

See How They Run Study Guide

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Plot Summary

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Using their combined resources, this survivors group with the express purpose of hunting down and killing Nazi war criminals, will become more and more like the animals they are so desperate to protect the world from. The final solution is more of a Nazi solution than a Jewish one, involving the extermination of hundreds of athletes from the Olympic games. In the end, the group that was formed to protect Jews worldwide has become the very evil they so feared. In a plot that is monstrous, a newly appointed Fuhrer finds his revenge so many years after the original atrocities. The best hope of minimizing the amount of damage done is in the hands of the very families where it all started.

It is also a love story that begins, stops and begins again. A complicated, and involved plot that crosses the continents, it is a read that is never dull. David and Alix join forces to stop a plot so terrifying and so evil that even those involved are not aware of it's entirety until the very end. Alix's involvement will almost be what kills them both, but just when it seems as though all hope is lost, love and honesty triumph! It's a story of families who's pasts link them with emotional bonds that are unbreakable and at the same time, unbearable. It is also a story of truth, and love overcoming evil.



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Dr. David Strauss and Alix Rothman grew up in the Westchester County area of New York, before the nightmares began. It was the day before the beginning. Vulkan watches as the Housewife (Hausfrau) walks away down Horse Guard Lane, and the Soldier (Soldat) gets into his MG Stag. The Weapons Expert (Waffen-Fachmann) sits on a bus reading a copy of The Boat, and the Engineer (Ingenieur) has disappeared. Finally, the Fuhrer leaves in his chauffeured limousine. Vulkan doesn't like the idea of meeting on a small town street, but he recognizes that the final plans and decisions have to be made somewhere so that the Final Solution can start. The Scarsdale residents will know tomorrow that Nazis have once again come to America.

Dr. Strauss is at Mount Sinai hospital. It is 2:45am on April 25th, and Katherine O'Neill is fully dilated and ready to deliver her baby. At only seventeen, Katherine is just a child having a child. David gets into his surgical greens and washes up, thinking about how tiny her hips are. He delivers a little girl with the help of forceps, and spend the next fifteen minutes trying to revive her. However, born with a prolapsed cord, the baby has been denied oxygen in the womb. He cuts the compressed umbilical cord and tries Adrenalin, heat and even blows air into the baby's tracheal tube, but nothing helps. The baby girl never takes a breath. Upset and distraught by his inability to revive the baby, he hugs Katherine which is a distinct breach of protocol. Sadly, for David, this won't be the worst part of his day.

The Strauss mansion is under surveillance by the Housewife. She has passed four times now, walking a young Irish Setter that has only just been purchased. She blends



into the neighborhood perfectly, and figures that there must already be up to sixty or seventy people inside. She reports to her transmitter that they almost have a full house. The housewife touches the bumpy objects in the specially sewn pouch pocket of her riding jacket. White phosphorus grenades are the weapons she will use tonight, and though she has killed before, never like this. It gives her shivers to think of the rest.

The Soldier looks like a burglar in his dark Windcheater jacket. If anyone caught sight of him, he would have difficulty explaining why he was on the Strauss property in the dark. It would be even more complicated to explain the contents of his pack. He carries two and a half gallons of gasoline, a fuse, a Colt Python with four clips, knotted rags, and different sizes of copper piping. The Soldier keeps low to the ground as he runs across the East Park side gardens. He crosses the bog and a brook on the other side before finding an old fruit and vegetable garden. Crouching behind a gazebo covered with vines, he watches one of the guests come outside for a cigarette. When the man goes back in, he begins to unpack, still amazed that any of this could be happening in America.

Heather and David arrive at the Strauss family mansion. Tonight is a party for David's brother Nick, being held in honor of his appearance on the fifty-second Academy Awards for his film "The Fourth Commandment". Heather and David are a bit nervous. Inside is a real cross section of the family, some of which had even refused to attend their wedding two years earlier. Yet despite his fears, David couldn't be more wrong. His family accepts Heather because David loves her, and welcome her enthusiastically. The party is a catered affair, and from the behavior of this family, you would think they were all being considered for an award this evening.

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Taking on World War II code names, a group meets on an American small town street. While it is a dangerous meeting, the townspeople of Scarsdale pay them no attention. The Fuhrer is nervous, but he watches as the other members disperse unnoticed, and then finally leaves as well.

Dr. David Strauss is a dedicated man who feels responsible for every patient's outcome, each loss affecting him personally. He has married a woman who is not of his faith, and despite his family's obvious objections, he is unlikely to come around to their way of thinking.

The Housewife is cold and calculating. She is able to get close to targets without arousing suspicion, as she seems an unlikely threat. The Soldier is methodical and reliable. He reports the guests outside to his transmitter and, after the man goes back in, he begins to setup. It is something he has obviously done before, and the logistics come to him without thinking. The work is mindless. What keeps his brain entertained is the thought that he is doing this in America.



Reservations notwithstanding, David and Heather are welcomed with open arms by all branches of the Strauss family - even those that had boycotted their wedding. It is a relief to them both, and David realizes that they love him, and will accept his choices despite their initial objections.



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David and Heather sneak upstairs to see Elena Strauss, the eighty-two-year-old grandmother to David and surrogate parent when his own had perished in 1971. Her off and on failing health is a topic of conversation, and David tries to convince her not to go to the Strauss family hotel for spring cleaning this year. Yet she says the only thing that will stop her is if the Nazis themselves come back. Meanwhile, at the awards, Beri and Nick are making their acceptance speech when a man pushes himself on stage. "I come from the Storm Troop. I carry this message of Dachau Two!" With that, he shoots Nick four times and Beri twice. Before anyone can recover their senses, he then shoots himself. At the Strauss home many miles away, the entire family sees this live action on television, and the nightmare begins.

David can't believe what his eyes are seeing. So transfixed by what's happening on television, he doesn't notice when Elena falls forward in her chair making gagging sounds. He runs for his bag, struggling for control of himself leaving, Heather with his Grandmother. Suddenly, he hears windows breaking, the lights dim, and shrieks from adults and children come from downstairs. He runs out to the center stairs and sees intruders entering from all sides. In horror, the Strauss family notices the white on red Nazi armbands with swastikas. They are instructed to get on the floor, and told they will not be harmed if they cooperate. David never notices the fist that connects with him, and he fades into blackness. Heather hears what is happening from Elena's room and convinces her to get to her feet. They go into the hallway and turn to see two gunmen. Heather pushes Elena the other way and steps between her and the gunmen just as the Soldier begins to fire. Heather falls in the hallway, and after another few shots, the house is finally quiet. Vulkan has his own part to play. While the attack on the Strauss family is being carried out, he places a call to the New York Daily News. He explains to the receptionist how she can reach her boss at his mistresses' first. Then he reads a prepared statement that he has asked her to record and then read to Mr. Ney. It ends, ".. Tonight marks the beginning of Dachau Two!"

Quickly, the survivors are herded outside. David is helped to his feet and marched out onto the lawn. The Soldier calls out that it is time to go, and amazingly they all do, running into the thickest estate woods. The attack is over, and neighbors are running across North Avenue in their nightclothes. Aunt Shirley suddenly points toward the gardens where they all see a five foot swastika that has been burned into the grass. In the deadly quiet, everyone just stares.

Colonel Hermann Rinemann tries to be calm as he watches the news of the attacks in Scarsdale, the warning, and the Academy Awards shootings. He watches each report,



hourly, as one station after another tells of the two incidents. During the early hours of the morning, he walks his dog, and makes a small breakfast but finds he is too excited to eat. At eight in the morning, he finally makes a long distance call to La Paz, Bolivia. The servant who answers confirms that Senor Eliazer is up at his usual hour. The next voice Colonel Rinemann hears is the famous voice that he knows from the past. In reserved tones, he tells the man now known as Senor Eliazer of the events that are unfolding.

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Surviving a holocaust will make a different person of you. Elena, at the age of eighty-two can run rings around most of the people half her age. They marvel at her capacity for life, but not many realize that it comes from close and personal experience with death and dying. Having survived such suffering gives Elena a greater appreciation for any moment of life that is comfortable, whereas someone who has led a more sheltered life may sometimes take their comfort for granted. Having survived, Elena is determined to live life to it's fullest, and to help any and every Jewish person she meets or knows to do the same. It is a code of honor with her, and as much a part of her as is her love for her own family. There is light made of the situation by David and Elena as they joke about Nazis and how much trouble they might be in. They live in relative complacency, falsely believing that in New York they are safe.

Vulkan shares his plan with NBC. He tells them that that Dachau Two is beginning. This is the first killing, and it is as public as it is incomprehensible. It brings realization that the horror has never really ended. It merely went underground until strong enough to resurface. The fact that this happens at the award ceremony for The Fourth Commandment is a relationship that cannot be ignored. While horrified about what they are seeing on television, the Strauss family is completely unprepared for the next sequence of events. Seeing Storm Troopers in New York City is an event the brain simply doesn't want to accept. Heather and Elena are both killed, but surprisingly, the remainder of the Strauss family is left unharmed. Heather is caught in the crossfire, but it appears that the only targeted victim is Elena. David struggles to come to grips with the swastika he sees on the lawn, still unaware that his wife and grandmother are dead. Rinemann watches all of the events as they unfold, and although he is not a part of any of it, he apparently has the ear of someone very influential from that era.



Book 1: Dr. David Strauss, Part Two: Chapters 13 - 19

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Alix Rothschild is a survivor. She is one of almost a million in the United States alone that survived the concentration camps. Her mother was killed thirty-five years previously in one of the camps, and Buchenwald is where her father died. Alix is now a well-known model, but despite the fans, lights and photographers re-enforcing her fame and good fortune, Alix's mind wanders again and again to the horrors of the past. The current events ensure that now she thinks of almost nothing else.

May 7th, 1945 marked the end of the war in Europe. Alix remembers how the American Forces walked the German citizens through the concentration camps. Still protesting their innocence, they were shown where men, women and children had been hanged in rows of gallows. They were shown the torture racks and laboratories, and even the crematoriums still overflowing with ashes of human remains. Alix is among the survivors, and she remembers. Snapping out of her reverie, Alix announces she is at her end and won't sell anymore perfumes. She goes on to tell the entire crew that she will not be doing commercials of any kind. She pushes her way through the crowd and out onto Fifth Avenue still dressed in her Halston gown. As she hurries down the street, beginning to regain control of herself, she wonders why people think she's pretty.

Cherrywoods Mountain House becomes the refuge and place of hiding for the Strauss family, and the FBI who guard them. It is a good choice for many reasons. Cherrywoods is actually two houses with a combined five hundred and fifty rooms, each built on opposite sides of a three hundred foot high shale cliff and separated by a lake that shimmers blackly below. More like a castle, it was built over a span of sixty years time and combines several styles of architecture. While the houses themselves are a jumble of style and color, the two thousand acre grounds are what continue to draw the famous and wealthy. Guests are encouraged to tour them on foot or by horse drawn buckboard, and enjoy the grape arbors, untouched forests, close cut lawns and acres of gardens. The view from most rooms is incredible, and includes the Hudson River in the far distance. None of this is helping David now though as he surveys the grounds. In fact, it can easily be the setting for a horror movie, is more what David is thinking, and also what Nick Strauss has once suggested shamelessly to Roman Polanski.

The Mountain House still isn't open for regular guests for another three weeks, and in the beginning, David hardly leaves his room. Obsessed with the murders of his wife, his brother and Beri, and his grandmother, he is unable to pull himself out of the memories of his life before. He tries to lose himself in work and activity, opening a free medical clinic for the trickle of early guests that are there. At dawn, he rows around Lake Arrow, goes for long swims or jogs to keep himself busy. Despite his efforts, he finds himself



more and more drawn into the world of modern day Nazis. Every day, he tries to reach his grandmother's old friend Michael Ben-Iban, and is told by his secretary that he is on business in England. Still, questions plague him. He gets information from books and from one of the FBI agents, Harry Callaghan, about known Nazi organizations. He begins to put together his own picture. He wants to know everything.

David attends the funerals for his family, and still sees them over and over again in his mind after he closes his eyes at night. More than four thousand people come to the temple. The three pine caskets are more than just family, they are his friends. Heather's funeral is at a cemetery called Evergreen. Tall and full trees give shade to blue skies overhead, and the sense of peacefulness is serene and disturbing at the same time.

At first, David runs six miles a day, but that quickly increases to eight and then ten. He doesn't know what he is preparing for, but he is. Pushing as hard as he can, controlling oxygen, and learning how to run hard, he continues. One day, the FBI chief Harry Callaghan asks if he can join David, and is surprised to find out that David even does a hybrid of fitness drills before and after his run. David puts Harry through the paces, increasing the intensity of the terrain whenever he feels that Harry is enjoying himself. David is hoping to discourage Harry, but it will not be easy. Along the way, Harry tries to talk to David, and learn his intentions, but David isn't responsive and instead picks up the pace. He tells David that he can't fight the Nazis and when David disagrees with some passion, Harry sticks out his foot and trips him hard. He tells David that he may as well learn one thing right now. "The Nazis run dirty, Dr. Strauss. Remember that." Then, Harry leaves David and walks slowly back to the hotel.

Alix is in her movie company's posh office two weeks later before it slowly begins to dawn on her that she might be making a mess of things. Her agent, Mark Halperin is a wreck, and Arnold Manning, the independent producer, is sitting amidst a host of studio lawyers, accountants and other executives. Arnold speaks to her as though he were speaking to a child, softly and gently, telling her that they have a three picture deal. Alix lamely tries to blame it on scripts that aren't to her liking, but is quickly shot down. She confesses that all she really needs is some time to be a normal human being without all the fuss and attention, and tells them she needs to get away. Arnold quickly gives in, but without seeming to. He waits just a minute or so, and feeds her back her own ideas as though they were his, telling her she should take a little break. She tells him she wants to see an old friend who still knows her as Rothman. She wants to go to Cherrywoods Mountain House to see David.

The following Sunday, Agent Callaghan apologizes to David for his stunt when they were running. David returns the apology and sentiment and promises that he won't forget the warning or the spirit in which it was given. He still can't reconcile the fact that Heather is dead. He begins putting entries in his college journal affectionately called his 'Crapbook'. It now contains all of the information he can find out about the Nazis, the condolences sent, other Storm Trooper stories and clippings about other famous Jews.

As David is treating a youngster for poison ivy, Agent Callaghan comes in and asks a few questions. He tells David that Reichsfuhrer Martin Bormann has possibly been seen



entering the United States, and wants to know if David or his family has had contact with him. Harry then tells David that he has also heard from Benjamin Rabinowitz, another friend of Elena's. Harry tells him that Benjamin would like to meet with him, but is afraid to be seen with him. He wants to meet David somewhere away from the hotel, and David is immediately agreeable. His Nazi hunt is just beginning.

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Alix carries the horrors of the concentration camps with her. So much a part of her, it is brought to the forefront again by the events unfolding. Though Alix can be referred to as a success story, the truth is that she has little self-esteem or self-worth. Her status as a model has done little to lift her opinion of herself.

Being guarded by the FBI in their own Mountain House would have advantages and disadvantages. It would be the first place that the enemies of the family would look, but it could also be assumed that if the remaining members of the family have not been slain by now, it is unlikely that they are still targets. Despite this, it will be some time before anything in the Strauss family will go back to normal, if it ever does.

