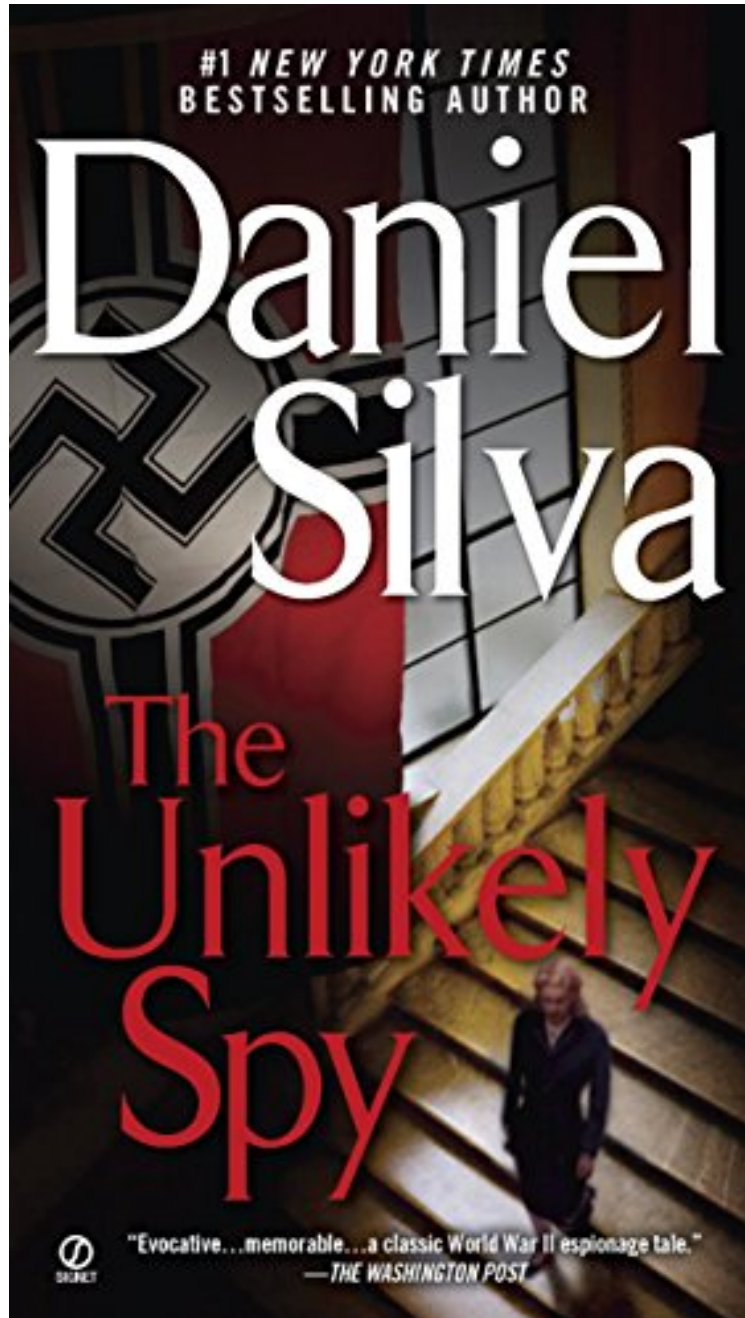


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**Von Daniel Silva : The Unlikely Spy** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Unlikely Spy:

