

SEEING THROUGH CLOUDS

THE STORY OF AN AIRSHIP APPRENTICE by Paul Lagasse

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Seeing Through Clouds Author Signing at High Grounds Espresso and Books

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Baltimore author Paul Lagasse will be signing copies of his young-adult novel *Seeing Through Clouds* at High Grounds Espresso and Books on Saturday, December 16 from 2 to 4 pm. The signing, his first solo event, caps a season of book festivals, readings, and school events.

“When I published *Seeing Through Clouds*, I knew I wanted my first signing to be at High Grounds,” Lagasse says. “The owner, Bruce Lindstrom, supported and encouraged me throughout the process of publishing the book.” The book is in stock at High Grounds.

“When I was taking a writing class last winter at the Creative Alliance across the street, I used to drop by for a pre-class hot chocolate,” remembers Lagasse. “It was a tradition.”

Lagasse is an award-winning freelance writer whose articles have appeared in local, regional, and national periodicals and on the Web. He and his wife Mary Jo moved to Canton four years ago from Silver Spring. *Seeing Through Clouds* is his first novel.

Seeing Through Clouds is a 39,000-word young-adult historical novel set in the late 1930s in Nazi Germany. The story follows the protagonist, sixteen-year-old Erich Lindemann, as he matures from a shy, independent bookworm to a confident apprentice and finally, at age eighteen, to a full-fledged mechanic on the last of the great Zeppelin airships. Along the way, as the Nazis gradually insinuate themselves into the crew and begin to turn friends against each other, Erich’s attitude toward the Nazis changes from one of mere annoyance to one of active opposition.

With characters who react to the horrors of Nazi oppression in realistic ways – some who look away, others who shrug with indifference, and a courageous few who dare to speak up for what’s right – *Seeing Through Clouds* is a timely reminder that the challenge of living a moral life in uncertain times can either break your spirit, or make you a hero.

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