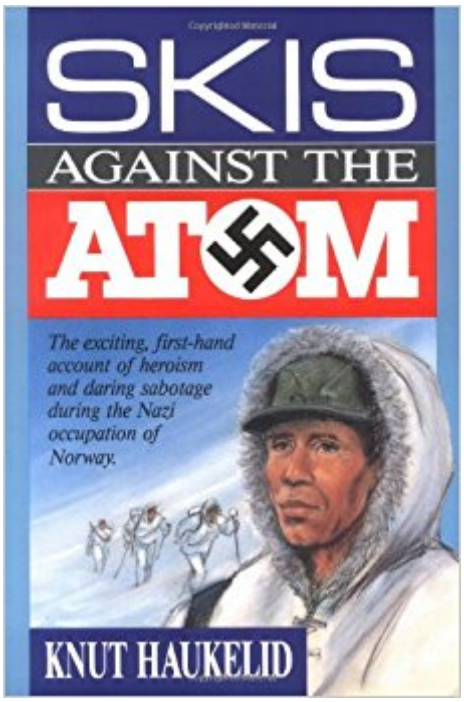
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Synopsis

The exciting, first-hand account of heroism and daring sabotage during the Nazi occupation of Norway. The outcome of World War II could very possibly have been much different if Knut Haukelid and his small, but courageous band of Norwegian soldiers had not been successful in sabotaging the Nazis supply of heavy water. The heavy water produced at a facility in occupied Norway was vital to Hitlers race with the United States to develop the atomic bomb. Knut Haukelids Skis Against The Atom gives the reader an intimate account of the valiant and self-sacrificing service that the not-to-be-subdued Norwegians performed for the whole free world.

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Mr. Haukelid was born in New York on May 17, 1911, to Norwegian parents and returned to Norway when he was two years old. He studied in the United States from 1927 to 1931, part of the time at the University of Massachusetts, and in Germany at Berlin University in 1937. After Germany invaded Norway, he joined the military and became one of Norways most decorated soldiers. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1973. During the height of World War II, Haukelid and eight other Norwegian commandos parachuted into the mountains on what seemed a suicide mission, to destroy a heavy water plant near Rjukan in Telemark, Norway. The raid inspired several books and movies, including the 1948 Hollywood film Heroes of Telemark, which starred Kirk Douglas.

This is the REAL story of the heroes of Telemark - told without romance but showing the very strong love that Knut Haugelid had for his country. I was born and brought up in Norway and my father Sven was a friend of Knut's - I have a photo of them fishing together so I understand the deep love that the author has for the mountains and the snow. My father was also in the resistance as were his four siblings. His brother Iacob was head of Intelligence of Milorg until his arrest in 1942 when he was held at Grini and tortured before being executed.Its the most extraordinary story, told simply but well. It never pretends to be a literary work but an honest record of one of the most daring and courageous acts of espionage that was carried out by very few men against the might of the Germans during the occupation of Norway from 1940-1945. If the Germans had managed to get the heavy water to Germany, London would have capitulated and the outcome of the war would have been very different.We owe our way of life and our freedoms to men like this and it is something we should never forget.

Back in the 50ies, and as a 12 year old, I met and heard one of the heroes telling the story. Our group where then right above the ravine where these brave men climbed down and then up on the other side to stop Hitler from making the Atom bomb! It is an outstanding story, and well worth to visit the Rjukan area in Norway.

A must read!, esp. For those wanting a true account of how the Germans were delayed in making the atomic bomb. These Norwegians were true heroes, giving up all they had for the goal at hand. They risked their lives and faced physical hardship, hunger, in order to stop the Germans.There is too much to tell, but it should be included in every school's history lesson. How many have no idea that these heroes even existed?

Incredible true story, told first-hand, of the raids on Telemark and the subsequent destruction of the heavy water that the Nazi's were hoping to use in their quest for nuclear dominance. Written originally in Norwegian by Knut Haukelid (one of the saboteurs responsible for destroying the Nazi's supply), due to the translation, this story is sometimes hard to understand exactly what is going on, but if you apply yourself you won't regret it! A worthy read for sure! I thoroughly enjoyed it.

I am truthfully biased in my review of Colonel Haukelid's written true heroism. I had the honor of conducting joint services (U S Army and Norway's Home Guard) exchange training with Knut in Norway in 1967-68. Skis Against The Atom is, and will remain, a treasure of non-fiction history.

An amazing insider’s view of the Norwegian Resistance during World War II and the critical (and mostly unacknowledged) actions they provided in delaying the Germans from developing a nuclear weapon. The author and his fellow freedom fighters survived almost unthinkable hardships and we are are beneficiaries of their sacrifices.

Excellent account written by the man who was in charge of sabotaging the Nazi’s attempt to acquire enough "heavy water" to create an atomic bomb. It also is the story of the earnest souls who were the resistance in Norway during World War II. What they went through in order to endure the frigid winters was terrible as they waited to participate in any action. It made me cold just to read about it!

A very good true story about heroes of second world war. A few people dared to stand up to the Nazis and save humanity by preventing the Nazis from eventually acquiring the atom bomb. A thrilling story which I couldn’t stop reading until I finished the whole book in almost a day.

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