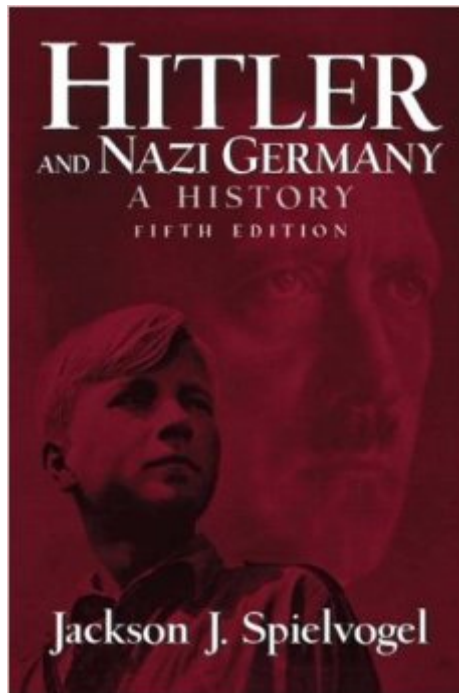




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# Hitler And Nazi Germany



## Synopsis

A brief, yet comprehensive survey of the Third Reich based on current research findings and written for general readers who want a deeper view of this period in German history. Provides a balanced approach in examining Hitler's role in the history of the Third Reich. KEY TOPICS: Coverage ranges from the economic, social, and political forces that made possible the rise and growth of Nazism as well as the institutional, cultural, and social life of the Third Reich, the Second World War, and the Holocaust. Traces the rise of Hitler and the growth of the Nazi party in the context of the political, economic, and social problems of Weimar Germany. Presents Hitler from the perspective of the influences on his early development, character traits, oratorical skills, and his messianic pretensions. provides an analysis of Hitler's ideology based on extensive quotations from his writings and speeches. examines the social composition and membership of the Nazi party and its leaders. New topics include material on: culture and society in Nazi Germany; youth in Germany during World War II; an in-depth look at the Holocaust and anti-Semitism in Germany. MARKET: Appropriate as a reference book for history, political science, and literature professionals.

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Reich. Coverage ranges from the economic, social, and political forces that made possible the rise and growth of Nazism as well as the institutional, cultural, and social life of the Third Reich, the Second World War, and the Holocaust. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

**PREFACE** Hitler's Third Reich continues to be the object of study of many historians and writers. I am grateful for the opportunity to incorporate new material and suggestions from readers in this fourth edition of my book. Throughout the book I have made revisions, included new illustrations and added new material, especially in chapters two, three, four, six, and nine, and thoroughly updated the bibliographies at the end of each chapter. Nazi Germany had its formal beginnings in the appointment of Adolf Hitler as chancellor of Germany on January 30, 1933. Hitler and the Nazis believed that they would create a Third Reich that would last a thousand years. And yet, within a brief twelve years, despite their creation of a powerful Germany and the conquest of much of Europe, they ended up totally destroyed. The world has not forgotten the enormity of Nazi crimes against humanity. The name Hitler and the word Nazis have become virtually synonymous with evil. Historians, philosophers, and many others have struggled to explain how and why such a phenomenon as Nazi Germany could ever have occurred in the twentieth century, and especially in a country with such a humanistic cultural heritage. While massive biographies and hundreds of specialized books on various aspects of the Third Reich have been written, my purpose in writing this book has been to provide a brief but comprehensive survey of the Third Reich based on current research findings. It is intended not for specialists but for general readers who want a deeper view of this short period in German history. As seen in the title, I have emphasized the person of Adolf Hitler. While I do not believe that individuals alone determine the course of history, there is no doubt in my mind that Hitler played a crucial role in the history of the Third Reich. I have sought, however, to present a balanced picture that examines Hitler's role; the economic, social, and political forces that made possible the rise and development of Nazism; the institutional, cultural, and social life of the Third Reich; World War II; and the Holocaust. I have approached World War II and the Holocaust as logical outcomes of the ideology of Hitler and the Nazi movement. I have discussed these subjects both chronologically and thematically. One of my major interests in writing this book has been in putting the story back in history. I believe that a combination of good analysis and narrative is both possible and desirable. Narrative history conveys the lessons of the past well and is the form that best aids remembrance. I am convinced that an understanding of the Nazi era today is crucial if we are to avoid a repetition of similar events. **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS** Many people

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Jackson J. Spielvogel --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Really gave detail on Hitler and made me understand the war better. Great textbook for classes

No problems. Great Service.

This is a good textbook about the Nazi Regime. Particularly useful is its summary of the Weimar Republic and the Nazi rise to power.

I can only wholeheartedly agree with the review by "zdravstvui" from Colorado Springs. Spielvogel's outstanding book is very accessible for the general reader, yet at the same time rich in insightful detail that contributes toward a sound understanding of exactly HOW the horror of Nazi Germany was able to arise amongst a great and cultured people, and not all that long ago, 70 years being a fairly short span of time when seen against the broad sweep of man's history. "Hitler and Nazi Germany: A History" was recommended to me by someone last year, so I bought a copy, perused it quickly, and unfortunately let it sit for too long on my bookshelf unread. But having recently viewed

PBS's sobering TV series "Auschwitz: Inside The Nazi State" I was prompted to visit this book again for a more thorough understanding of Nazi Germany, and am glad I did. It's hard for Babyboomer's like myself born after World War II to comprehend the widespread scope of this terrible conflict, and the epicenter which began it all: the ideology passionately held by Adolph Hitler and the Nazi party. We can all too easily arrive at the foolish conclusion that such a tragedy could simply never happen again. But the genocide of the Cambodian people by Pol Pot in the late 1970's, the more recent mass slaughter in Rwanda during the mid 1990's, as well as the "ethnic cleansing" campaigns in areas of the former Soviet Union, remind us all too well that the shocking conflagration of mass genocide can ignite and spread on the world scene very quickly. Read this book to see not only how it actually DID happen on a massive scale in Nazi Germany and its occupied territories, but especially the underlying ideological and social conditions that lead up to it, and how it could happen again, perhaps, God-forbid, on an even larger scale.

Bought this for my nephew as it was an assignment in school - i had a read too and enjoyed it very much

Used for class.

Amazing book on Hitler and the Nazi state that he created. Offers great information and is very easy to read. A must have for anyone who is interested in Hitler or the Nazis. I would recommend this book to anyone, it is an excellent book.

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