, Karl’s nonconformist older brother, wants nothing to do with it. Then their father is killed, and what had been a game suddenly becomes deadly serious. Karl’s faith in the Führer is shaken: Is Hitler a national hero – or a villain? What is the meaning of the flower symbol stitched inside Stefan’s jacket, and what is the mission of the shadow group he belongs to? Karl soon finds out as he joins his brother in a dangerous rebellion against the burgeoning threat of Nazism.

This fascinating new perspective on World War II presents a fictitious, personalized take on the real-life rebel German youth group, the Edelweiss Pirates.

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