

**Title:** *Bluebird*  
**Author:** Sharon Cameron  
**Genre:** Fiction

**Reviewer Name and Grade:** Dasun A., 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

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Summary of the book:

Sharon Cameron's "Bluebird" is a delightful book about a teen girl named Eva Gerst. The story takes place in New York City around the end months of World War II. Eva is a German refugee, who escapes to America with her friend Brigit. They are welcomed to the American Friends Service Committee with open hands. Before I continue with the summary, it is important to mention that Eva's father is a celebrated Nazi doctor who performed experiments for mind control at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. The experiments were often cruel, and Eva's father didn't care if the subject died or lived. Not only this, but he apparently was getting somewhat successful enough to gather attention from the Americans and the Soviets. Eva decided to make a deal with the American Government to surrender her father. Even though they say that they will capture her father so he can continue to develop mind control, under their supervision, her personal request is to kill him. So she sets out on a journey to go find her father, and kill him. In the story she takes a young Jewish boy called Jake, who was assigned to help her settle in New York City, and they bond along the way. Throughout the story, the main character focus is switched around, the other character that this is switched to is named Inge. Living in Germany post war. It gives an interesting view to what it was like for the opposing side of history, the side that lost. Another interesting thing about the story is that it gives a taste in what times were like at the time, with Nazi propaganda, living in fear, and just dark times. Overall, this book is very good. Not only that, but it showed about a horrible Nazi experiment that actually happened.

*Did the plot (for fiction) or presentation of information (for nonfiction) keep you interested?*

Yes, the plot kept me interested in reading the whole book.

*Was the pace of the book too fast, too slow, or just right?*

I think this book is at the right pace. It was not too fast or too slow for me. Everything was clearly explained and the story has a nice flow.

*What grade level(s) is this book appropriate for?*

This book is appropriate for 7 grade and up. I think it will be a good book for both teenagers and adults.

*What type of reader would you recommend this book to?*

This book is recommended for readers who like to read thriller stories and historically accurate stories.

*What other information do you think would be helpful for teens to know about this book?*

This is a very nicely written informative book. It is also clearly showing the unfortunate ways adults use to brainwash children's minds to hate Jews. If you read the chapter four you will find the following paragraph that will prove you

"When Papa is away, Mama plays records of the Fuhrer's speeches, ... Jews, the Fuhrer says, are not like Germans. They do not understand authority. They are natural criminals. Pickpockets and drug dealers and bank crooks. A virus infecting the people of Germany."

These are good examples for us to learn what was the beginning of most of these unfortunate incidents like wars. We should respect people like Eva for understanding the truth even though she was brought up in these environments.

*5 stars: I'm really glad I read this book; it was awesome!*

The story is about a young girl named "Eva" who wants to bring justice to the World War II victims. She wants to murder her own father who was a Nazi doctor. This book described a lot of true stories that happened during World War II. This is a fictionalized story based on true stories. This book is well written and it is very interesting therefore, I want to give 5 stars for the book.