David is processing grief. Losing so much of his life at once, he is in shock first, but then begins to fight back. He gathers all the information he can find about the Nazis, driven by a need to know why his loved ones were killed. Feeling as though a large part of himself is ripped away, he is struggling to stay in the real world and fight back. Angry and over-confident, he worries FBI chief Harry Callaghan. Harry tries to tell David that he's out of his league, but David doesn't want to hear it. Harry trips him to show by example that the Nazis won't play fair. In fact, you can expect them to play dirty.

Alix Rothschild doesn't realize she is perhaps wrecking her life until a couple of weeks have passed. Even so, she is rattled enough by the events of late that she is still unable to pull herself together enough to go back to regular life. It all seems so unimportant at the moment. All she really wants to do is escape, and be around people who won't smother her or be constantly fawning over her. She just wants to be normal for a while. She decides to go to Cherrywoods Mountain House to see her old friend David.

David and Agent Callaghan put their episode running behind them, and the Agent tells David about Nazis infiltrating the United States. He also tells him that Rabinowitz would like to meet with him, and David eagerly agrees, knowing that Rabinowitz is also a Nazi hunter.



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The Fuhrer and The Warrior meet in Washington, and over dinner and cognac, the Fuhrer tells the Warrior his plan in great detail. It is the first time he shares the details. The Warrior tells him that had anyone else asked, the answer would have been an immediate and resounding no. However, as it is the Fuhrer who has asked, the Warrior will give the tentative approval to approach the remaining committee members. The Fuhrer is disappointed. He tells the Warrior that he has already approached the other members, and all five have voted yes. The Warrior is the only no vote. Saddened, the Warrior tells the Fuhrer that he has no alternative then but to fight his plan with all of his resources. They get into their separate limousines, and as one of them crosses the Victory bridge, a spark and bright flame can suddenly be seen. Back at his hotel, the Fuhrer makes one phone call and tells someone to "Begin Dachau Two."

Of equal importance is the meeting between Dr. David Strauss and the famous Nazi hunter Benjamin Rabinowitz. Though only a postal worker by profession now, Rabinowitz has tracked Nazis for the better part of twenty years, successfully exposing them and bringing them to justice. He sits with David and two agents, drinking beer and discussing the history of Nazis in America. David begins to get a sense of the man's intelligence and depth of character, and realizes how little he himself knows and how much he wants to know. Benjamin tells him that one thing is certain. Someone in his family has frightened the Nazis. Rabinowitz tells David some of the history of his grandfather, and goes on to tell him about the special group that was formed to ward off another Holocaust. David is beginning to feel like he doesn't know anything. From conspiracies in the highest points of the United States government to secret groups his grandmother was a part of, and Nazis hiding all over the States? It is difficult to comprehend, but all makes perfect sense.

By the time they leave the little bar in the Walkill Inn, David is feeling like he can easily be a Nazi hunter himself. Benjamin touches his arm on the way out and tells him how careful he has to be now as the surviving Strauss heir. He even momentarily second guesses himself as to whether or not he should have shared the information he just did with David as his grandmother has always wanted him kept out of it for safety's sake. David sees a glimmer from across the street and chastises himself for being paranoid, just as he hears another noise. In an instant, he realizes that Benjamin Rabinowitz has been shot in the head and is dead. He throws himself down on the floor of the car as it speeds away, the door still open. In disbelief, David throws up in the back seat.

During the week of Benjamin Rabinowitz's funeral, an even stranger and more frightening set of events occurs. First, a demand comes by way of a gawky looking



teenager from the Fleet Messenger Service. Sent to the executive offices of ABC-TV, the demand simply states that unless the accompanying "educational filmstrip" is shown on all network news programs that evening, a prominent Jewish family listed on the second page will be 'extracted'. Feeling there is little alternative, shortly after 7pm, an eleven minute clip is shown verbatim after a brief announcement and apology by the newscaster. The first few minutes are reminiscent of the 1940's and Hitler's regime, even the Fuhrer himself is shown, and then a popular actor wearing a suit and tie speaks calmly to the camera. He tells the audience that Jews are the major cause of America's problems. He cites their money hoarding on one hand and money lending on the other, and continues to call them America's slumlords and pornographers. Afterward, he asks that everyone just think about what he has said, and if people agree, at noon the following day they should honk their horns. No big deal. Just honk your horn at noon. The following day at noon, cars begin to honk their horns, a few at first, but then more join in. Right in the middle of the city with the largest Jewish population in the world, cars are honking their horns. New York patrolman Michael Rosenberg is so astonished, and then so upset that he sits down right on Fifth Avenue and throws up. After a few minutes, the honking finally stops. A young business woman comes out of a shop, sits down on the curb beside Michael, and the two strangers hold each other quietly.

Alix Rothschild ventures out onto Fifth Avenue that evening to get some fresh air. Her mind is still reeling from the events of the afternoon. The honking unnerved her, and she still hasn't quite put herself back together. A car honks behind her, and in a flash she is back in the camp again, her mother kneeling in the dirt and then shot in front of her. She screams out loud, more from the feeling of the memory than anything, but no one so much as stops until two officers come to her assistance. When they recognize who she is, they take her back to her hotel instead of to Bellevue. While their group certainly attracts attention on the way to the elevators, it could have been worse.

Book 1: Dr. David Strauss, Part Two: Chapters 20 - 25 Analysis

The Fuhrer has planned for every contingent. When the Warrior opposes his plan for Dachau Two, despite how carefully laid out it all is, the Fuhrer is already six steps ahead. He makes sure that if the answer is no, there will be no one left to argue. It is typical of Nazi behavior to eliminate any opposition and continue as planned. It is already part of their history.

David meets with Rabinowitz, and his eyes begin to open. His family history binds him to things he has given little thought to before now. Confronted with the truth of Nazis attacking his family, he is forced to pay close attention now. The first thing he realizes is that things are not always what they appear. Benjamin Rabinowitz is hardly what David expects at first, but his opinion and respect grow quickly. They talk more about David's grandparents, and how his grandmother was part of a group formed to prevent another Holocaust. The surprises continue as he realizes how involved his family is. Just as



David comes to grips with the fact that he may be chasing Nazis with Benjamin himself, Benjamin is shot and killed in front of him. This is a defining moment for David.

A message sent to the executive offices of ABC demands that an eleven minute clip be played by all stations that evening or a Jewish family will be 'extracted'. The clip is played and tells people that the problems in the country are largely Jewish in origin. The Jews are supposedly responsible for everything from poverty to pornography. A well-dressed actor then requests that if you believe there is truth to this, honk your horn at noon the next day. When so many people begin honking the next day on Fifth Avenue, it is an eye opener for those who always felt that in this predominantly Jewish city, something like this could never happen. Wherever there were Jews in the ensuing silence, there is fear.

Alix has flashbacks after the honking on Fifth Avenue that have her screaming out loud. Like many Jews, the Holocaust did not end with time or with an official date some time ago. Like so many others, Alix lives with Nazis and their affect on her family every day.



Book 1: Dr. David Strauss, Part Three: Chapters 26 - 29

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Alix and David have known each other since childhood. They are actually third or fourth cousins, but neither can ever remember which. They spent many holidays together and dated during that awkward phase at the age of fifteen and again in college. They may have continued on had Alix not left suddenly to pursue modeling interests. She often tells interviewers that she is determined to be the best at whatever she does so that her life has meaning, otherwise she may as well have died with the others in the camps. David decided to be a doctor. Despite their different directions, they stay in touch over the years, usually when one or the other needed a stable ear from the past to lament to.

Standing from his fifth floor balcony at Cherrywoods, David looks outside across the grounds and spots Alix. It isn't difficult. She stands out, and it isn't hard to see why she is so successful as a model and as an actress. He watches her for a minute, lost in her beauty and the past and then retreats inside to put on a shirt. When he returns, Alix is gone. He chastises himself for hesitating, knowing he should have just gone down and talked to her, and just then there is a knock at the door. He believes it is Alix come to see him and goes to greet her, only to find Johnny Williams - a porter he'd known since childhood. As Johnny excuses himself, Alix steps around from behind him apologizing. Not wanting to come up alone, she'd convinced Johnny to escort her. They all laughed and then David and Alix were hugging, Alix telling David how sorry she was for his recent losses, and just everything.

Later in the evening, David and Alix talk about their past, sharing little anecdotes about being teenagers and coming to the lodge each summer. It is nice, harmless conversation, and afterward they go to the kitchen and together create a meal from the wonderful variety of food available. They dance a bit and then step out onto the porch, but Alix gets nervous and asks David to take her back in. He walks her back to her room and kisses her goodnight. When he gets back to his own room, he doodles in the Crapbook for a while, finally sketching out a fake headline for the New York Times front page that read "Nothing Bad Happened Today".

In Bucks County, Pennsylvania, the Fuhrer meets with SS Captain Otto Kaltenmaus who is the supervisor of the Auschwitz crematorium number one smuggled out of Germany in 1945 by an organization of SS veterans. Kaltenmaus has been living as Sven Hetling for almost thirty years now, but he has no trouble with the idea of being pressed back into service. In fact, it seems as though he rather enjoys the idea of it, and he will most assuredly do anything necessary to further Dachau Two or the Fourth Reich.



Book 1: Dr. David Strauss, Part Three: Chapters 26 - 29 Analysis

David and Alix are not only distant cousins, but also have a romantic history. As she comes from a Jewish background, she will easily understand what David is going through now with his family, and why and how he lost them. The Nazis were back and had taken the people that mattered most to David. Though the history is there, both David and Alix are nervous about approaching each other. Still, knowing David has lost so much of his family, and feeling the strain of recent Nazi threats and implications herself, Alix knows that there is no other place she would rather be than at Cherrywoods. Their history hasn't been forgotten by David either, who despite recent tragedies, still finds himself tongue-tied around her.

David and Alix spend some time together in the lounge, and then make an unscheduled supper in the kitchen. It is a chance for both of them to catch their breath after the horrors that each has been feeling in their personal lives. Having known each other since childhood, they have the advantage of being able to put the present away, and visit the past in a form of escapism.

Otto Kaltenmaus is once an SS Captain, always an SS Captain. Despite almost thirty years as Sven Hetling, a normal citizen, he has no trouble or conscience about going back to work just like in the old days. It was almost as though he was bored and looking forward to going back to work. A chilling thought.



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The Engineer sits with the Fuhrer, counting down in a measured voice in the quiet afternoon. Just down the road, Otto's farmhouse is about four hundred yards ahead and in the middle of the experiment. The Fuhrer observes that Himmler also owned a chicken farm, then bright sparks jump from the roof, revealing the degree of electricity or heat at work. Inside the building in the distance, chickens begin to shriek, boiling alive by the microwaves cooking them. One hundred and eighty nine seconds, the Engineer notes. They go to observe firsthand, and while the Fuhrer is more than pleased and considers the ovens ready to go, the Engineer's disappointment is obvious. He notices that there are still live birds to some degree at the top of the barn. Otto is unrecognizable, however, no longer a threat to talk to his neighbors and let anything slip accidentally.

In Las Flores Brazil, a group of men meet to discuss the events of recent days. They choose this remote and beautiful island because of their notoriety, each having been highly connected to the former Reich. The first is Dr. Ludwig Hahn, who was the chief of the Gestapo in Warsaw and is now a retired banker in Sao Paulo. The second member of the group is the former SS General from all of the concentration camps - now a respected financier in Rio, and the third is Walter Rauff. Rauff has been charged with the premeditated killing of over 106,000 people relating back to the death camps, and is now the number two man in the Latin area of the Fourth Reich. One by one, they offer opinions as to who could be responsible, and then as quickly reject them as being unlikely. The one thing they all agree on is that whoever is behind the recent headlines should be congratulated.

Alix sits on a rock with her feet in the water, her mind racing around recent events. She and David have become much closer than she expected, and the thought both frightens and unnerves her. While her original intentions were merely to get away from the media and from the chaos of her life for a few days, and to personally pay her respects to the family and to David especially, her visit to Cherrywoods has somehow extended itself. Now she is suddenly wrestling with feelings for David that she isn't sure she should even have, let alone want, and all of it is just too confusing to sort out. Just when she has made up her mind to leave Cherrywoods and David behind, she finds herself picking Queen Anne's Lace for him on the way back from the lake. The media is making the most of all of it. Headlines like Survivors Strauss and Alix together are commonplace, and only make Alix want to hide longer.

That evening, Alix and David eat a light supper and talk, holding hands. They touch on subjects difficult for both of them. Alix tells David just a little bit about the nightmares she



continues to have about the death camps and actually feels as though David understands. Then David confesses that after his meeting with Benjamin Rabinowitz, he has come to some conclusions of his own. He wants to go to Europe to find Michael Ben-Iban. David tells Alix that he wants to help in any way he can to stop the Nazis even if it is only financially. Alix listens carefully, and before giving herself time to think, tells David that she wants to help. The following evening, they are Nazi hunting in London.

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The Engineer and the Fuhrer test the Engineer's newest creation, and with great pride, he counts the seconds off as they sit outside watching the barn full of chickens from a distance. The Fuhrer is thrilled when most of the chickens and Otto Kaltenmaus are cooked to death within three minutes, and pronounces the 'oven' ready for use. Yet, the Engineer only sees the birds at the top of the barn which are not yet dead. He is very disappointed. To the Engineer, this is a failure, and the ovens are not ready to be used.

Top Nazis gather to discuss the events unfolding, each wondering who might be in command of the recent actions. They are a frightening, if small group, and meet remotely to minimize the likelihood of recognition by anyone. This is not the entire group, and it is speculated that perhaps the 'spider' should be brought in on this issue. What is certain is that this is being done without the knowledge of most of the group.

While looking for an escape, Alix finds something she didn't expect at Cherrywoods. She finds the beginning of something special with David. She doesn't know where it will go, if anywhere, but for right now it is sweet, tender, strong and just what Alix needs to keep from falling apart. She just didn't see how she can stay. After dinner that evening, her plans change again. David plans to go to Europe to help hunt the Nazis down in any way he can, and Alix realizes that the rest of her life just doesn't matter at the moment. The only thing that matters is that she go with him, and that's how she finds herself in London with David the next evening before she can talk herself out of it.



Book 1: Dr. David Strauss, Part Four: Chapters 34 - 38

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During the last days of June, the Storm Troop becomes active again. This time, they meet in Nice, in the French Riviera. The Soldier, Colonel Essmann and his two companions, the Nurse and the Legal Secretary were the last to arrive at their appointed meeting place. It was the twenty-eighth of June and a very serious meeting is being called to order. Among the participants are the Banker, the Engineer, the Accountant, the Newspaperman and the Lawyer. All are silent as the Soldier begins his oration. He tells them that although none of them knows the precise reason for their invitation, they have been selected to carry out an attack on the Olympic Village. The Soldier congratulates them for being the best of their field and for having been chosen for this great honor, and reminds them that it will be an unprecedented disaster. The latter is met with much approval.

A salesman stands on a hill and looks down over the French countryside as he relieves himself. He is surprised to see a group of tanned men and women in bikinis running quickly towards a villa from the woods near by. They are all carrying long sticks as though they are spears. As the salesman watches, he can see them running from room to room, finally coming out on the sunroof laughing and slapping each other's palms like athletes. The salesman didn't understand why everyone raced upstairs to the candy striped lounge chairs on the sunroof, but figured finally that they must be part of the idiot government of Valery Giscard d'Estaing. He zips himself up and thinks about how amazing a life it would be to play king of the castle at six-thirty in the morning, just as the Soldier sticks him between his shoulder blades with a stiletto. The salesman never sees it coming. What he has just witnessed is a rough rehearsal for Dachau Two. Colonel Essmann has watched it as well.

