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## Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 4–8—Karl is a proud, patriotic 12-year-old boy living in Nazi Germany during World War II. He desires only to excel in the Deutsches Jungvolk and one day join the Hitler Youth. Karl is a dynamic character, whose mind gradually opens and opinions change through the course of the novel. A major catalyst for this change is the death of his father. Lisa, a new friend, and his own brother, Stefan, introduce him to a different way of thinking. This historical novel provides a vivid picture of what life was like for ordinary German citizens during this time period. Terrified that their own children who had been brainwashed by organizations like Deutsches Jungvolk, many adults lived in fear that the Hitler Youth would report them to the Gestapo if they did not demonstrate unwavering support to their Fuhrer. Additional themes include family, loyalty, friendship, and loss. VERDICT An exciting novel with compelling characters for those interested in historical fiction and Nazi Germany.—Tiffany Davis, Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY

Review

### Praise for *My Brother's Secret*:

"[P]atriotism, courage, and compassion are presented through believable characters, gripping suspense, and an unflinching look at the lengths some will go to in order to retain control. A heartfelt look at coming of age in a time of war." --*Kirkus Reviews*

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"It is breathtaking to see Smith open with a character who so clearly and yet innocently goes against the values of most readers, and the author handles Karl's growing realization of the truth beautifully. [T]his is clever, gripping storytelling--and the plot up to the climax is incredibly compelling[.]" --VOYA

### About the Author

Growing up, Dan Smith moved with his family through Africa, Asia, and South America. He now lives in Newcastle, England, with his wife and two children. He made his publishing debut with the novel *My Friend the Enemy*, released September 2014. Find out more about the author at [www.dansmithsbooks.com](http://www.dansmithsbooks.com).

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