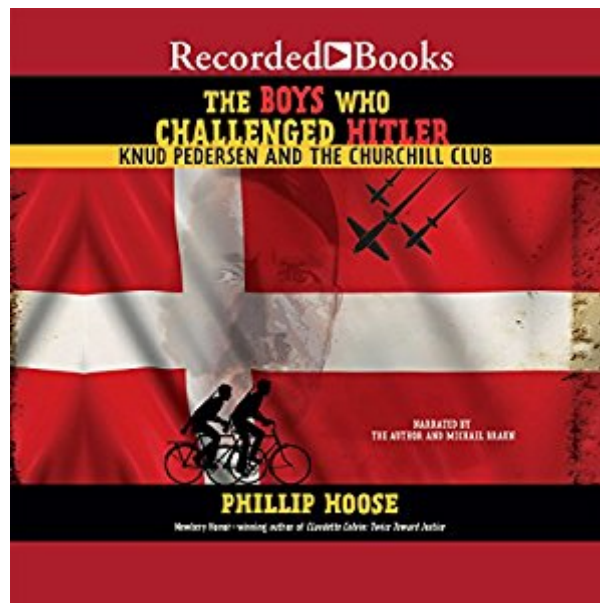




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# The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen And The Churchill Club



## Synopsis

At the outset of World War II, Denmark did not resist German occupation. Deeply ashamed of his nation's leaders, 15-year-old Knud Pedersen resolved with his brother and a handful of schoolmates to take action against the Nazis if the adults would not. Naming their secret club after the fiery British leader, the young patriots in the Churchill Club committed countless acts of sabotage, infuriating the Germans, who eventually had the boys tracked down and arrested. But their efforts were not in vain: The boys' exploits and eventual imprisonment helped spark a full-blown Danish resistance. Interweaving his own narrative with the recollections of Knud himself, here is Phil Hoose's inspiring story of these young war heroes.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Didn't feel over-embellished or hyperbolic. I would've liked a bit more context for how the club was perceived by outsiders during and after the war. Are they given historical credit for being one of the sparks that lit the resistance? Would love a bit more historical context. But it was a good book.

This was an interesting nonfiction book about a group of teenagers who refused to cave in to the Nazis during their occupation of Denmark. Led by Knud Peterson and his small group of friends, they harassed the German troops until they were finally jailed. Being jailed, however, helped the Danes to begin to resist the occupation in small annoying ways. These boys who suffered a great deal became heroes. This was a book written for young readers, as a retired English teacher I do not think many young readers would get this book. It appeals to adults more.

The story is amazing- the bravery of these boys was astonishing. I just wish the writing had been better. The structure of the book was annoying and it seemed to gloss over so many of what seemed to be the most compelling parts of the story. The story of these young men deserved a better written account.

My son wanted this book for school next year. He enjoyed it so much he was able to read quickly.

Another little known story of standing up for right in the midst of Nazi tyranny. The teenagers feats became the impetus to Danish resistance. Reminds me of part of the Cadets' Prayer at West Point, which goes something like this: Help me, O God, to chose the harder right instead of the easier wrong....This should be on a young teenager's reading list.

Gave as a gift. This is a really good book, and I couldn't be more pleased.

bought it for a middle schooler, but ended up reading it myself first. it was really good... I'd think it would be best for a middle schooler who likes reading, or a high schooler.

My 13 yr old son loved this book and finished it in a few days.

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