On the twenty-ninth of June, Alix and David take a night cruise through London. They haven't been able to meet with Michael Ben-Iban yet, and his secretary confirms that he is on business in England, so instead they pass the time just unwinding. As a sweetly romantic touch, each day they buy each other a small gift. They stay at the Rosecraft Gardens Inn, and on Sunday have the rare treat from Harry Callaghan of being allowed to sightsee in London without a bodyguard. They try hard not to think about Nazis. They try to enjoy being out on their own, but both have the feeling that Harry has secretly sent someone to watch over them anyway. Still, not knowing for sure is freeing in its own way. They stroll down Albemarle Street laughing, and Alix catches David looking at her. She grabs him suddenly and pushes him through a doorway before he can argue. The next thing he knows they are in a hotel room and Alix is telling him that she just wants a little time alone with him. They fall into each others arms and then into bed. When they



return later to Rosecraft Gardens, another surprise is waiting. A call has come from Ben-Ivan. Something has happened, and he is heading to Germany. In sudden anxiety, David and Alix pack their gear and get ready to go to Germany to join him.

Arriving in Frankfurt is a culture shock for both David and Alix. The sight of the smiling little blue eyed, blond children make them shudder with an unknown anticipation, and their uneasiness is palpable. Harry Callaghan, Harris Tanana, David and Alix rent a BMW and are on their way to the Schlosshotel Kronberg - a combination hotel and castle that lies about ten miles outside of Frankfurt. With fortified walls and stout towers, it is a perfect place for them to stay. It is also where Nick and Beri Strauss stayed while researching and making the movie "The Fourth Commandment". David and Alix decide to follow their footsteps, talk to Nick's connections in the film industry, and generally retrace the steps that were taken while prepping and shooting the film. They spend days pouring over documents that include source material from the concentration camps and the 1972 Olympics in Munich. They study the investigations of war crimes, and feel as though they are so close to an answer that somehow just evades them. They talk to Peter Ostraeur from Der Spiegel who has an interesting take on the whole situation. They are all getting old, he explains. The young today don't understand, but if there is going to be any action taken, it will have to be soon. David and Alix understand that only too well.

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The Storm Troop is active again, and their plan is to attack the Olympic Village, despite the heavy security and prior knowledge that it will likely be very costly. Even knowing that they may face unprecedented disaster does not dissuade any of the members of this group. The conspirators celebrate their likely failure with clapping and French wine, their madness as contagious as the Avian flu.

A salesman from Lyon is the next casualty of Dachau Two. Quite by coincidence, he has stopped to relieve himself at a spot where he is able to witness the first trial run of the attack on the Olympic village. Unfortunately, Colonel Ben Essmann is also watching these maneuvers, and having a witness to them is unacceptable. It will not be long before all will witness the greatly polished attack.

Alix and David are in London waiting to meet with Ben-Iban. While they wait, they take in the sights, trying to be normal. They buy each other gifts, almost as though they feel that time is running out, but the best gift of all is the time they spend together alone. The break is a nice one, and might be the last one they get for a while. They are almost able to forget the horrors of it all for just a little while in each others arms, but it all comes crashing back when they return to their own hotel. There, they find that Ben-Iban has left word that something is going on, and that the next destination is Germany. Sick with anticipation, they pack and follow.



Arriving in Germany is a frightening step back in time for Alix. Everything from the language to the smells reminds her of a distant and frightening past. They drive to the Schlosshotel Kronberg outside of Frankfurt, and decide that while they are waiting to meet with Ben-Iban, they should retrace the steps that Nick and Beri Strauss took when researching and filming the Fourth Reich. They spend hours pouring over the original source material, finding things that only frighten them more, and though they feel as though the answer is right in front of them, neither can put a finger on it. A conversation they have with reporter Peter Ostraeur of Der Spiegel opens an interesting possibility. He tells them not to discount any of the remaining missing Nazis, even though they are old men now. Old age only means that they will be forced into action sooner.



Book 1: Dr. David Strauss, Part Four: Chapters 39 - 43

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The Fuhrer meets with the Ambassador, the General, and the Chancellor in St. James Park in London. He is the last to arrive, and knows that he must be on his toes to match wits with these men. The Chancellor is the first to speak, bringing up the murder of the Warrior. He calls it an 'unfortunate international situation', and reflects on the fact that in their investigations, the authorities will likely stumble upon something they shouldn't. The Fuhrer is unconcerned and reminds them that had the Warrior survived, Dachau Two would not have, and tells his three compatriots that if any of them disagrees, he will happily step aside. The Ambassador tells the Fuhrer that David is poking around in Germany and is trying to contact Ben-Iban, and the Fuhrer just shrugs, and tells them that they have to leave the incidentals up to him now. He reminds them that they will not be able to meet again and that they should watch their televisions in mid July. The Ambassador hesitates briefly, but then wishes him luck, shakes his hand, and the other two follow his lead. The Chancellor then gives the Fuhrer a black leather satchel, and they go their separate ways. Once the Fuhrer is out of their sight, he opens the case. Inside is nearly seven hundred thousand dollars in hundred dollar bills. Now all he has to do is look after David and Alix.

The Nurse and the Teacher are the advance team for Dachau Two. They will portray a married couple, coming to see the Olympics, but their job is far more important. They are the ones who will look after the details for the strike team. They will arrange hotels, cars, and the small arms and rifles necessary. Before they reach their final approach, the Soldier turns around in the passenger seat and suggests they review the plan one more time, despite the looks he gets from the younger couple who believe they already know it all, but the Soldier knows that one mistake could kill them all. It is that simple. He begins by telling them again, in Odessa, there is a man named Andrei Sergeevich Pavlov. Before the Soldier can continue, the Nurse and the Teacher join him in a singsong voice. "Pavlov is one of us. Pavlov will be wearing a black hat and a red jacket." Ten miles from the Russian coast, the pilot brings the plane down under the radar, very close to the black water. The Nurse throws up as the plane bucks and rocks and the pilot insists all is fine. He has done this trip many times, but this time overshot the land. Now they are over Soviet Russia. Birds can be seen as dark shapes darting past the windows on either side and before much can be done to correct it, the plane plows through a forest of trees. The pilot screams as a tree goes through his chest, and the Nurse is decapitated. The Teacher is thrown into a tree and is dead. The only survivor is the Soldier, and he forces himself to confront the obvious. His advance team is gone, and he is now the only one. He is the advance team. Mentally, he begins running it down. In Odessa, there is a man named Pavlov, he recites to himself.



David and Alix try several times to connect with Micheal Ben-Iban. They begin to worry when even his secretary seems concerned after they went yet again to the Jewish Studies Center in Frankfurt. Concern gives way to worry, but not knowing what else to do, they decide to spend one more day following the final scenes of Nick's movie. The Fourth Commandment's final scenes were shot just outside of Munich, and the closer David and Alix get, the more it all comes flooding back to them. Though the sun is shining, and the tourists are milling about, Alix and David still shiver with the memories that assault them as they go through Dachau One. The sign reads Willkommen, and nearly a million tourists a year visit the popular site. Not wanting recognition, both decide to wear hats, glasses and jackets that disguise their looks to some degree, and they walk slowly, arm in arm throughout the now popular tourist attraction. Plaques on the walls in several languages describe the horrors in clinical detachment, as tourist pose for photos in form. George Santayana is quoted in German and English saying, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it", and David can't help wondering if that's true. Can it really happen all over again? As they get ready to leave, they are interrupted by a familiar sound.

The photographer from the Komet in Frankfurt is unshakable. Even though they ask him not to take pictures there, the photographer will not leave them alone. Soon more people are aware of who they are, and calling out their names. They run, Alix choking back the sobs, past the grave of the thousands of unknowns and the grave of ashes where Alix's nineteen-year-old mother is buried - now marked by a memorial signpost, but they are unable to stop. They run to the front gates and get into a Taxi. Struggling with his German, David asks the driver to take them to the airport, just as the opposite door opens, and the troll-like photographer pushes his way inside, still shooting photographs the entire time. Alix is sobbing, and David loses control. He leaps across the back seat of the cab and takes the photographer outside with his momentum. He punches the photographer hard in the chest and then manages to stop himself from continuing. Instead, he smashes the camera into bits, all the while repeating Nazi over and over again. Then, shaking all over, he gets back into the cab, and Alix holds onto him tightly as they speed away towards the airport. Neither one of them notices the second cab that pulls out behind them. The Fuhrer has also come to Dachau One for a visit, and is now on his way to the airport behind them.

Harry Callaghan meets with another agent, James Bacon Burns in the Sachsenhausen district of Frankfurt am Main. J.B. Burns and Callaghan have worked together in the past, and this time, J.B. is here to update Harry on the Strauss/Rothschild situation. The latest intelligence is surprising. Taking out photographs, J.B. shows Harry what at first looks like a stack of home photos. Instead, he sees photographs of Elena Strauss with General Yagaal Ben-Zurev - code named the Warrior, and his niece Rachel Davidson - code name The Housewife. J.B. tells Harry that Rachel is a New York City lawyer, and an Orthodox Jew, and the Warrior has been killed possibly because of some kind of rift at the top. Harry likes the story less and less as it progresses. J.B. tells him that the agency hasn't made an evaluation yet, but he has a personal opinion. The reports are that Ben-Zurev was helping control the Storm Troop from Israel. There was a vow of secrecy that was taken very seriously, and Ben-Zurev was killed. They continue to



evaluate the information, and speculate that the Storm Troop may be a very dangerous Jewish terrorist group or Israeli.

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The Fuhrer meets with three top Nazis for the last time. The meeting is primarily for the purposes of getting the finances necessary to complete the attack he has planned. Almost seven hundred thousand dollars exchanges hands, and the Fuhrer at last begins to relax a little. It looks like nothing will stop Dachau Two now. His agenda almost seems personal as he walks away with the money, his contempt for the others obvious.

The Soldier, the Nurse, and the Teacher fly to Soviet Russia as the advance team. They are supposed to set up hotels, cars, guns and whatever else will be required for the Fourth Reich to succeed. They have been very well prepared, but nothing prepares them for the plane crash that takes every life but the Soldier's. Now he realizes with some shock and concern, he is his own advance team. He chants the litany to himself as he walks away from the crash site.

David and Alix are still unable to meet with Ben-Iban, and are now becoming quite concerned. Their worry is that he has already been gotten to. Not knowing what else to do, they decide to continue tracing Nick's footsteps as he filmed the Fourth Reich. They go to Dachau One, and are overwhelmed with the memories, and the horror of the history that has been nicely tidied up with ivy and colorful flags and plaques. They struggle through, hardly able to keep from falling apart as they each quietly relive their own memories about the place. Just as they are about to leave, a familiar sound interrupts them. A photographer has recognized them, and without a thought to their right to privacy, he starts snapping off photos, despite Alix and David's objections. They run for the entrance as tourists begin to realize who they are, forfeiting the visit to the Grave Of Ashes where Alix's mother is buried. They get into a cab, but the photographer from the Komet aggressively gets in with them, and David loses his temper. He pushes the man out and punches him once hard, then smashing his camera on the ground, overwhelmed by the insensitivity he is showing. When he gets back into the cab, he doesn't notice the cab that pulls out behind them with the Fuhrer on board.

Harry meets with J.B. Burns giving him information about Rachel Davidson, the Housewife who turns out to be the niece of Israeli General Ben-Zurev, the Warrior. J.B. shows him photos of Elena Strauss with both the Housewife and the Warrior. Vengeance seems to be the logical plan, or retribution, but there still seems to be a great many facts missing.



Book 1: Dr. David Strauss, Part Four: Chapters 44 - 48

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In the West End business district of Frankfurt, James Burns has his two-room office. It consists of himself and a nineteen-year-old girl named Sigi who works for him. When he gets upstairs, he sees a one-word message that tells him his wife called, so he dials his home number and waits for an answer. Beethoven is playing loudly in the background as his daughter answers, and they begin to joke back and forth on the phone just as his secretary's door swings open, and he finds himself staring at Sigi tied up in a chair. A man with a Luger steps into the doorway, and James tells him to wait a minute as he pulls out his Smith and Wesson, but the Luger fires three shots into the agent's chest. The Weapon's Expert quickly goes through J.B.'s papers and finds the folders containing the intelligence reports from Mossad just where their secret Washington contact had told them it would be. What the Weapon's Expert didn't know was that it was about an hour too late. He leaves the building with Beethoven playing loudly and a child's voice in the receiver still asking, "Who dis? Who dis?"

Alix wakes up screaming after a nightmare. She remembers running through the 'grave of the thousands unknown', and then the 'grave of ashes'. She is overwhelmed with grief as she awakens, and is momentarily unaware of where she is, but David is there, quickly holds her, and calms her down. David is beginning to understand how real the Nazi demons are for Alix. She tells him that she saw her mother's murder, and in her dream, she remembered it all. He holds her, trying to absorb some of the pain and anguish she feels while she recalls memories. David finally understands that the actress part of Alix is a front, and the real Alix is damaged beyond repair by the horrors she experienced.

July ninth is beautiful, and David and Alix decide to take a day off. No Nazis, no war criminals, no blitzkriegs. Instead, they packed a haversack with sausages and cheeses, wine and other treats, and head out into the woods. They find a small stream and follow it through the cedar and poplar trees until they suddenly come upon the source - a small lake. The lake is perfect, and in no time, they strip down and get into the water. Alix tells David she loves him, and David is about to respond when he sees a man over her shoulder, standing just at the edge of the forest watching them. The nervousness is palpable, and though he knows he's been seen, the man makes no effort to hide himself. Instead, he lights a cigarette, and comes forward. Feeling very vulnerable, they wait as the man walks forward with a rifle, and finally explains that he is an agent assigned to watch them. He introduces himself as Ray Cosgrove, and asks how the water is.



Alix drives into downtown Frankfurt, trying to shake the feeling that she is being followed. She parks and then on impulse hops onto a Tram. She looks around quickly, but no one follows. All the while, daydreams plague her. She sees naked mothers and children being marched to the showers, and can smell the scorched flesh and the smell of disease. She hops off the tram quickly, looking around, but not seeing anyone, hops back on again. Feeling stupid now, she continues the ride to Hauptbahnhof station. Once outside the station, she walks along Munchner Strasse to a small restaurant called Kleine-Garten or Little Garden. She apologizes for being late, but explains that she thought she was being followed, and Vulkan, Rabbi Doctor Michel Ben-Iban motions for her to sit.

J.B. Burns and Harry Callaghan were very close in their speculations as to who was behind the terrorist group. It was a Jewish based group - well financed and well organized, this offshoot of the original defense group of survivors, formed to discourage groups like Odessa and Die Spinne, the PLO and Black September. For the moment, the largest problem facing this group was getting Alix Rothschild on board. The Fuhrer leaves the table only moments before Alix arrives, after ensuring that Ben-Iban will be able to do his part to convince her to continue helping them. The success or failure of this plan depended on it. It is a difficult thing for Ben-Iban. He likes Alix, and finds it hard to lie to her even to further their cause. Alix then asks the one question Ben-Iban would have liked to avoid entirely. She wants to know what happened to Elena and Nicholas Strauss. Ben-Iban does the only thing he feels he can. He lies. He tells Alix that it must have been the Nazis, and then continues to reinforce this by telling her that they must be even more vigilant. Not even their own deaths can stop them. He tells her to be ready to leave at a moment's notice, but then his attention is diverted by a German officer who enters the building. The officer looks around and leaves after scanning the room, and Alix sees the PK Walther in Ben-Iban's hand. For the first time, she really grasps the situation and again promises him that nothing will be allowed to stop them.

