

## *Over The Rainbow Book Blog*

*The Night Of Shooting Stars* is a gripping, atmospheric read about what could have been an important turning point in the war if it had succeeded!

The author does a great job of setting the scene in this book and I liked learning more about Berlin at this stage in the war. The little details like the descriptions of bombed out buildings, the war weary citizens and how glow in the dark paint was put on the pavements, helped me imagine the scenes vividly, like I was there watching everything unfold in front of me.

Martin was an interesting main character, who I took a little while to warm to. He's a bit of an anti hero because of what he's done in the war so far, however as we get to know him I started to feel a lot of sympathy with him and found myself hoping he would be successful; even though I knew he couldn't be. The reader is given access to his innermost thoughts and feelings through diary extracts which make for intriguing reading. They definitely helped me to understand more about him and the type of person he is.

Project Valkerie is an event that I have heard mentioned but didn't really know a lot about. I therefore found it very interesting to learn more about it, particularly the origins of the idea. The tension is slowly increased throughout the book and the suspicious atmosphere between the characters often meant I was never sure who was definitely on which side or if they were there to report on what Martin was up to.

Overall I really enjoyed this book and look forward to reading more of the series soon. I think this book can easily be read as a standalone, like I have as everything that you need to know is explained. I'll definitely be recommending this book to anyone who likes historical fiction.

