

# LORGNETTE

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## Book Review: COLD FRONT

As World War II begins, 17-year-old Bucky Barnes is determined to join the United States Army even though his guardian is dead set against it. His fortitude and determination eventually snag him an offer to join the British Secret Service, and he jumps at the chance. Not long after arriving in London, Bucky finds himself being relentlessly pursued by an unknown assassin. He then crosses paths with Imogen, a young chess champion who is more than meets the eye. Will she join him, go against him, or do something else entirely?

The author jumps between 1941, when a young Bucky is just starting out in the Service, to 1954, when a seasoned Bucky is dealing with the pitfalls of being in the Service for so long. These time changes are handled smoothly by the author and aptly demonstrate the brutality, the brainwashing, and the flashes of remembering and forgetting that Bucky endures. Fast-moving and packed with action, this novel is a good read.



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