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The Weapon's Expert is sent to retrieve the folders containing the intelligence reports that name their group's leader. He goes into J.B.'s office and after tying Sigi to a chair, he waits for J.B. to return. When he does, the Weapon's Expert shoots him three times in the chest, but it is all for nothing, because the information he is trying so hard to protect has already been passed on to Harry Callaghan.

Alix wakes from a particularly vivid nightmare about her mother, and David tries desperately to console her. For the first time, he sees how deep the damage really goes, and knows that the Alix Rothschild that Hollywood knows is just a front. For the first time, he really sees Alix, and the depth of her pain scares him. David and Alix decide to take a day off. They hike into the woods and following a stream, they find a lake at its source. They strip and go for a swim, feeling quite unselfconscious until David notices the man on the opposite bank. They soon learn that they are under surveillance again.



Alix drives to Frankfurt on her own, and makes sure that she isn't followed before she meets with Rabbi Doctor Micheal Ben-Iban. She is suffering from increasing daytime visions about the death of her mother and others in the camps. Despite her love for David, she is at this meeting without him.

Ben-Iban has just concluded his meeting with the Fuhrer when Alix arrives. She never even sees the Fuhrer, but her meeting with Ben-Iban is largely affected by him. She is reminded of the importance of their group, and its secrecy. She asks the question uppermost on her mind. Who killed Elena and Nicholas Strauss? Ben-Iban lies to her. He tells her that the only conclusion he can draw is that they were killed by the Nazis. They have little opportunity to continue talking as just then he sees the first German officer come in for a look. Ben-Iban pulls out a gun, and Alix gets a real feel for how serious the situation is. She has just enough time to pledge her support again before Ben-Iban takes out his gun.



Book 1: Dr. David Strauss, Part Four: Chapters 49 - 52

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The German and American police surround the restaurant. David is with Harry, Harris Tanana and Raymond Cosgrove, sitting in a sedan outside, and his heartbeat is so loud that he is sure they can hear it. Very professional now, Harry's people are crouched in shooting positions, surrounding Kleine-Garten. Harry leads David up to the front door. Harry pushes open the door and as they walk in, David's eyes are scanning wildly for any sign of Alix. He hears shouts of "This is the Police", and "Watch the rear door", and then he spots her. She screams at him to get down, making herself a target. The little restaurant is a shooting gallery, and officers are falling. Sirens can be heard approaching, and David follows Harry out the rear exit. They find a German detective who admits to having hesitated when he saw Alix, and a little further down they see Ray Cosgrove shot twice and staring vacantly into space. David chooses one of the alleys and starts running, ignoring the calls from Harry to stop behind him. The alley widens, and David is just running past a shed or garage of sorts when a dark shape falls down on top of him. Before he can react, a wire is around his neck. He can feel the blood where the wire is digging in, and in desperation lifts his gun and shoots behind and past his own face. The heavy body goes limp and falls away from him, dead. The thought is still registering when the German police catch up with him, recognizing his attacker immediately as Michael Ben-Iban - the man David has been trying so hard to reach.

Somehow, Alix escapes the multitude of dragnets out to catch her. For three days, there is no sign of her, and then on the thirteenth of July, after the agents have read an incoming Telex, they let David have it. Alix simply writes that she believes he is safe now, and that he should go home. More than that, he should stay out of the rest of it, and that soon he'll understand. David realizes that things are going to get much worse.

Colonel Ben Essmann meets with the Engineer and the Architect in Moscow. Essmann tells them of his journey after the plane crash and in typical Israeli commando style recounts his heroics. It is all part of what makes him legendary even though he is still under thirty years old. They chat amiably about the Soviet bureaucracy, and how easy forgery is if you are willing to risk death in the cellars of Lubyanka Prison. They drink up, and then the Engineer unrolls a pen and ink diagram of the Olympic Village. Including the building's plumbing, electrical and air-conditioning systems, it is very elaborate, and the three men are strangely quiet as they each realize how close they are to their goal.



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After surrounding the restaurant, Harry and David go through the front door. David is terrified and working strictly on automatic. He follows Harry through the door, and looks for Alix as the bullets begin to fly. He sees agents fall around him, and all he can think about is Alix. The feeling is momentarily mutual as Alix yells at him to get down, risking her own life in the process. Then, she disappears out the back with Michael Ben-Iban. David doesn't think. He just reacts, running out the back door ignoring Harry's calls. He races down one of the two alleyways, and is suddenly taken down by someone from above. Knowing his life will be taken if he doesn't react, David does the only thing he can do. As the man on top of him strangles him with wire digging deep into his neck, David reaches behind himself and shoots. The man crumples, and David is able to breathe again, but still he has trouble dealing with the fact that he has actually killed a man. When the German police catch up with him moments later, David is stunned to discover that the man he shot is actually the man he had been trying to meet with in Frankfurt - Michael Ben-Iban.

Alix manages to escape the net strung out to catch her, and three days later sends David a telex that leaves him confused and depressed. It simply tells him that he is safe now and that he should stay out of the rest of it. She wants him to go home to New York, and tells him that soon he'll understand. The only thing that David understands is that things are going to get much worse.

In Russia, three men meet. The Soldier, the Engineer and the Architect sit at a table and examine plans for the Olympic Village. They are very detailed, and for the first time, the three men gathered are silent understanding that this truly was the beginning.



Book 2: Alix Rothschild, Part Five: Chapters 53 - 55

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On July 14, Alix was on a train inside a cramped passenger compartment. She is disguised with a wig and glasses, and looks older as she bumps her way through the Latvian countryside. She can't help but think about how it all started. She met Ben Essman in the spring of 1976, and he had cockily told her that he was part of a search and destroy team. He bragged that he was going on a particularly dangerous mission and suggested that she sleep with him before he goes, just in case. She slapped him hard across the face, and told him he should be shot for telling her the things he had. He laughs at her and tells her the mission is already over, and asks her what they should do to celebrate its conclusion. Alix goes upstairs alone, telling him that if he is such a heroic patriot, he should have no trouble finding someone to bed down with.

Ben-Iban suggests to Colonel Essmann that they form a more modern counter terrorist group. The idea is so well received that in a very short time, Essmann is introducing the idea as his. Their pledge is to remember the Holocaust, and to protect against any repeat performance with their lives if necessary. In the fall of 1978, the Fuhrer is elected leader to the Council for the sub group, and subsequently conceives of the idea of a dramatic strike that will prove to be one of the most important statements to be made. During this period, Alix has contributed considerable portions of her earnings, and become a major fundraiser for their cause.

The Soldier walks along the Moscow streets, feeling insignificant. As he is now his own advance team, over the past few days he has arranged thirteen hotel or apartment rooms within range of the Olympic Village. He'd arranged costumes to get his people in, and is now stopped at a sidewalk stand. He buys a cup of champagne, and moments later, two Russian men join him. They speak in hesitant English, making the arrangements for the purchases of rifles, pistols and plastic explosives. They further arrange another very public site for the exchange, but before the Soldier will agree to give half payment to them, he wants early delivery of a single firearm. A few minutes of haggling later, the Soldier has an agreement in place to have one Soviet Army Dragunov sniper rifle in his possession by the end of the afternoon. The Soldier feels much less insignificant as he leaves.

When the train arrives in Riga, Alix gets off and is enthusiastically greeted by a couple as though she were their child returning after a long absence. They give her a bouquet of flowers and take her to Lev Ginzburg's home. As she is welcomed, they tell her that all of this is provided for by the government in return for writing fairy tales. Alix can't believe that he is willing to give all of it up, but he is excited and purposeful. They eat, and go over the list of demands, Alix typing out the rewrites herself to ensure their



clarity. Just reading the accusations and charges make her shake, but not as much as the simple act of cutting off her hair. She looks in the mirror when the haircut is done and laughs to keep from crying. She looks just like her mother had when the Germans cut her hair off.

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The depth of the secrecy begins to unfold. Alix has considered Michael Ben-Iban a friend for many years, and she has known Ben Essmann since the spring of 1976, when they were both much younger. Ben Essmann pursued, and eventually even slept with Alix once in their history. He was also the one that Michael Ben-Iban suggested the idea of a modern Jewish counter terrorist group to. It was an idea that was well received. His role in this group only grew as he became the Soldier, and now found himself thrown into the role of advance team all alone for this most important upcoming mission. He takes this role seriously, managing to secure lodgings, appropriate costumes, firearms and plastic explosives.

Alix is more alone now than ever before. When her parents were killed, she lost a piece of herself, but always had an anchor in her past. There were people who knew her, and who cared about her. Now, in the Latvian city of Riva, she is with a couple she doesn't know, and is preparing for her continuing role in the upcoming slaughter at the Olympic Village. Soon she will be reading the list of demands that she now works to make perfect. She has managed to accomplish this without telling a soul - not even David, and as her compatriots cut off her hair to aid in her disguise, she finds herself laughing to keep from crying. Now she looks just like her mother had in the end as Alix remembered her.



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David tries to absorb everything he has learned. Heather's shooting was an accident. The terrorist group killed Elena and Nick, and Elena had been supporting this secret group until recently when Nick had convinced her to stop. By breaking a thirty-five year silence and threatening to expose the group, they had frightened those in charge of the final plot and forced action on their part. He felt like such a fool for having believed in Alix, and the horror of the entirety of it was enough to make him finally wash his hands of the whole issue. He didn't want to know about anything that remained of the Nazi/Jewish/Strauss family fiasco, and as far as he is concerned, it can all continue without him. David drives home, and finds two dark Oldsmobiles in his driveway. His mind is still on the killing of Ben-Iban as he gets out of his car with the vague feeling that something isn't right.

David's visitors turn out to be from Washington, and as they start to tell David that they believe they know what is going on, David becomes increasingly angry, but it is to no avail. They explain that they have found a small plane loaded with arms and equipment, and two dead storm troopers near Odessa, and want David to fly there with them immediately to see if he can identify any of them. His flight has already been booked for him, and suddenly David realizes there is no backing out. Nauseated, he asks Harry if he is still part of this with him. Harry assures him that he is in this until the end. They are going to Russia to hunt Alix and the others.

Time and Newsweek Magazines are quick to create backgrounds and character pieces on the Dachau Two strike team. One even refers to the event as Black Sabbath: The Last Olympic Team, and the writing is worthy of any thriller written. Alix stands and makes a toast on the last night that they spend together at Lev Ginzburg's dacha. There were twenty-nine highly efficient commandos in all. She finds herself thinking about and missing David even more than she thought possible. They begin to leave for Moscow early the next morning, traveling separately.

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David has trouble processing everything he has learned of late. His wife's murder is an accident. Elena and Nick have been killed by the very people that they supported both financially and emotionally for decades, and Alix is mixed up in all of it somehow. It is too much to absorb, and what he wants to do most is just walk away and forget he



knows any of it. David has trouble reconciling that he has actually killed Michael Ben-Iban. His head is swimming by the time he gets home to find he has company. David is introduced to his visitors, and it takes little time for them to change his mind. He realizes that he has been kidding himself thinking that he can just walk away from all of this. Harry is with the men from Washington who have come for David, and when they tell him that they believe a massacre is on the horizon, and they feel he can be helpful in possibly identifying one or more of the men involved, David knows he cannot refuse.

Alix is meanwhile toasting a group of twenty-nine commandos. She tells them all that she hopes this will be a large enough lesson for their nation to learn from. Then, after resting briefly, the irregular group of dedicated terrorists separately head for Moscow and the Olympic Village.



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Marina Shchelokov is fairly bursting with pride as she runs the one-kilometer section that is her part of the relay with the Olympic flame from Mount Olympus. It has already traveled for miles, and even though it rains without respite, and the soldiers who line the roadways laugh and made cynical jokes as she runs the difficult uphill section, when Marina sees her family and her friends watching her, her feet grow wings. Fifteen years old, she can hardly believe what she is doing. Her heart swells with emotion as she reaches the apex of the last hill just as she trips and falls. Marina's knee just gives out, forcing her to perform an impromptu somersault. Landing hard in the mud, eyes stinging with tears that were tears of pride just seconds ago, Marina can see the concerned faces coming her way. She sees her father, running as fast as he can, and sees the soldiers getting off their motorcycles. Finally, she can hold her head up no longer, the bullet having done its job. Marina is the first to die.

Alix arrives in Moscow and with the Newspaperman, Arthur Silver, she sits in a tiny, out of the way hotel and rewrites the points of their demands. It has to be perfect. They go over it again and again, reworking the wording until they both feel it is perfect. Then they take a break, have a bite to eat, and finally Alix clears her throat and begins to practice her most important role. She asks Arthur to be the judge of her performance and to be highly critical, and he sits listening quietly as she begins. There is something about the presence of this woman, he realizes. When she finishes, he tells her the truth about her performance. 'I believed you.'

Harry Callaghan and David Strauss arrive at the Russian Olympic Security Headquarters to join representatives from the world's intelligence community. The sorrow over the death of torchbearer Marina Shchelokov is evident in the faces of those from the Israeli's Mossad, the CIA, the SDECE from France, MI6 from England, BND from Germany, the KGB and GRU as well. There are even ambassadors from Egypt, Libya and Syria. David begins reading the prepared sheets, learning that Moscow's Olympic Village holds the most dense population in the world, and is one of the world's ten largest cities. What unnerved him though is that the Village is basically helpless against any kind of organized terrorist attack. Finally, Valery Kupchuck stands up and addresses the room. He tells them that there have been more than one hundred and twenty thousand threats recorded so far by mail, phone, telegram and even in person. That amounts to about forty-to-one over what was experienced in Montreal, and while the security staff is an unprecedented ninety thousand people, he still feels that to assume confidence and safety is an incredibly dangerous attitude.



The second segment of the meeting is conducted by the KGB's Colonel Alexander Belov. He tells the group that it has been decided that only the Moscow Police, KGB, and Russian Army will be investigating and searching for the terrorists known as Dachau Two. It is a final decision, and there will be no discussion on the subject, he announces. To David, and many others in the room, this comes across not only as incredibly unfair but also insanely inefficient. He reminds them that they are the ones who stopped both Hitler and Napoleon, and then tells them all to enjoy the games while he and his staff deal with the less enjoyable side of the whole affair.

More than a million tourists gather for the opening ceremonies. Spirits are high, and the first night, Russia takes the lead in medals. Gold is won by Muller, Nellie, Kim, Comaneci and Keresty. Russia is followed closely by East Germany, and the United States trails in third place. NBC sportswriters are already reporting the young Russians calling Gorky Street 'Broad-vay' and comparing it to a grand Slavic wedding reception going twenty-four hours a day. Less than half a mile apart, Alix and David are in their respective hotels, neither able to sleep and both looking out onto the festivities below. Dachau Two would begin in just a few hours.

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The first to be killed in Moscow is symbolically appropriate, the torchbearer. Pride and overwhelming emotion is the feeling of all those who know Marina Shchelokov and even those who brave the rain to watch as she runs the last kilometer up hill. Tradition rich, this run is the highlight of Marina's fifteen-year-old life. It will also be the end of her life as she is shot before she can make the final transfer. It is a statement that rings loudly throughout the many security forces. No one is safe.

