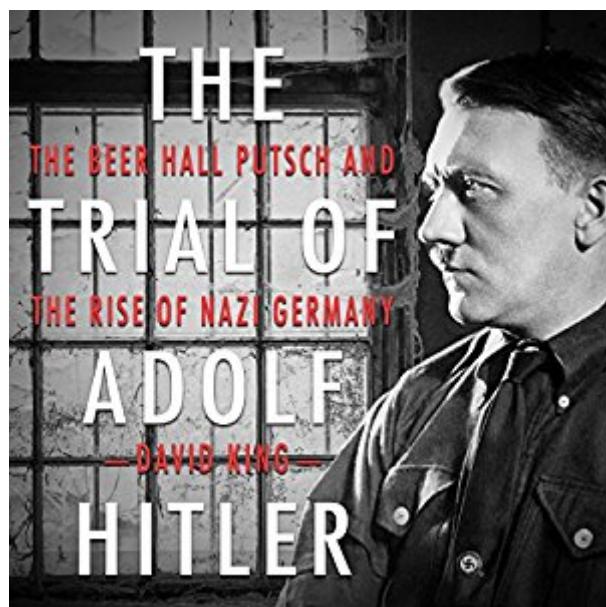


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The Trial Of Adolf Hitler: The Beer Hall Putsch And The Rise Of Nazi Germany



Synopsis

February 26, 1924 was the first day of the greatly anticipated high treason trial that would galvanize Germany - but few in the courtroom that morning anticipated that the leading defendant, General Erich Ludendorff, whose risky offensives during World War I doomed Germany to defeat, would soon be eclipsed by the private first class at his side, Adolf Hitler. Hitler was charged with treason after unsuccessfully trying to seize power in the notorious Beer Hall Putsch in Munich in 1923. Before the trial, Hitler was only a minor, if ambitious, local party leader. Yet, once the proceedings began, his days of relative obscurity were over. Including never-before-published sources, this richly informed, day-by-day account shows how Hitler metamorphosed into a mesmerizing demagogue and used his trial as a stage for Nazi propaganda. Chilling in the hypothetical questions it raises, The Trial of Adolf Hitler illuminates our understanding of Hitler's path to power.

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Customer Reviews

This book is why historians, not journalists, are my source for information about the events that have shaped the world. David King does not disappoint. This is a page turner that provides unforgettable perspective on the events at hand - the launch and in some ways formation of one of history's most odious careers. One cannot help contemplating the millions of lives that would not have been lost had justice been done at this critical juncture.

All anyone knew about this event in history could be summed up in a three sentence paragraph.

What a fascinating and revealing story. This book goes a long way to explain how a man like Hitler could one day gain control of the nation of Germany. If I had been alive then I would have eagerly followed (along with millions of others) this story in the daily papers. This book gives me that experience.

The trial after the Putsch has never been covered in detail. This book is very thorough and interesting.

This is one of the most important criminal trials in human history, how could it's story be anything less than five stars

Meticulous in detail, the book delivers an exacting look at the events of the attempted putsch and the following trial. Reads almost like an episode of Law and Order with both sides presenting their cases in a courtroom drama. Even knowing the outcome the reader is taken along the journey and by the end will have a better understanding of this event. Highly recommend for German studies.

Adolf Hitler was one of history's worst dictators responsible for the deaths of millions of people. Yet few people have any insight into the trial he underwent in February-March 1924 in Munich. Hitler had led his men into a huge Munich beerhall on November 9, 1923. He held high Bavarian officials at gunpoint,. His goal was to lead a putsch against the Weimar Republic fomenting a revolution led by his extreme right wing Nazi followers. Hitler was a violent anti-Semite who hated the Weimar government which he accused of stabbing the German army in the back and leading to the total defeat of Germany and the loss of two million men to the "November criminals." Hitler said the criminals were the government officials who had signed the infamous Versailles Treaty ending World War I. By the early 1920s the German Reich was suffering runaway inflation and vast poverty. Hitler promised the downtrodden Germans a paradise but gave them hell in the years following his trial. Hitler and General Ludendorf the military commander of German forces in World War along with eight other men were charged in a Munich court with high treason against the government. Others charged included Wilhelm Frick the Munich police commissioner and Ernst Rohm the brutal thugs who led the Storm Troopers. Hitler's putsch failed and on November 9 sixteen of his followers and 4 police were gunned down in the famous march to protest the government and march on Berlin (they only got one mile!). Hitler was sentenced to Landsberg Prison forty miles from Munich where he only served nine months. During that time he wrote *Mein*

Kampf, gained weight and along with Rudolf Hess plotted strategy for his return to eminence following his release on December 20, 1924. David King is a young historian who makes the trial come alive through his close reading of the court documents and his clear as crystal prose explaining the convoluted political situation in Bavaria and the rest of the Reich. The book is well written, illustrated and researched. A great popular history of the true trial of the century., Hitler used the court and attention of the world press to present his noxious and evil views to the world. He feared a life sentence and deportation to Austria (he was not a German citizen at the time of the trial) but instead emerged as a hero of the radical right. An excellent book which reads like a judicial thriller. Recommended

This is a must read for those who search for the many mysterious factors that had helped produce a snout brake attempting to change the world history at one stroke. King's work, though forcefully chopped up in so short a chapters, neatly points out what and who had made Hitler Hitler, never mind the hackneyed socio-political factors scholars have regurgitated thus far. There are indulgent Judge Georg Neithardt at Hitler's trial and Nobel laureates Philipp Leonard and Johannes Stark who had been so much mesmerized by Hitler's harangues at the trial as to call the snout brake a God's gift! One can read perhaps through King's book the mind of Hitler while he was engrossed in writing Mein Kampf at the Cell 7 of the fortress wing of Landesberg Prison or rather "Landesberg Manner."

Very well written and a quick read. It is easy to draw parallels to our modern times. We should all remember that the people wanted Hitler to fix things! Frustrated with ineffective government.....

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