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TediousVon Magdalena PerryThis is a tedious, long drawn out book about a very old theme. Many times I thought to put the book away, not to finish it, but thought it might get deeper into the character of Catherine Blake. She could be great (though utterly ruthless) but her character could have been taken much further in this book. Instead, it concentrates too much on the rather stuffy Vicray who becomes progressively more tedious. All in all I don't consider this a very good book and it should in no way be compared to "Fatherland" as suggested on the jacket, since that story is truly fascinating. The Unlikely Spy is a repetition of a theme so old and repetitious that it really wasn't worth the time.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A definite fast-pace page turnerVon Chum ChancharadethI am not going to talk about how it got 4 stars. Instead, I am going to briefly describe why it missed 1. Silva introduced many characters into the book, and that's okay as long as he pays attention into giving them a life from the start until the end. It is very understandable that Silva wants this war thriller to evolve around different groups of people. A team would accomplish something. One man or woman would not. Since the beginning of the book (as well as the short summary on the back of the book), every reader would get the impression that Catherine Blake was bound to be a very important character, and indeed, she was. Silva talked a lot about her and went deep into personal life. He let her stand out among all the others. Yet, at the end, when the action is fast and furious--Warning: Plot Spoil--she was ended in a sentence. She was gone right an instance and the story just moved forward as if she was no one. One might say that I am too emotionally involved, but I think that she deserved respect from the book, the readers, and as well, the author himself. If she was to disappear fast, she should have come fast, too, not slowly like picture being painted. I would say the same for Neumann but Silva was lucky not to mention him much except necessary. On the contrary of all that, Alfred Vicary, possibly the most important character of all, didn't get his fair share of the page. He should be the one the that reader would always remember. He should be the one to stand out and get mentioned every time the title comes up in a conversation. Yet, I still believe that any readers of this book would pretty much remember Catherine Blake. Silva should have made up his mind what to focus on, the character, the characters, or the actual spying world? The only problem with The Unlikely Spy is that, it has too many sub plots. At one time, we are asked to endure the romance between Peter Jordan and Catherine Blake as though it would lead to something special. The sweet talk. The committment they made to each other. The passionate "love". Author spent a lot of time setting up the meeting but to diminish it into the air when Blake was discovered to be a spy. It's like nothing matters between them anymore. At another time, we are asked to patiently follow into the world of spying and deception where every character's not as he or she appeared to be. It's fun. It's interesting. But it would be much better if it's continuous instead of cut off as segments only to be reconnect after 20 pages in between. Well, that's enough said about the book. The reason why it got 4 stars need not be mentioned. Over all, this book is impressive. Silva did a good job at fact-findings. Everything is painted into the picture, piece by piece. It's like feeding a spoonfull of food to a baby. I rather enjoy it. It's no fun that everything is revealed in the first half. Silva, although didn't mentioned much clues in the first half, was still able to keep me turning the page under the dim bed lamp 3 in the morning. He has a good beginning. I hope that he has what it takes to stay.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Well-written but flawedVon FrankThis is a well-written spy novel concerning the Allied turning of Axis agents in England, and the deception about where the D-Day forces would land. It does well at portraying daily life in wartime London, and some of the characters have depth and complexity. Yet all this effort at realism and character development falls short. Many people who read this book KNOW the true story of how the Allies turned the German agents in England, and the various complex and ingenious methods which deceived Germany about the planned landing point of D-Day. And such readers KNOW that the British would not be so dumb and reckless with thousands of lives, as to give the Germans information pointing to Normandy, merely because that information MIGHT cause dissension among German intelligence analysts which MIGHT benefit the Allies. Nor would the type of risky and pointless manipulation WITHIN the British MI5, which is part of the book's plot, be engineered by MI5, just because it MIGHT make fake information received by the Germans look more authentic -- just as it might allow the Germans to get the true information and cause D-Day to fail. There are so many plot lines, with equal drama and tension, that could have been developed within the framework of known facts, that it seems silly for an author to go so far outside the known facts.

Kurzbeschreibung#1 New York Times bestselling author Daniel Silva's celebrated debut novel, *The Unlikely Spy*, is A ROLLER-COASTER WORLD WAR II ADVENTURE that conjures up memories of the best of Ken Follett and Frederick Forsyth (*The Orlando Sentinel*). In wartime, Winston Churchill wrote, truth is so precious that she should always be attended by a bodyguard of lies. For Britains counterintelligence operations, this meant finding the unlikeliest agent imaginable a history professor named Alfred Vicary, handpicked by Churchill himself to expose a highly dangerous, but unknown, traitor. The Nazis, however, have also chosen an unlikely agent. Catherine Blake is the beautiful widow of a war hero, a hospital volunteer and a Nazi spy under direct orders from Hitler: uncover the Allied plans for D-Day...From the Paperback edition..deIn this debut novel, veteran journalist Silva mines the reliable

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