Meanwhile, Alix nervously rehearses her part in this nightmare. She is the voice of the demands to be made. Known to the entire world, she will communicate the indictment in a believable and frighteningly truthful manner. She has been well-chosen for this task, and makes a believer out of the Newspaperman as he listens to her rehearse.

The security precautions that are taken are unprecedented. Representatives from all major nations are involved, making this the most intensive and comprehensive security assembly ever. For every participant, coach and official in attendance, there are slightly more than four security personnel to guard them. It is extraordinary even for the Soviet Union, and at the games, there are almost ninety thousand security people. What is most frightening is the confidence of the security staff in their ability to capture the Dachau Two terrorists before any problems can arise. The arrogance of the Russians doesn't end there. They feel that since they have successfully stopped both Hitler and Napoleon in the past, surely they will be able to put a halt to this terrorist plot as well. It is this arrogance that causes the decision to exclude all other security forces in the search for the Dachau Two terrorists.



That evening, the games officially begin, and all goes uneventfully. Russia takes a lead in medals, followed by East Germany and then the US. Russia is in celebration mode, and as nothing untoward happens, the atmosphere is one of great joy and gay festivities. David and Alix are in hotel rooms just half a mile apart, neither able to sleep, both looking out at the celebrations below. The countdown to Dachau Two is almost over.



Book 2: Alix Rothschild, Part Seven: Chapters 64 - 68

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Alix tries to walk to clear her head, but the morning brings her no peace. Images of the past and present crash together in a kaleidoscope of sights, sounds and smells that she cannot shake. All she wants is a sign that what she is doing is right, that she has not been manipulated and that everything will be all right. Instead, she sees the camps, smells the burning flesh of those burned by the Nazis and hears the screams in her mind. For a moment, she almost loses control, unable to understand how any of it could even have happened, and then her mind clears as she sees the Soldier striding towards her.

The Weapons Expert, Marc Jacobson, and the Medic, Anna Lascher, blend into the Moscow scene by playing their parts to perfection. They are tourists, stopping to shop at the GUM department store near Red Square, holding hands, and occasionally kissing like any other visiting college students. Blending in perfectly, they stop to rest at the fountain. Before too long, the two men that Colonel Essmann had met earlier arrive, carrying long canvas bags. They are hoodlums, and care little about the realities of their parts in this plot. All that matters to them is the eighty thousand rubles they are paid for their trouble. They sit for only a moment or two, leaving the long canvas bags behind when they leave. Now, the Dachau Two team is ready and armed.

Just before eight in the morning, Alix, Colonel Essmann, the Engineer, and Rachel Ziegler are crossing Pushkin Mall. There are no people out yet save an occasional leaf blower, and looking past the park, the Olympic Village looks empty. They head straight for the rest rooms where four Russian men and three Russian women are waiting. The seven Russians grin, welcoming them into the toilet and then quickly begin to strip. It is a common occurrence in Russia, trading American clothing for Russian. The Americans would be paid several times the value of the clothing, and the Russians would then resell them for several times that value again as the brand names were like gold in Russia. None of this matters to the group from Dachau Two. They are only interested in the uniforms they are getting in return. Sixteen security police and maintenance worker uniforms from the Olympic village in both male and female are the way they will access the village that day. Minutes later, the Russians leave proudly sporting their new Sassoon and Levi jeans, and the Dachau Two group leave quietly with their satchels of uniforms dressed as police or Russian workers.

The terrorist group splits up into groups of two, making arrests of all of them unlikely, as at least twenty individual arrests would have to be made. The Newspaperman, Arthur Silver strolls through the grounds, taking a slightly sentimental journey. Harry and David had been touring the grounds all morning, even going through the dormitory sections,



and finally exhausted, they knew they needed to rest. Arthur had come upon two Russian TV personalities, in charge of announcing the events in Russian, English and then German. He put himself between them, pressing his 41-magnum Luger against the woman's right temple. He tells them to listen very carefully, and asks if they are both comfortable conversing in English. They both nod carefully as word begins to filter down that there is a man with a gun 'up there'. He speaks slowly and carefully so that they will understand him correctly, as he tells them that at this moment, a professional Jewish terrorist group is inside Lenin stadium randomly stationed, each with a bomb capable of killing thousands. The woman shakes her head in disbelief and tells him that this is unlikely, as the stadium has been electronically checked for explosive devices. The Newspaperman smiles, and opens his briefcase exposing the bomb he is carrying. He puts his gun away and places his hand on the detonator instead. Realizing the extent of the threat, the man tells him they will do whatever he wants. The Newspaperman tells them that he wants all track and field events stopped first. They are to ask the athletes to sit down wherever they are and stop what they are doing. Then they are to telephone either General Iranov or Colonel Belov and tell them that the threat is real and imminent. Shaking now, the Newspaperman asks the woman to make the first announcement, at the same time making a small prayer that they are doing the right thing.

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Alix is confused and uneasy. She tries to walk it off in the morning, but is assaulted by visions from the past intermingled with memories of David. Her conscience is loud and unrelenting, filling her mind with sights and sounds as she walks the streets, hoping for a sign that they are doing the right thing.

The Medic and the Weapons Expert have no trouble making the exchange of money for guns in Moscow, despite the heightened security. They play their parts perfectly, blending into the tourists that are there to see the games. Once armed, there is little to stop Dachau Two from succeeding. The next step is to secure the uniforms that will give them anonymity in the Olympic Games. This is much easier to accomplish than securing the weapons was as trading clothing is commonplace in Russia. American clothing fetches a high price on the open market, and the terrorists have no trouble finding people willing to trade uniforms that include police and maintenance workers clothing.

The group enters the Olympic village in pairs, making arrests difficult. As Arthur Silver is already an accepted part of the reporter's plaza, he has little difficulty getting into position and he is the catalyst for the rest of the operation. What the security staff has not taken into consideration is that the terrorist group may well be part of the accepted group of participants. It is a costly error. The Newspaperman effectively stops the games, despite the fact that he is also nervous and unsure that they are doing the right thing.



Book 2: Alix Rothschild, Part Seven: Chapters 69 - 73

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David and Harry settled into a steam bath room. Called a banya, David feels like he is taking a sauna in the boiler room of a large apartment building. They order a cold beer and by the time it arrives, both are grateful for its soothing relief. The heat is intense and sears their insides as they try to take in breath. Harry tries to tell David how misplaced he feels, sitting on the wings instead of in the middle of the action, chasing down leads. In a sudden boyish camaraderie, Harry thumps David hard and high on one thigh and without thinking, David hits him back, connecting squarely with his chin. Harry spits out a mouthful of blood and before either can say much, they are both laughing wildly and almost out of control, the emotions of the recent events coming to the surface. This burst of mania is all that either has left that makes any sense. They manage to dress, still laughing and head back out onto one of the Moscow streets when they are approached by an American family rushing away from the Olympic village. "Terrorists have just seized the Olympics", the American father says with a pained expression, and suddenly David notices that everyone else on the streets is running.

The eleven "super-comrades" who ruled Russia met at noon in the Kremlin. They go over the few facts they know for sure, and then Brezhnev asks General Iranov how he would sum up the events so far. The leader of the KGB is painfully aware of the position he is in, and knows that if he makes a mistake now, it will not be forgotten for some time. He collects his thoughts for a moment, and then asks them to imagine that all of their agents have gone amok in New York City. The reality is that it would be impossible to stop them even if they had some or all of their identities, and it is likely that terrible casualties would be suffered. He passes out copies of the list of demands from Dachau Two after warning them all that it is likely worse than anything they can imagine. He is correct.

The original demands are heavily censored before being released in major newspapers. Called an object lesson, the demands include fair payment by the Germans for long overdue injustices. First, all Nazi criminals living in Germany and Austria must be executed immediately. They are named as Friedrich Peter, Hermine Braunsteiner, Dr. Josef Muller, Hans Gogl and Manfred Roeder. The second demand is that the American Corporations that refused to deal with Israeli firms are to make a lump sum payment each of ten million dollars to the state of Israel. Those Corporations include Exxon, Pepsico, ITT, Chrysler, and Mobil. The third and final demand is for the immediate release by the Soviet Union of Jewish political prisoners including Anatold Altman, Hillel Butman, Mark Dimshitz, Arye Khnokh, Edward Kuznetsov, Mikhail Korenblit, Iosif Mendeleovich, Boris Penson, Israel Zalmanson, and Vladamir Slepok. This partial list is



the only one released but the original is said to have contained more than one hundred pages, and the nations listed have merely twelve hours to comply - or else.

The panic and confusion is evident in the faces of tourists up and down the streets of Moscow. Just before 3pm, Dachau Two leaves notice at both air terminals that no one is to leave the Olympics until the demands have been successfully completed. To punctuate the seriousness of this statement, an empty plane in the hanger is blown sky high. Moments later, it would have been full of tourists. The final warning states that if a single plane takes off, hundreds of lives will be lost. The public is convinced. At the same time, Gary Weinstein watches in Marx Plaza as Colonel Alexander Belov and General Iranov appear on the front steps of the Security Headquarters. The Engineer presses the button of a detonator in his pocket and less than fifteen feet from the Secret Policemen, a bronze statue is blown fifty feet into the air putting both policemen face first on the pavement. Now they both had a new respect and awareness for the seriousness of the situation. At six that evening, the Fuhrer and Alix arrive at the Olympic Village and are immediately surrounded by Russian soldiers, but Alix quickly recognizes them as the Medic, the Architect, the Dentist and the Weapons Expert. Looking around she also sees the Housewife, the Engineer and the Lawyer. They all blend in with the security forces perfectly. The Fuhrer tells Alix that she must trust him now, and be a perfect actress for the rest of the day, and then they all begin to walk toward the Olympic Village.

David leaves Harry in a strategy session with the remaining American intelligence people and finds a grassy spot on the hillside overlooking the Olympic Village. He sits down, and seeing a group of Russian grandmothers, finds himself thinking of Elena and how right she had been. She had known that this kind of scenario might happen. She had been afraid that an isolated section of their Jewish Defense group might get out of control and she was right. He replays sequences over and over in his mind until he is jerked out of his reverie by what he is seeing. Walking calmly through the crowd to the Olympic Village is a face he knows well, having been shown a film of Colonel Ben Essmann - the Soldier only the day before and David recognizes him with certainty.

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What starts out as a simple, and relaxing steam bath to unwind becomes the last sane moment either Harry or David will have for a while. When they exit the steam rooms, it is as though they have fallen through a rabbit hole, and everything they knew before is gone. The Olympics are under siege, and panic is everywhere.

The Russian leaders meet in an emergency session to discuss the ramifications of the Olympic Village take over, and soon realize that they are in serious trouble. There is no way for them to regain control of the situation, and no way to prevent the escalation of violence. They find themselves at the mercy of terrorists, despite the assurances that they had everything under control just a few short hours ago. Reading the list of demands from Dachau Two punctuates just how much trouble they are in, as the



demands that are made are frightening, well thought out, and extensive. They have a mere twelve hours to comply, giving them little time to think any of it through.

To ensure that they are taken seriously, a number of steps are taken throughout the day. An empty plane is blown up, a statue is blown sky high on the steps of the Security Headquarters, and warnings are issued that no one is to leave until the demands are met. The explosions are random enough that no one knows what to expect next, and the fear is palpable on the streets. David is blindsided by the sighting of Colonel Ben Essmann, the Soldier, having seen footage of him the day before, recognizing him even though he is clad in the traditional Russian Army uniform. He is headed toward the Olympic Village.



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David tries to follow the Soldier, knowing that he can't let him get away, and tries not to fall in the process. When the Soldier turns around to make sure he is still traveling in obscurity, his eyes casually sweep the area until they meet with David's and then he bolts. David gives chase, screaming loudly at the crowd to stop him. A Russian soldier understands and tries to detain Ben Essmann, and is shot in the chest for his trouble. Then the Soldier races into one of the underground tunnels that runs under most of the Olympic Village. David follows without hesitation, knowing he can't let this man get away. He continues to yell, dodging vehicles, until suddenly the Soldier steps out behind him. He tells David to be quiet, and without taking time to think, David turns and hits him in the chest causing him to lose his revolver. Confident, the Colonel waits for David to make another move. David wants to strangle him, but understands it is more important now that he stay alive, so instead he hits him again. The next punch connects with the Soldier's forehead, and for the first time, David sees fear and maybe even doubt in his face, but then the Soldier explodes on him, hitting him hard in the stomach, head and shoulders. David goes down hard, losing focus, and then feels himself being pulled to his feet. The Soldier challenges David, asking him if he wants to see Dachau Two for himself. David agrees, knowing he has little choice now, and the Soldier tells him that he will take him to meet the Fuhrer.

At six fifteen, eight terrorists entered the private cafeteria of the United States Olympic Team. There are eighty-three women and teenage girls in the cafeteria, and Alix steps forward to address them. Telling them who she is, she continues to explain that they are members of a Jewish army and their presence now is partially because of what had happened so many years ago, and partially because of what was happening in the world today. One young girl spoke up, telling Alix she was also Jewish, but that she thought Alix and all terrorists were full of shit. Alix agrees with her, and tells the group that they will be going upstairs and that if they cooperate, no one will be hurt. Once again, Nazis were the main topic of conversation.

Next, a videotaping van is delivered to the hostage dorm. When the lights and camera have been set up, Alix delivers the speech she has rehearsed with Arthur Silver. Her fourteen-minute speech is made softly and eloquently, as she tells the world that what is happening was inevitable. Since the number six million is hard to comprehend, Alix tells the audience to think instead of just two people - her parents. She explains that they were both killed without cause, simply because they were Jews, and that she lives in fear that such a terrible thing could easily happen again. She asks people to remember how no one wanted to hear about the death camps in 1940, and adds that there are still



concentration camps in Russia today. She shares her fears that nuclear bombs will be used against Israel unless drastic reform is undertaken. For once, at least for fifteen minutes, people listened.

David is taken to an Olympic Village suite where one of the first of his questions is answered. The Fuhrer is Benjamin Rabinowitz! The American Nazi hunter is not dead as he had thought and as David absorbs this, Benjamin apologizes to him for the deception at the time. He tells David how they pleaded with Elena and Nick not to betray their confidences, but when they chose to break the vows of silence there was no alternative but to silence them first. David is sick inside, but forces himself to ask questions, still wanting to know what Dachau Two is all about. Rabinowitz tells him he will understand soon enough, and then Alix comes in. Her face reveals the fear and indecision she feels as she tries to apologize to David for not telling him earlier, and still she can't look him in the eyes. She tells David she wants him to leave right away, and confesses that she now believes that Rabinowitz is seeking revenge and nothing more. She fears that all Jews involved will become martyrs for the cause, but that all she ever wanted was to make people understand about the Nazis.

In Washington, the demands are being discussed by the Premier and the American President by phone. The President asks the Premier what he plans to do, and while the Premier confesses that they have many ideas, none is practical in the time allotted. The President tells the Premier that he'll pray for them, and hangs up. He knows that given the same situation, he would be forced to order an attack on the Olympic dormitories. It is a decision he is grateful he does not have to make.

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David has no time to round up help, and is forced to follow the Soldier on his own. The minute the mutual recognition occurs, he is committed, and runs forward without hesitation. The Soldier is well trained, and has no problem with killing in order to facilitate his escape, and David realizes that if he is killed there will be no help so he tries to think his way around the situation. He tries to gain the element of surprise by attacking first, but the Soldier gets the upper hand, and instead of just killing him as David thought he would, the Soldier takes him to see the Fuhrer. David has no choice but to agree.

