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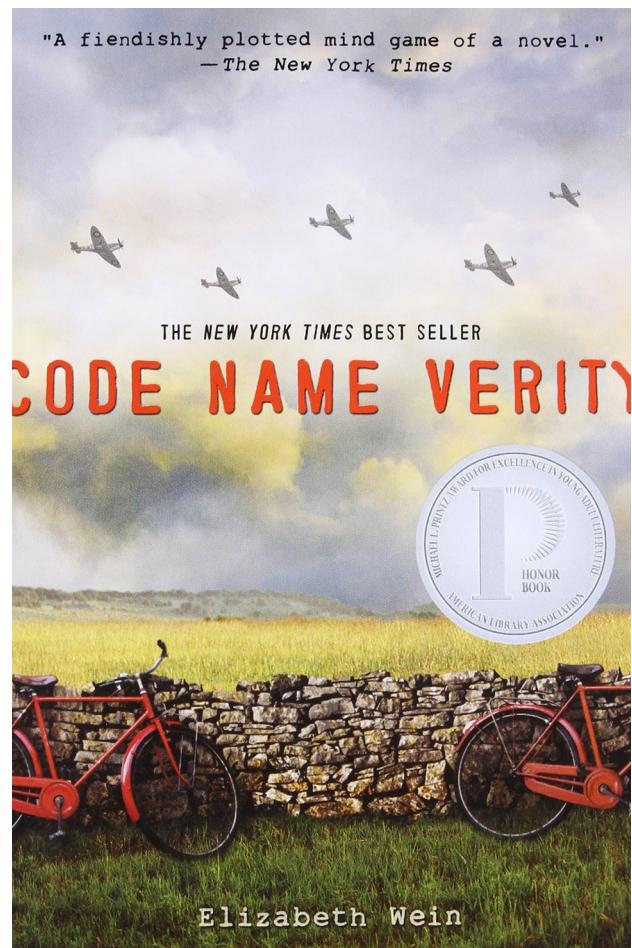


### Title:

Code Name Verity

### Author:

Elizabeth Wein



It is World War II, and two best friends are forced to crash land in Nazi-occupied France. They are separated in enemy territory, and one is captured by the Gestapo right away. The first part of the story is about Queenie, her code name being Verity, which means truth. She must decide whether to face torture or cooperate with her captors. She chooses the latter but reveals her knowledge through a story of her friendship with Maddie, who is believed to be dead. The second part of the story is of Maddie. She tries to figure out a way to save her friend with the French resistance, and return back to Great Britain.

The book is historical fiction, and it reveals many facts and difficulties from the time period. For instance, there were very few female pilots. Also, the first part of the book is a confession and is very similar to a narrative. The second part is written in a pilot's log by Maddie. Both describe the struggles and events going on through their writing. In the writing, stories of their life, friendship, family, fears, and many other ideas show up and enrich the story along with occasionally adding humor. The book allows the reader to see two perspectives on the situation and hides many clues that would be hard to find reading it the first time. The book has a major plot twist at the end which reveals the result of the entire mission.

I would recommend this book, especially to readers who enjoy historical fiction. I enjoyed it because the plot had me hooked, and I wanted to know what would happen next. The details gave me a good understanding, and the characters were very well developed. The book reveals the struggles of war and allows readers to understand the hardships of the two characters. The story will make you wonder if you would be able to do the same actions and question how strong your own friendships are.

- Thomas, Grade 8