ORPHAN MONSTER SPY
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“Deeply disturbing and chillingly good.”
Elizabeth Wein, New York Times bestselling author of Code Name Verity

Get ready to discover the female agent who puts Bond and Bourne in the shade.


Fans of Code Name Verity and The Book Thief will be swept up in this utterly addictive, heart-stopping thriller from a serious new talent. Set in the pressure-cooker atmosphere of Nazi Germany in the late 1930s, Orphan Monster Spy follows a young Jew, Sarah, as she is recruited into a perilous resistance mission in the aftermath of her mother’s brutal murder.

Sarah has played many roles: dutiful daughter, talented gymnast, persecuted Jew, lost orphan. But now she faces her most challenging role of all; now she must become the very thing she hates. Aided by her British handler, Sarah must infiltrate the Bund Deutscher Mädel and win a place at Rothenstadt, a prestigious finishing school for the daughters of the Aryan master race in Nazi Germany. There she must befriend the daughter of a top nuclear scientist by becoming a monster like them. A monster who can destroy them all.

The Nazis think she is just a little girl. But she is the weapon they never saw coming.

Preparations.
A powerful light shone in her face and it stung her eyes. She covered them, but flashes of red still danced in the darkness of her fingers.
“What is your name?” The voice dripped with menace.
“What...” she mumbled, disorientated.
“Your name,” screamed the intruder.
The light went out and before she could open her eyes again, the door closed, leaving her alone in the darkness.

Matt Killen combines the tension of The Handmaid’s Tale and the adrenalin-fuelled action of Bourne with a timely, unflinching reminder of the horrors of war.

About the author: Matt Killen was born in Birmingham, UK in the 1970s. After careers in advertising and journalism he took a course in Creative Writing at Manchester Metropolitan University and began Orphan Monster Spy, inspired, in part, by the young, female SOE agents of WW2. He now writes full time. This is his first novel. Location: Surrey, UK.

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