Alix and seven others from the terrorist group take over a cafeteria of just under ninety people. She makes a short speech designed to partially explain and calm the group and then they are herded upstairs with Alix's promise that if they do as they are told, no one will be hurt. While the terrorist group claims to be acting in order to prevent another Holocaust, their behavior is distinctly Nazi like. Alix broadcasts her rehearsed speech, telling the world that this is being done to prevent Nazi tolerance. She asks her audience to consider the fact that those responsible for the atrocities of the past have not been brought to justice, and shares her fears that as a result, she believes it is possible that all of it could easily happen again. She shares her knowledge of Russian



concentration camps that imprison Jews present day, and sends out a call to all who care that something is done or consequences be faced.

David is taken by the Soldier to an Olympic village suite where he finds out that Benjamin Rabinowitz is not only still alive, but he is the Fuhrer, and the madman in charge of the horrific events going on. He realizes that Rabinowitz was the one responsible for the deaths of Elena and Nick, and that knowledge unravels all that he thought he knew. David asks what Dachau Two is all about, but before he can understand, Alix comes into the room and Benjamin leaves her to explain everything to him. Alix tells David how sorry she is that she didn't tell him sooner but cites her promise to Rabinowitz to keep their secret. Now, however, she fears that his focus is not accountability, but revenge and she wants David to leave.

The Russian Premier talks to the President, and asks his advice. The President has nothing to add that will help, and tells the Premier that his prayers are with them. After hanging up he realizes that there are few choices and that if he were making the decisions he would be forced to call an attack on the dormitories in the hopes that the terrorists would be killed. He is glad not to be the one having to make the decision.



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For one brief moment, Alix sees David in another time and place and realizes with suddenness that she does love him, but now it is all too late. She begins to try to explain the history of their families and their involvement in Dachau Two. She tells him that his grandparents and hers had contributed heavily financially since the early forties and fifties. The group had changed names a few times over the years, called DIN (Dahm Y'Israel Noheam) in the beginning, then the Council of Leaders or just the Council. There were many sub groups, and some of the more radical members had even supported plots to poison more than a million Germans at one time. Eventually, members were spread across the world, and while the exterminations of Jews were more subtle, it continued in many countries such as Brazil, Argentina, the United States and in Russia of course. One of the sub groups finally got out of control, she explained, but the most important thing to remember was that they were still just Jews trying to protect Jews. David broke into her explanation then, asking her how it was that even though he is a concerned Jew, Benjamin Rabinowitz ordered his grandmother and his brother killed and in the process, his wife is killed as well, and wanting her to explain that. Her reaction makes it obvious to David that she had no idea that any of that was true. It was then David's turn for explanations as he tells her about how his grandmother and Nick broke the code by trying to warn the government about Dachau Two, and for their perceived treachery were slaughtered. Alix realizes without doubt that revenge is the plan now, and always has been. When she and David were told that Nazis were getting old and probably had only one chance to establish a new Reich, she now understands with certainty that the Jewish survivors are also old, and that their taste for revenge is strong and their time is short. She begs David to leave, and he refuses.

A meeting is called at the Kremlin, and all diplomats and visiting VIP's are invited. General Yuri Iranov makes his way to the dais, and begins by explaining that they have been invited as a courtesy only. He continues then to lay out the plan of attack. Fifteen minutes before the first deadline a number of diversions are planned for the streets outside the hostage sections of the Olympic Village. The diversions are designed to draw as many of the terrorists as possible to the windows, where a team of snipers will carefully pick off as many as possible. After the snipers begin to fire, teams will strike at the entrances of the tunnel and at the rear. Since most of the hostages are kept elsewhere, he rationalizes that the casualties should be kept to a minimum. Harry Callaghan can no longer keep quiet and asks about their threat to kill the 682 athletes, but his question is ignored as the General leaves the dais calmly. Inside the Kremlin just before the diversions begin, the phone lines are busy as calls go out to Washington, Tel



Aviv, Munich, London, Cairo and Damascus, but Harry is already on his way back to the Village.

Alix and David head for the door, with Alix holding a gun on David. She tells him that she will speak to the guard, and when she does, David should use the advantage to hit him as hard as he can and disarm him. David looks around and recognizes many of the young athletes in the room, and whispering, tells Alix that if he blows it, she will have to shoot the guard without hesitation. As they reach him, Alix tells the guard that David is leaving, but David misses his cue and Medic who is the guard hits David hard in the stomach with the butt of his machine gun. It takes only a second for David to recover and he hits Marc Jacobson with the hardest punch he can muster, breaking his nose and knocking him to the floor unconscious.

Fifteen minutes before the first deadline, Ben Essmann hurries to begin Dachau Two on orders from Benjamin Rabinowitz. This time, even the Soldier is frightened. The Fuhrer wants revenge for the death camps, but the Soldier is unsure. Using only a penknife and a Phillips screwdriver, he makes the necessary adjustments to the innocuous looking black metal box that had been strategically placed under the stainless steel sinks. It was one of the generators designed by the Engineer, Gary Weinstein, and served only one purpose - to compound the microwaves in each of the kitchen ovens to such a degree that inside twelve minutes the hostages and terrorists alike would be either dead or dying. The Architect, Josef Servenko and four like minded Russian Jews had spent a great deal of time meticulously running tubing throughout nearly a third of the Olympic Village to carry the microwaves, creating the worlds largest and most deadly microwave ovens the world had ever seen.

As David and Alix hurry down to the fourth floor, they almost run into Malachi Ben-Eden. He is running in the opposite direction, attempting to warn the terrorists that an attack by the Russians is taking place. Without taking time to think, David kicked the Weapon's Expert as hard as he could and sent him tumbling down the stairwell. Just then, Anna Lascher steps out of the hallway and calling Alix a traitor, a single shot rings out. Alix fires her small Beretta, and hits her in the shoulder. She bends down and tells the Jewish girl that they are not traitors, telling her to think, and asking her if she really doesn't see what is truly going on.

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Alix tries to explain herself to David, and ends up finding out a terrible truth herself. After their conversation, she realizes that she has been a pawn all along, and that the true goal of Rabinowitz never was the demands they sent out, but extermination and retaliation in kind for the Holocaust. Horrified, she realizes the truth of her involvement, and together she and David try to get out. To do so means that she must now be willing to kill the people she has protected for so many years, and she does so now with little hesitation, realizing that the alternatives are too horrible to contemplate.



The Kremlin meeting is open to all of the diplomats and agents from the various countries, but merely as a courtesy. The Russian authorities are still stubbornly and steadfastly convinced that they have everything firmly in control. A plan is now in place to distract and then eliminate the terrorists, but having had little experience in these matters in the past, they are making critical mistakes. The largest mistake is their assumption that they know all of the details of Dachau Two. Sadly, they are truly underestimating the motives of the man in charge. The Fuhrer is not about to come to an agreement of any kind, even if the governments involved agree and comply to all of their demands.

Alix is determined now to help David escape, and to tell the Russians of the rest of the Dachau Two plan. They knock the Medic unconscious, and hurry down the stairs. Rabinowitz has already ordered the beginning of Dachau Two. The Soldier is in the kitchen, rigging the box that had been strategically placed in the Olympic Village earlier. This box, plumbed into over a third of the Olympic Village, will be the machine that converts deadly microwaves and sends them throughout the buildings. The Soldier is momentarily unsure of this plan, but still does not hesitate as he rigs the machine to begin. Alix and David head down the stairwell and run into the Weapon's Expert, and David reacts without thinking this time. With a kick, he sends the terrorist down the stairwell again, and as they continue down, Anna Lascher steps out. Seeing that she is helping David, the young girl believes Alix is a traitor. Alix is left with no choice but to shoot her or be shot herself. She wounds the young girl, and they leave her there.



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The Fuhrer sits contemplating all that he has accomplished, while Red Army soldiers assemble. Tanks rattle forward down the empty streets, giving a false sense of comfort to those who are watching from their hiding places. Helicopters are landing discretely on rooftops nearby and troops are ready to push through. Nearly a hundred sharpshooters lay quietly on rooftops, under jeeps and harmless looking vehicles, tensely waiting for the opportunity to fire. The networks film the great Russian war machines with enthusiasm while two limousines make their way through the tunnels under the Olympic Village. In no time, the rumors spread that it is a last minute effort by Brezhnev and Podgorny to meet with the terrorists and diffuse the situation. The rumor is made public by the many broadcasters almost instantly as they report that suddenly there is hope in Moscow. Rabinowitz looks down on Moscow square without seeing, his mind on the revenge that is finally his. Deep down he is convinced that his actions will prevent another terrible extermination one day. When the door to his suite is suddenly opened, he is taken by surprise, and David fires the machine gun after only the briefest of hesitations. This time, the Fuhrer is dead for sure, and David has avenged Elena.

The Russian army is in total confusion. Snipers still wait, but only two of the terrorists have shown themselves so far. The KGB's plan is looking less and less effective. The ground forces stand ready, but inactive, waiting for the signal that doesn't come and time ticks maddeningly on. At ten minutes before twelve, the scene lost all control. Snipers opened fire, killing the Medic, and the Housewife, and also killing an American assistant swimming coach accidentally. In the kitchen, Ben Essmann lies in a snipers' position waiting, and counting down. Two minutes later, he calls a mental blast off as the machines begin to work. He knows that he will also die, and become a martyr for the cause, and is sure he can almost feel his blood beginning to boil.

At first, there is only a terrifying hissing and buzzing that no one can identify, similar to the sound that transformer wires can make. One Russian scientist thought it originated on the second floor, but no one could identify the strange light they were seeing. All around the second floor, an eerie white light glowed, and within sixty seconds, that light had spread to the third floor. Gray smoke rose like steam although no flames could be seen. Young women began jumping from their dormitory windows as one famous announcer cried as he spoke the words, "Our Olympic women are dying. Oh my God." No one could believe what they were seeing. Fire pumpers began pumping foam high into the building to no avail.

Imagining that they will run into Essmann again at any moment, David and Alix are sure that they are going to die any moment, but continue forward anyway. They head to the



kitchen, and one more time, Alix tries to convince David to leave. He refuses, and crying, she follows him through the kitchen doors - neither willing to leave until they had done what they had to. They call out to Ben Essmann, trying to gauge where he is, but he doesn't respond. They try several tactics, none that work, until finally David calls him a Nazi. They can feel the tingling sensation and breathing is becoming more difficult as the microwaves compound. Finally, provoked, Essmann calls out in Hebrew to David, asking him about Auschwitz and Buchenwald and about the forty members of his family that died in the pens at Maidanek. Finally, knowing his position, David tells him he has something for him from Heather and Nick, and throwing Alix to the ground, he hurls a phosphorus grenade into the area Essmann's voice had come from. The grenade finds its target, and they quickly get up and begin turning off switches attempting to reverse what has been done. In the terrifying silence that follows, Alix cries, and asks David to hold her.

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His codename betraying his true madness, the Fuhrer sits and thinks about the mass extermination about to happen, and is actually pleased with his accomplishments. He is happily becoming one of the microwaved masses in the Olympic village, and a martyr for his cause. He believes that he is finally getting revenge, but his plan goes awry when David bursts into the room and kills him, getting just a little revenge of his own for the slaying of Elena, Nick and Heather.

The Russian army is in disarray. They wait at their posts, but when the terrorists don't respond as planned by going to the windows, they are uncertain what to do, so they do nothing. Having had little experience with terrorism, they are ill equipped to deal with an attack of this magnitude. The light spreads from the second to the third floor, and at this point, smoke can be seen and screaming heard. Hissing and buzzing accompany the strange light and nothing the Russians try is effective.

David and Alix work their way to the kitchen, shooting any opposition and finally find themselves closed in with Ben Essmann. They provoke him into disclosing his location and throw a grenade in to make sure that he never comes out. Then they turn off every dial they can find. Finally, the machine stops, and the damage is halted.



Epilogue

Epilogue Summary

In the final reports, twenty-four athletes, and twenty-nine Olympic security people and tourists died during the hostage taking. Thirteen hours of siege finally ended and all but two of the terrorists - the Dentist and the Architect were also found dead. Overall, no small thanks to David and Alix, the death toll was minimal. Luckily, in one of the dormitories, the Architect had refused to turn on the gas and kill the young athletes thereby saving their innocent lives. The worst tragedy was the twelve athletes that were killed from the West German team.

Alix and David disappeared from sight, escaping the Olympic village, and not seen since. Several photographers claimed off and on to have photos of them, but none was conclusive. The Fourth Commandment played to huge audiences across America, and was also set for release through South America and then Great Britain, Israel, France, Spain, the Netherlands and Japan.

Later that year, as the winter of 1980 arrived, a series of war criminals were 'brought to justice'. Despite agreements with the governments, SS General Richard Glucks, Dr. Ludwig Hahn, and Walter Rauff were tied up, and hung in the garden of the Rio hotel they luxuriated in just hours earlier. In other cities, similar scenes took place.

Epilogue Analysis

While the final solution known as Dachau Two was thwarted, and the loss of life was kept to a minimum, it did not mark the end of the secret group that created it. The group was much bigger than the sum of it's parts. Alix and David are not heard from, but others take over where they leave off, making sure that Nazi war criminals are brought to justice.



Characters

Dr. David Strauss

David Strauss is six-foot-one inch tall, with a thick head of curls. He practices medicine in an office located on the ground floor of his building, where he sees women for everything from pelvic exams to yeast infections. He is married to Heather, an ear, nose and throat specialist (and also David's best friend).

David has no idea of what kind of inner strength he possesses until after the deaths of his grandmother, his wife and brother. When those deaths occur, something changes in him. He finds himself unable to cope at first, under constant guard at Cherrywoods Mountain House, but slowly he needs to understand more. He begins to dig into the history of his brothers' film 'The Fourth Commandment' and in the process learns that the Nazi regime is alive and well. More than just alive, the resurgence of the Storm Troop is well organized and equally well funded. David falls further and further down the rabbit hole as he learns that his grandmother helped to fund the group that has now stepped so far out of their own bounds. The splinter group of radicals that becomes Dachau Two are responsible for the deaths of his family, and David feels himself drawn into the dark and frightening world of Nazi hunters. The rabbit hole is deeper than he realizes though, and even his childhood friend Alix is an unwitting pawn in the plan to kill as many as possible. The farther David digs, the more he learns until he finally understands that he knows little or nothing at all. When Alix chooses her part in Dachau Two over her feelings for him, David is again devastated. He goes back to the United States, only to be drawn back into the horror all over again.

Asked to help identify possible terrorists in Moscow, David realizes that he can't just quit. He needs to understand. He goes to Moscow with FBI agents, and feeling helpless, they are all told that they will not be part of the group used to thwart the Dachau Two plot. Struggling with the hostage taking that happens at the Olympic Village, David finds himself alone on a hillside when he spots the Soldier striding to the Olympic site. He runs after him, knowing that he has to do something, and very nearly becomes a victim himself. In a dramatic finish, David finds Alix and helps her to realize that she has been a pawn in a madman's plan. Together they manage to do what a country of agents and security personnel have been unable to, and then vanish.

Alix Rothschild

Formerly known as Alix Rothman, Alix was first recruited by Michael Ben-Iban and in the beginning her role was strictly as a money raiser amongst the wealthy. Both parents were killed, her mother at Dachau and her father at Buchenwald making her recruitment much less difficult.



