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Kirkus Reviews Best Books of 2013
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Publishers Weekly Best Children's Books of 2013
The Children's Book Review Best Young Adult Novels of 2013
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2013 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults Top Ten

2013 Edgar Award Winner

New York Times best seller

New York Times Book Review Notable Children's Book of 2012

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School Library Journal's Best Books of the Year 2012

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About the Author

Elizabeth Wein was born in New York City, grew up abroad, and currently lives in Scotland with her husband and two children. She is an avid flyer of small planes, and holds a PhD in folklore from the University of Pennsylvania. Elizabeth is the author of *Code Name Verity*, winner of the Edgar Award in the Young Adult category and a Printz Medal Honor Book; *Rose Under Fire*, winner of the Schneider Family Book Award; and *Black Dove, White Raven*, winner of the Children's Africana Book Award. Visit her online at www.elizabethwein.com.

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