

“The Sniper”

The sniper was a very engaging story. The story is from the point of view of a 16 year old girl whose name in the story is Tania. “The Sniper” is based on a true story from the point of view from a real woman sniper from World War 2. The sniper starts out with a snapshot of Tania as a professional sniper shooting generals. But then takes us back to before when Tania was still in school. In school the 15 and 16s year olds are told to put sand bags around the petrol tanks. After working for a day doing back breaking work under the sun the German planes bomb all their work burying them in sand and nearly killing Tania’s friend Nina. Later the 15 and 16 year olds are drafted into the military and Tania is chosen for the anti-aircraft unit. There she shoots down 9 German planes before fainting. Tania then is assigned to travel to her father across the river to give his unit information and there she is selected to be part of the sniper unit. After training she is sent with her new friends to the actual fighting in Stalingrad where she kills her first German and is eventually tossed into the freezing river. She is saved by her friend from the water but then has to travel through poisonous fumes in the sewers. They walk through the sewers until they reach the German part of town where they are saved by one of Tania’s old friends. It is then she hears about a child hanging and when she goes to watch she finds out it is her brother who is being hung. Heart broken she vows to kill as many Germans as she can. Her anger leads her to make a huge mistake that causes her to be responsible for the deaths and injuries of her friends. For the next while Tania is wracked with guilt until the inspiring words of her teacher console her enough to make her functional again. Her guilt lightened she is assigned a secret mission which could have been one of the turning points in world war 2.

I really liked the Sniper, it was well written and it kept me on the edge of my seat the whole time wondering what would come next. Out of ten I would give this book a 9 because although it was good I have read better books. But overall Christian, congrats on picking a really good book.