She is a beautiful woman, with long dark hair and a model's body. She has long been part of this plan, although she knows little or nothing of its totality. Having known David since childhood, Alix feels comfortable with him, and finds herself returning to him in times of stress or pain. Events including the impromptu horn honking on Fifth Avenue, and the killing of the Strauss family members are enough to have her abandoning her career obligations and running to David again. They meet at Cherrywoods Mountain House, and Alix finds that David is even more of a friend than she remembers and she is unable to tear herself away. As her feelings for him grow, it is harder and harder for her to keep the secret she has been hiding. She is part of the group known as Dachau Two. In fact, Alix is an important part of the group, as she will be the face and voice of the demands when they are delivered.

Michael Ben-Iban has recruited her well though, and she betrays nothing, even sidestepping David and the FBI agents guarding them in order to meet with Ben-Iban and finalize their plans. The meeting at Kleine Garten is interrupted as the German police along with FBI and David Strauss surround the restaurant. They enter and a gunfight ensues killing agents as Ben-Iban and Alix run out the back entrance. Alix gets away but Ben-Iban is killed in a struggle with David. Alix, having reaffirmed her commitment to the cause, now heads to Russia where she will undergo the final preparations for Dachau Two. She helps to rewrite the complicated demands until they are perfect, and then sits quietly as her hair is cut short like a young boy's in order to help disguise her. It is a final gesture of sacrifice as now she looks exactly as her mother did right before her death at Dachau One. The similarities are frightening. The terrorists have one last meal together, Alix toasting their success and then, early the next day, they head for Moscow.

Alix reads the list of demands for the cameras once she is inside the Olympic Village. It is a list that demands the release of some prisoners, and the executions of other well placed Nazi war criminals, along with a demand for financial reparations made to Israel from the large companies that are Nazi owned and profited by. Once that is done, she finds herself in the same room as David once again, and she tries to apologize and explain at the same time, but David has a few explanations of his own. When Alix realizes that it was the very people she was helping that killed David's family, and that revenge was the order of the day, not the demands she had read to the media, she teams up with David in a last effort to stop the brutal Dachau Two plan from succeeding.

Harry Callaghan

Harry Callaghan is an FBI agent who has sacrificed his best years in the service of his country. Determined, and dedicated to his position, he has lost most everything else in life in order to be the best at his job. His wife Betsy had been a great sacrifice to the job, as had his son Martin who was now a senior at Pitt, but he had the satisfaction of being 'a good investigator' the director had told him. The director had correctly realized that this kind of praise would drive a man like Harry Callaghan harder and further than any amount of criticism would. Callaghan forces himself to stay focused on the job at hand, and consoles himself with the fact that there is something special about David and Alix.



There was something about the two of them together that made them worthy of front-page news from the start.

Harry Callaghan meets with James Bacon Burns just shortly before Burns is executed by the Weapons' Expert. He correctly surmises from the documents they review that the Storm Troop is actually an elaborate and very dangerous Jewish group of terrorists. Harry stays with David until the very end, as his bodyguard and as his friend. When David and Alix disappear, Harry is given a desk job at FBI headquarters, but he leaves his posting after less than six months to write his memoirs about the intelligence community.

Benjamin Rabinowitz - The Fuhrer

Benjamin Rabinowitz has been connected to a secret Jewish group formed after the Holocaust from its very onset. The purpose of this group was to ensure that another Holocaust never takes place, but over time, some of the members in his opinion underestimated the strength and abilities of the Fourth Reich. Those members became expendable, and the more radical subset grew in strength with Benjamin at the helm. Benjamin Rabinowitz is a ruthless Jew with little more than retaliation and retribution on his mind. He is the decision maker, and every bit as ruthless and cunning as the original Fuhrer - Hitler himself. His arms are skinny and he is not as young as he used to be, but while aging and not as able to draw a physical battle, he is full of hate for the German people and their history, and for any nation that supported or ignored the tragic history of the Holocaust. He is so wrapped up in his own rage that he convinces himself and others in his splintered group that the only way to prevent a recurrence of the Holocaust is to bring the events of that tragedy into the limelight again. His scheme is many layered, and as devious as the original Fuhrer planned. Taking control of the Olympic Village, and then exterminating hundreds of athletes will definitely send a message to all who survive, but the meaning of the message gets lost. He knows deep down that his plan will not be well accepted, which is why he doesn't tell many of his full agenda. The Warrior is given the benefit of full disclosure and when he objects, Benjamin Rabinowitz blows up his limousine as it leaves their meeting. A true Nazi to the core, he subscribes to their methods by eliminating any who might oppose him. The end result is that in an effort to prevent another horror like the Holocaust, Benjamin Rabinowitz has instead resurrected the nightmare himself. He is the Fuhrer. He is the nightmare. He has become the evil he fought for so many years.

A shy and skinny man, Rabinowitz is a postal worker who worked nights and weekends out of his studio apartment in New Jersey to uncover the fact that the US Immigration and Naturalization Service had been protecting Nazis for better than twenty five years. Under five-foot-five inches tall, he is an old man with yellow teeth and wrinkled cheeks, and a habit of saying 'Bullshit' every fourth or fifth word.

When leaving his first meeting with David, he sets up his own murder, making David think he is dead so that he is able to operate in anonymity. When David finally discovers



the truth of the entire plan, it is his gun that makes sure Rabinowitz does not come back to life again.

Michael Ben-Iban

He is man of many faces from the very first pages. Beginning with his relationship with Elena, he is one of the original surviving members of the Holocaust. As a premier Nazi hunter all his life, he is well known and though it is believed that his role is minimal at first, Ben-Iban is a cat with many lives. After Elena dies, Ben-Iban is inaccessible for quite a while, and despite their best efforts David and Alix are unable to set up a meeting with him. What David is unaware of is Alix's involvement, and how much deeper it runs. She has had contact with Ben-Iban, having known him many years already, and had been sworn to secrecy, so when she meets with Ben-Iban, she keeps it from David.

Michael Ben-Iban manages to convince Alix to swear allegiance to their cause again just before he is killed by David in a raid that is a combined effort of the German police and the FBI at Kleine Garten. Having lied to Alix about who was responsible for the deaths of David's family, he ensures her further support and secrecy and with renewed faith, she alone escapes the restaurant to continue with Dachau Two.

Colonel Ben Essmann - The Soldier (Soldat)

A decorated war hero in Israel, Benn Essmann joined the army just after finishing Jerusalem's Rechavia's High School at the age of seventeen. He was an agent for the Mossad for four years, and then left citing concerns he had about political intervention. He lost his father and sister in a bombing that was credited to the PLO, and at the Munich Olympics, two of his cousins were murdered.

Colonel Essmann is dedicated to the cause. He can be described as a highly skilled housebreaker as he prepares to enter the Strauss mansion to execute the first part of their plan, which is to eliminate Elena and her son Nick. He is prepared to kill and has many times in the name of Dachau two. First, he aids in the attack on the Strauss mansion, and then takes the life of the farm implements salesman who unwittingly watched their first rehearsal from high up on the Moyenne Corniche.

The Soldier is also part of the advance team that flies to Moscow to set up the weapons, accommodations, and disguises, and the only survivor when the plane that he, the Nurse, and the Teacher are in goes down. He then becomes the advance team on his own. He is the one that David recognizes heading into the Olympic village. It is because of Essmann that David meets the Fuhrer.



Elena Cohen Strauss

Eighty-two-year-old grandmother to David, Elena Strauss is well-loved by her family and friends. She is also one of the first members of the Jewish group of survivors that was formed after the Holocaust. She was one of two people contacted in the very beginning by Benjamin Rabinowitz (Michael Ben-Iban being the other) when the Fuhrer had made his decision that the time had come to act. Elena Strauss attending this small meeting, but after hearing the proposal as set out by Benjamin, she could hardly conceal her disappointment. Though it was largely her funds that supported the efforts of this group, she felt that this plan was a mistake. Sadly, she recalls how together they had already accomplished so much, having diligently hunted dangerous Nazis throughout the fifties and the sixties. Their pledge to each other had been to remember, and she did, but this time she believed that his assessments are wrong. Despite how dangerous they may be and may still become, she feels that they cannot stoop to the Nazi's level of retaliation. When she discloses her feelings, they are not well received and she is accused of having lived as a wealthy American woman for too long.

She turns them down. The money she gives them instead is a mere fraction of the funding they are seeking, and with that decision, she seals her fate. Knowing that she is likely to turn them in now, they can't risk exposure, and she becomes the next target.

General Yagaal Ben-Zurev - The Warrior

Killed by the Fuhrer when he opposed the 'Final Solution', he was the only one in the Storm Troop who realized that what they were doing was wrong. Despite his strong ties to the group, and his belief in the basic tenets that kept the group together for so many years, he was the last of the group to be approached by the Fuhrer. Suspecting that he would be reluctant, the Fuhrer had already planned for all outcomes, and when the Warrior tells the Fuhrer that he will have no choice but to fight his plan with all of his resources, the Fuhrer says his goodbyes, and watches as the limousine the Warrior is in blows up a block away. Despite his death, his niece Rachel Davidson's involvement does not end there. Code-named the Housewife, her part continues.

Marc Jacobson - The Weapons Expert (Waffen-Fachmann)

Marc Jacobson is the weapons expert. His involvement in Dachau Two begins early. He aids in the attack on the Strauss mansion, he breaks into JB Burn's office and kills him to retrieve paperwork containing intelligence about their group, but is about an hour too late.

He has the responsibility of attaining a large amount of small arms, rifles and plastic explosives. Together with Anna Lascher, code named the Medic, they walk hand-in-hand, behaving like loving tourists out on a holiday as they stroll through Moscow's



GUM department store near Red Square. They kiss intimately, and to anyone looking, they blended in perfectly. Marc Jacobson had no trouble disguising himself as a college brat on vacation or lovers on holidays.

Anna Lascher - The Medic

Anna Lascher is code-named the Medic. She plays the part of tourist with Marc Jacobson, blending into the environment easily and aiding in the purchase of small arms and munitions. Later, she aids in the seizing of the Olympic Village and helps to corral and guard the athletes they have taken hostage. When Alix and David run into Anna on the way down to turn off the generators, Anna calls Alix a traitor, and was raising her rifle to shoot Alix when Alix used her Baretta to shoot her in the shoulder. Alix tries to make her understand, and tells her to think about what is happening, but Anna has been well-trained. She was not one of the survivors of this vengeful plot.

Gary Weinstein - The Engineer

Nicknamed Einstein, he came to the group by way of the CIA from Harrisburg Pennsylvania, the Honeywell Corporation and the Virginia Institute of Technology. He was easily considered to be the most brilliant of the terrorist group, and also likely the most unstable. To perfect the electronics for Dachau Two, he spent two-and-a-half years working in a DC garage in Washington. He seldom got a chance to actually see his work, but Moscow was different. It made him feel a little bit like the hell raiser he used to be in his old hometown of Harrisburg.

Rachel Davidson - The Housewife (Hausfrau)

A society-type woman, she is a brunette or about thirty-eight or so, and is a New York City lawyer. One of the Storm Troop operators, she is also the niece of Israeli General Yagaal Ben-Zurev, and an orthodox Jew. A petite woman, she is pretty, and also a dedicated warrior.

Marina Shchelokov

A blonde, fifteen-year-old-girl who was the prizewinning athlete of the Societ Komsomol youth group. She is the one selected to run the final leg of the Olympic torch run. The petite teenager is also the first to be killed at the Moscow Olympics.

Otto Kaltenmaus

Supervisor of crematorium number 1 from Auschwitz since 1945 when HIAG smuggled it out of Germany, SS Captain Otto Kaltenmaus had been entrusted with this task from the beginning and was as reliable as ever. He lived for the opportunity to serve again,

and when the Fuhrer called on him to use his farm/land as place of demonstration, there was no question. For his loyalty, he was rewarded with death, broiled by microwaves with his chickens.



Objects/Places

Cherrywood Mountain House

Strauss family house/hotel is located halfway between Albany and New York City, northwest of Mohonk and Minnewaska by ten miles. Actually two hotels, each one either side of shale cliffs that were three hundred feet high and separated by a black lake. Cherrywoods Mountain House is a collective 550 rooms built over a period of sixty years time and using several conflicting styles of architecture. Known by the rich and famous alike for over two thousand acres of grounds that include forests, gardens, grape arbors and fruit orchards, the hotel is where the Strauss family is sequestered after the initial attack.

Kleine Garten (Little Garden)

The restaurant in Frankfurt is the meeting place for the Fuhrer and Michael Ben-Iban to discuss the necessity of the involvement of Alix Rothschild in their plan. Afterward, when the Fuhrer has gone, Alix arrives to meet with Ben-Iban. The meeting is brief and broken by gunfire from agents who surrounded the restaurant and by Ben-Iban who returns fire and is killed. Alix slips away in the confusion that follows after once again pledging her continuing support.

Crapbook

David's diary/journal, begun when he was an undergraduate at Princeton, and continued after the deaths of Elena, Nick and Heather. Full of anecdotes and sayings that appealed to him in his youth, it later contained clippings from the North Avenue Nazi attack, condolence messages, and other news stories that related to important Jewish people who had been killed recently.

Walkill Inn

The first meeting place of David and Benjamin Rabinowitz. Taking place at the request of Rabinowitz, David arrives with bodyguard/agents in tow and after having his mind opened to the many sides of Nazi history, witnesses what he believes to be the death of Rabinowitz in the parking lot.

Bucks County, Pennsylvania

Home of SS Captain Otto Kaltenmaus, also known as Sven Hetling, and site of the first and only test of the machine that would be responsible for the mass murders at Dachau



Two. The test is conducted on Otto Kaltenmaus himself, and his prizewinning hen house.

Las Flores, Brazil

Site of meeting place of Dr Ludwig Hahn, Walter Rauff, and Richard Glucks - all former SS or Gestapo. They are meeting to discuss the recent events that are occurring, including the broadcasting of old footage of Hitler on television, the deaths of the Strauss family members and the Storm Troop headlines. One thing they agree on. Whoever is responsible should be congratulated.

Menton, The French Riviera

The outskirts a few kilometers up the Riviera coast where a pink stucco villa is used as a practice ground for the Storm Troop. The commando-style attack planned for the Olympic Village is practiced and perfected here.

Rosecraft Gardens Inn

An elegant English style safe house located in Chelsea Square in London. It is the hotel that Alix and David stay while trying to meet with Michael Ben-Iban. With floor to ceiling windows, and a log burning fireplace, it has a high ceilinged lobby with a chandelier but is still somehow intimate as well.

Storm Troop

The name given to the group of terrorists that takes over the Olympic village in Moscow. Also the name of the German soldiers under the reign of Nazi leader Adolf Hitler.

Riga, Latvia

The city that Alix escapes to after nearly being caught with Michael Ben-Iban in Kleine Garten. She stays with the Russian writer Lev Ginzburg.

Fartsovshchiks

Russian black marketeers. They were responsible for enabling the Storm Troop to get uniforms of maintenance men and woman and security personnel so that they would have easy access to the Olympic village.

GUM

Russian department store that sells clothing and accessories. It is the site where Marc Jacobson and Anna Lascher meet their connections and exchange rubles for small arms, rifles and plastic explosives. A famous fountain of mahogany color is the center piece on the ground floor.

Banya

Russian steam bath.



