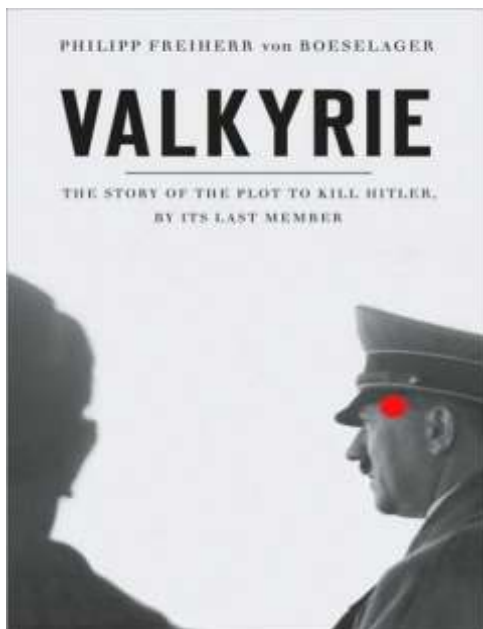


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Philipp Freiherr von Boeselager was born in Bonn, Germany. He enlisted in the German army in 1938, and was assigned to a cavalry regiment. He became a commanding lieutenant, only to join the German Resistance in 1941. His participation in Valkyrie, the failed conspiracy to assassinate Adolf Hitler, went undetected, and he lived to be the last surviving member of the plot. Boeselager died on May 1, 2008.

Florence Fehrenbach is the granddaughter of Karl von Wendt, a co-conspirator and close friend of Philipp von Boeselager. She and her husband, Jérôme Fehrenbach, convinced Boeselager to recount his experience in the failed attempt to assassinate Hitler.

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