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**A gripping novel of historical espionage, about an eleventh-hour attempt by members of the German elite to unseat Adolf Hitler, and its endlessly complex consequences.**

In late 1937, the young lieutenant Oskar Langweil is recruited to this cause while attending a party at the lavish home of a baroness. A high-ranking officer in Germany's counterintelligence agency brings Oskar into the fold because of their mutual involvement in a patriotic youth league, and soon dispatches him to Washington, D.C., on a perilous mission. Despite his best efforts, Oskar is compromised, and must immediately find a way to sneak back into Germany unnoticed.

A childhood friend introduces him to Lena, a Socialist and fellow expat, and they hatch a plan to have Oskar pose as her husband as they cross the Atlantic on a cruise ship filled with Nazis and fellow travelers. But bad luck follows them at every turn, and they find themselves messily entangled with the son of a U.S. Senator, a White Russian princess, a disgraced journalist, an aging brigadier, and a gay SS officer as the novel races toward an explosive conclusion.

## Cave Dwellers Details

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## From Reader Review Cave Dwellers for online ebook

### John Russell says

#### Interesting little pre-war tale

If you enjoy pre-WWII intrigue, this is an interesting light tale. I enjoyed the twists, but left a bit unsatisfied.

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### Bill Berger says

The Keystone Kops running loose in Nazi Germany. I can't understand why the lead spy didn't shoot his "wife" or the Senator's son somewhere around Chapter Three. Both were so ridiculous, bringing light on themselves at every turn. And schlepping a shot SS officer all around Germany made no sense whatsoever. I'm trying to finish this book but the next time someone again makes another boneheaded move, I'm done.

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### Lee says

Moderately good read. A bit confusing with regard to the many characters and time of settings. It is set in about 1938 and concerns the change that was gradually coming about in German politics leading up to WW2. Demonstrates the connection of Oskar, main character, to his love of country. and his empathetic connection to Germany's history.

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### Becky Motew says

3.5 stars

Well written and mostly easy to follow, though the spy arc is on the flimsy side.

What is Oskar's mission? Why does he come back to Germany from Washington DC? The book is so full of German patriots and good guys that it hardly seems possible they lost the war.

Compares to Philip Kerr's Bernie Gunther series, where detective Bernie hobnobs and kids around with Goebbels and the like. It never gives you that frisson of fear, though I did like learning about the Hoher Meissner, a mountain I would like to see.

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### Nissa says

Lots of action

Loved this book. The story kept me fully engrossed and I found myself not being able to read it fast enough. It kept you on the edge of your seat. Hard to put down, you want to see what happens next. Well worth the time. Highly recommended.

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### **Viva says**

2 stars = "it was ok" by GR's rating system. This is a neutral rating from me.

This was one of those books I had to force myself to read. I put it down at least a couple of times to try and read it again but in the end I just found it too long winded and wasn't interesting. Other people might have enjoyed it but not me.

I got this book as a free ARC.

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### **Bill Potter says**

An okay book which couldn't make up its mind whether it wanted to be a spy novel or a thriller.

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### **Florence Primrose says**

In 1937 Oskar Langweil, a loyal German, is recruited to go to Washington to tell the US what is happening and will happen. While in Washington his position is compromised and he must try to return to Germany. From that time there are problems as he travels with his supposed wife, a US senator and his son, Clair.

This is a suspenseful novel with strange daring alliances.

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### **Carl Williams says**

I received a copy of this book free, through Goodreads Giveaways.

Part political intrigue, part run-and-hide thriller, this novel is set just before the second world war and revolves mostly around military stratagem in a maybe attempt to overthrow Hitler. Fairly stock characters, and—to my personal distaste—it sidesteps the major moral dilemma of the era and Germans' action, and lack of action around it.

If you're a fan of espionage novels, or of the kind of clear cut 'good guys flee the bad guys until they catch them' novels, you'll enjoy reading this in an airport or on the beach.

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### **Lynn says**

Enter the world of German espionage when WWII was in the planning stages. There are plans and counter-plans and plans discarded and plans brought to fruition, plans executed by the most unreliable and

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unbelievable characters who succeed in spite of themselves.

A delight from start to finish. Proving, once again, that the most inept of us can make a difference.

I read this most enjoyable thriller courtesy of Knopf and Edelweiss. Pub date 04/11/17

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### **Garryvivianne says**

An exciting thriller based in Germany when Hitler came into power. Where there were groups of people that opposed him, but of course it was all so dangerous to have those kinds of talks. Who knows who is just there to spy? They would meet in the home of an old Baroness, and this is where Oskar Langwell is recruited into their fold & is sent on a mission to Washington. After his assignment is compromised, he needs to find a way to sneak back into Germany. This is all done with the help of a woman named Lena. He pretends to be her husband & they are on a ship going back to Germany on a ship full of Nazi's & other travelers. One of these travelers is a young senator's son, who becomes quite the character in this book. Oskar & Lena become stuck with the young man & his "guardian", an SS officer. There are other exciting characters in this great story. Exciting to the end!

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### **Linden says**

Pre-WWII espionage story set in Germany.

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### **Kathy says**

Not my kind of espionage, but glad to see other readers appreciated it. I did not find any reviews mentioning the comic handling of serious SS/Nazi schemes relative to the safety of key individuals in what seemed to me a deftly choreographed sophisticated farce. So I got it all wrong? I could not take any of it seriously.

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### **Geoff Clarke says**

[an accidental kidnapping turned

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