Themes

Nazi vs Jewish Terrorists

The resurgence of something as monstrous as the Holocaust is difficult to imagine, but James Patterson brings the possibility into frightening focus. Easily blending reality with fiction, the story gives us a close up look at what is possible in a world that still has intolerance and a lack of understanding for the depth of horror and slaughter that occurred the first time around. Those who fail to remember history are doomed to repeat it, and the fourth Reich is a great example of that. The original war criminals, while at first suspected, have nothing to do with the events that are unfolding, although they meet to discuss it, and even applaud the current goings on. It is hard even for them to imagine who would be responsible at first, and it is no wonder that it takes the combined authorities some time to figure out who is at the helm of Dachau Two.

Early on, the deaths of the Strauss family are blamed on Nazi factions. Highly respected Jewish Nazi hunter Benjamin Rabinowitz convinces David that his family has somehow offended or frightened the Nazis and caused their own deaths, whereas in reality he was the one who ordered the deaths himself. As self-appointed Fuhrer, he is the most frightening terrorist of them all, and what he has told David is not far from the truth. As self-appointed Nazi, Elena frightened him and had to be eliminated to protect his master plan. He is a survivor, which only makes his actions less understandable. Seeking revenge, he employs many like-minded Jewish men and women to carry out a plot that will kill hundreds of innocent people, at the same time, condemning them to death as well as himself. While he feels justified, the Fuhrer knows deep down that the actions taken are beyond extreme and would not likely be accepted by the remainder of the group. He keeps them in the dark until the very end. Even the demands made are just a sham, and a way to gain time to carry out his real agenda. The Fuhrer has murder in mind. Having converted the air conditioning systems in the Olympic Village into huge microwave ovens, his intentions are to kill all of the hostages, and his Storm Troopers as well.

All the while, he has told few the real truth. Vengeance has been the agenda from the very start. Had he been honest about his intentions from the start, it is likely there would have been a larger revolt. As it was, Elena dropped out from the very beginning, followed closely by the Warrior, and at the end, even the Architect couldn't turn on the generator in his section. While the Fuhrer wanted revenge for the past, the remainder of the group would likely have been more content with the original plan of financing and hunting Nazi war criminals and bringing them to justice one way or another. Instead, with his deceit, he turned them into the very Nazis they pledged their lives to hunting and ridding the world of.



Conspiracy vs Complacency

The greatest conspiracy is the one that leaves everyone wondering if it ever existed at all. The survivors of Dachau, having hunted Nazi war criminals and brought them to justice in one form or another for decades, decide that what they are doing isn't enough. As they get older, time is running out, and bitterness from the past is overwhelming them. Before they even realize it themselves, they turn into the very monster that they were trying to protect the world from. To enlist others in a plot to kill hundreds of people is not far from the behavior of Hitler himself. In their attempts to eliminate the Nazi element from the world, they become the Nazis themselves, even taking on Nazi code names. To employ the very means that Hitler did, using ovens to kill great numbers of people, is a sad example of how the hunter can become the hunted. To catch evil, one must think evil, but not become evil in the process, which might be easier said than done.

The heroes of this story largely believe that their history is behind them. With a false sense of safety, home and health, they build new lives, but the underlying truth is that evil is everywhere and all it takes for evil to flourish is for good people to do nothing. This was a point made clearly in the first Nazi regime as so many German people simply claimed that they "didn't know" what was going on. The truth was more likely that they didn't want to believe that an evil that great could exist, so they closed their eyes to it. The survivors of Dachau are passionate about bringing those responsible to justice, and in that passion, one man finds the key to a much darker solution, almost managing to repeat the tragedies of the past.

Terrorism vs Counterterrorism

Despite representation from numerous governments, the Russian authorities decide to handle this terrorist attack themselves. They tell their visiting security personnel to enjoy the Olympics, convinced that they are in control, and even with the abundance of security both on and off the Olympic site, the terrorists have no trouble getting themselves and their arsenal of weapons in. Perhaps there would have been fewer deaths if all agents had participated. With little or no terrorism experience or exposure, the Russians prefer to act alone, citing their success with Napoleon and Hitler in the past. When the time came, however, to put their plan in motion, and the terrorists don't respond the way they are expected to and the Russian army is stymied, and uncertain as what to do next. Had a more experienced government been in charge, time might not have been wasted at this critical stage, and the outcome might have been different.

The visiting security could have been given more control over the response, but it is likely that a strike of major proportions would have been ordered under those circumstances, so as it turned out, it was better that the Russians hesitated when they did. Having had more experience with terrorism in general, the US might likely have wiped out the entire Olympic village in order to contain the terrorist attack and minimize



the amount of damage that might have been done. In that event, even more lives would likely have been lost.

Good vs Evil

The most basic of elements is the theme of good and evil and the ongoing battle over which one will triumph. In this novel, the good become the evil, for a good cause of course, and the truly evil element need do nothing to flourish but to sit by and watch. Survivors of the worst horror that history will remember come together to create and carry out another Holocaust. Citing the past, they step up one-by-one to do their part to recreate the horror they claim to be fighting against.

For decades, this group of survivors was content with hunting down and bringing to justice the war criminals of the past, but for at least one of them, it wasn't enough. Revenge was on his mind. While the rest of the group was kept in the dark, he planned and schemed with vengeance on his mind, not revealing the details of his plan until nearly the end, and even then to only a select few. Those that disagreed were eliminated, which should have been the first warning sign to the rest that all that was good in this plan had already left the rails. The killing began with the Strauss family. The death of Otto Kaltenmaus was another sign that good had gone evil. The need for secrecy made more and more deaths necessary. The Warrior, who voted against the plan, but who had supported the group from the beginning, was killed. Then JB Burns had to be taken out to keep the secrets of the group..., and still the killings continued. Before the plan had been put into place, an innocent salesman would die because he saw too much, and a fifteen-year-old Olympic torchbearer shot to confuse the issue and to ensure that the Russian government understood the seriousness of their demands. Despite best intentions, the truth comes out and when Alix discovers that the Fuhrer is responsible for the deaths of David's family, she realizes that his agenda is not to bring Nazi war criminals to justice, but to avenge the injustices of decades past, she understands finally that what they are doing is wrong. She helps David in a last attempt to save as many lives as possible.

Although the Fuhrer managed to keep secret the basis of his plan, cloaking it in demands that were meant to confuse and delay, those few that he chose to share the full details with even had doubts. The Architect didn't arm his generator at all, saving all of the athletes in his area, and most of the remaining members had expressed or felt doubt at one time or another throughout the execution of their plan.



Style

Point of View

See How They Run is told from the points of view of both of the main characters. Divided into two main sections, books one and two, the first book is told primarily from the perspective of David Strauss and the second book is primarily from the perspective of Alix Rothschild. The first section is a sheltered look at a Holocaust family. David has been given a very limited account of his grandmother's history, and has no knowledge of her current involvement or the group formed by the Holocaust survivors. He has grown up as an American with all of the privileges of wealth and education, while his grandmother and brother are deeply involved in the funding of the group that hunts Nazi war criminals. When Elena and Nick refuse to finance the plan called Dachau Two as they believe it goes against the very thing they are trying to accomplish, David finds himself thrown into the midst of a world he knows nothing of.

In Book Two, the point of view is told from the perspective of Alix Rothschild. She is a survivor, having lost both parents in Nazi Germany, and is easily drawn into the world of Nazi hunter Michael Ben-Iban. Their relationship is one of mutual trust going back years, and when he tells her that he needs her help, she is easily led. At first, like Elena and Nick, the help is mostly financing at first, but then her role grows as Ben-Iban asks her to commit herself more fully. He uses her fear of the past to ensure her secrecy even from David, and she very nearly loses her life with the choices she makes. Finally though, when given the whole story, she realizes that the Fuhrer is looking for revenge, and she realizes that she has to do something. She makes up her mind and helps David to get to the generators and turn them off. Somehow, in all the confusion afterward, they vanish.

Setting

Beginning in New York City, James Patterson takes his readers on a journey that crosses the continents. Evil is everywhere, from New York to Pennsylvania, to London, to Russia and then to Washington, the French Riviera and back to Russia again. Painting a picture that is as beautiful as it is frightening, James Patterson weaves a tale that begins in complacency and drags the reader through the wormhole into Nazi terrorism. With Dachau one as a backdrop, the author takes you back to the Holocaust in all its monstrosity, and then in a twist that seems impossible, the least likely to commit the same offense is making plans for revenge.

Language and Meaning

See How They Run is told entirely in modern English with several Jewish references, and an occasional German colloquialism. There are Russian familiarities added for color, but they are kept to a minimum and do nothing to detract the reader from the



story. In the beginning, it's interesting to note that David's wife Heather is treated coolly at first as she wasn't Jewish. She was a 'shiksa'. Later, the Jewish group is found to be as Nazi like in their behavior as Hitler ever was.

Structure

Written in seven parts, this novel is divided into two suspenseful 'books' that take the reader around the globe. Beginning in the United States, Book One is devoted to Dr. David Strauss. Part One takes the reader through the assassinations of the Strauss family members. It is a brutal wake up call, letting the reader in on the fact that there is no place that is truly safe. Not in the United States... not at home... and not even at a closely guarded event like the Academy Awards. It is an introduction to terrorism. Part Two has David and the remaining Strauss family sequestered at Cherrywoods Mountain House where he is slowly introduced to the world of Nazi's. Part Three brings David and Alix closer together, their bond deepening as they share in the tragic events of late. In the meantime, the Fuhrer and the Engineer conduct the first and only experiment of the new oven. Part Four takes the reader from the French Riviera where the terrorists practice their attack, to London where David and Alix try to connect with Michael Ben-Iban, and to Frankfurt where Alix meets Ben-Iban at Kleine Garten betraying David. Meanwhile, the terrorists lose their advance team on the way to Moscow, and the Soldier is left to fend for himself.

Book Two is Alix Rothschild in Russia, practicing her part in this terrorist plot. She will be the face of the demands. This section is almost entirely in Russia, and given from Alix's perspective. Giving the reader a glimpse into Russia today and the economic and political differences made obvious as they try to cope with the scope of this terrorist attack. From the terrorist takeover to the demands read, the pace is quick and eventful. In an unpredictable twist, the Fuhrer meets his end, and while loss of life is suffered, it is not the unprecedented disaster that might have been.



Quotes

"I have killed before... but never quite like this." Pg 27 Chp 4

The Housewife to herself, thinking about the upcoming attack on the Strauss mansion and the white phosphorous grenades in her pocket.

"The Fourth Commandment is a sane, surprisingly objective,... moving depiction of an intelligent, sophisticated and civilized country brought to lower depths than any other in modern history." Pg. 40 Chp 9

Los Angeles critic's comment said at the time of the Fourth Commandment's release.

"The Nazi's run dirty, Dr. Strauss. Remember that." Pg. 65 Chp 16

Harry Callaghan's comment to David after tripping him on their run, in hopes that he can convince him that he is not able to take on the Nazi's by himself and why.

"Like most men, I tell a hundred lies a day", is a collectible quote David had from his college days. It is one of the many earlier entries in his "Crapbook". Pg. 71, Chp 19

'...traveling under an armed bodyguard was like "being a little bait fish, with some other bait fish trying to protect you from mako sharks." Pg77 Chp 21

Spoken by Agent Hallahan to David meant to make light of the situation as they head for David's first meeting with Rabinowitz.

"...We mustn't limit our thinking to the old-time Nazis, David. Remember Franklin Roosevelt. Nazis take many odd shapes and forms today. As many shapes as evil itself." Pg. 83 Chp. 22

Spoken by Rabinowitz to David at their first meeting with the two agents present. An ironic comment coming from the man who set the terrible plan in motion.

"This little chicken house, ...it is something like the barracks that once stood at Auschwitz." Pg 111 Chp 30

From the Fuhrer to the Engineer as they sat on the hood of the Mercedes, watching the first experiment on Captain Kaltenmaus's chicken house.

"...an extraordinary commando attack has been authorized... on the Olympic Village." Pg 128 Chp 34

Spoken by the Soldier to the group of experts selected to carry out the Dachau Two plan.

"Do not forget, young people, the Fourth Reich will die, literally die, if the living Nazi's don't act very soon." Pg 141 Chp 38

Peter Ostraeur of Der Spiegel constructing his hypothesis that because of the fact that the Nazi's are getting older, they must be feared more than ever because they are running out of time to act, he tells David and Alix.



"It`s almost indistinguishable from the ordinary world now. One thousand by nineteen hundred eight feet of pure hell." Pg 151 Chp 41

Spoken by David to Alix as they visit Dachau One in Munich for the first time.

"Those who cannot remember are condemned to repeat it." Pg 154 Chp 41

Quote by George Santayana that is put up on the administration buildings at Dachau One.

"The Storm Troop is a very elaborately conceived, very dangerous Jewish terrorist group." Pg 161 Chp 43

Assessment made by Harry Callaghan after JB Burns gives him the latest of the agency's intelligence.

"...what a strange, wonderful pleasure there is sometimes... seeing exactly what one had expected." Pg. 193, Chp 52

Said by Colonel Essmann to the Architect and the Engineer in Moscow as answer to what he thought about Mother Russia.

"... Our security people are very confident about capturing this Dachau Two team before any harm is done. But that seems... an extremely dangerous attitude to me." Pg 229 Chp 61

Spoken by Valery Kupchuck to a meeting of representatives from the world's intelligence community gathered inside the Russian Olympic Security Headquarters.

"Please remember.... we are the people who stopped both Napoleon and Hitler." Pg. 231 Chp 62

Spoken by Colonel Alexander Belov of the KGB to the security meeting before the Olympics on July 17th.

"If you are frightened and very unsure of yourself,... then you are exactly the same as me." Pg 268 Chp 72

Spoken to Alix and meant as encouragement by the Fuhrer as they made their way into the Olympic Village.



Topics for Discussion

What was the reason for Rabinowitz keeping most of his plan secret? Why did he pretend to have himself killed? Why had David been allowed to survive?

Had the Warrior survived, would the outcome have been different? Knowing the man and the mindset he was dealing with, what could he have done to protect himself from this possible outcome?

What was Russia's biggest mistake in the handling of the terrorist attack and why? What could they have done to minimize the deaths and maintain control had David and Alix not succeeded?

What were some of the similarities between the original Fuhrer and the copy, and what were the main differences? What were the common mistakes made by both, and what changes would you make to the second Fuhrer's plan if you were him?

Would the Fuhrer have carried out his plan if no one had honked their horns on Fifth Avenue? Was that action a dry run to see what kind of support existed?

Discuss the alternative solution or ending that might have been if the Olympics had instead been held on American soil. Should the American government allow cooperative efforts from visiting security staff from other involved countries under similar circumstances? Could something like this happen here? Why or why not?

Why were code names from Nazi Germany used? What was their significance, if any? What other groups of terrorists could have been emulated to provide the same or similar impact on those involved, if any?

Had Alix confided in David from the beginning, with her limited knowledge of the situation, would the outcome have been any different? What was the turning point for Alix? What discovery led her to betray the cause and help David to disarm the generators?

What convinced David that he couldn't walk away from the whole situation, and let the authorities deal with things? What impact did his presence have on the final outcome, and how might things have changed had he decided not to return?

What steps can be taken by the governments involved to ensure that this kind of terrorism never happens? Discuss the underlying reasons why the "Fuhrer" made the leap from tracking and bringing war criminals to justice to vengeance and retaliation. How long had he planned this final solution?

Would this kind of terrorism be possible in the western world? Give reasons for your answer.



List the victims of the Fuhrer that were not at the Olympic Games and explain why they were chosen?

What clue does the Fuhrer give David at their first meeting as to his real identity? Is this intentional?