

Himmler

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As head of the SS, chief of police, 'Reichskommissar for the Consolidation of Germanness', and Reich Interior Minister, Heinrich Himmler enjoyed a position of almost unparalleled power and responsibility in Nazi Germany. Perhaps more than any other single Nazi leader aside from Hitler, his name has become a byword for the terror, persecution, and destruction that characterized the Third Reich. His wide-ranging powers meant that he bore equal responsibility for the repression of the German people on the home front and the atrocities perpetrated by the SS in the East. Yet, in spite of his central role in the crimes of the Nazi regime, until now Himmler has remained a colourless and elusive figure in the history of the period. In this, the first-ever comprehensive biography of the SS-Reichsführer, leading German historian Peter Longerich puts every aspect of Himmler's life under the microscope. Masterfully interweaving the story of Himmler's personal life and political career with the wider history of the Nazi dictatorship, Longerich shows how skilfully he exploited and manipulated his disparate roles in the pursuit of his far-reaching and grandiose objectives. In the process, he illuminates the extraordinary degree to which Himmler's own personal prejudices, idiosyncrasies, and predilections made their mark on the organizations for which he was responsible - especially the SS, which in so many ways bore the characteristic hallmarks of its leader, and whose history remains both incomplete and incomprehensible without a detailed and intimate knowledge of its deeply sinister commander-in-chief.

Hitler's Hangman

A chilling biography of the head of Nazi Germany's terror apparatus, a key player in the Third Reich whose full story has never before been told. Reinhard Heydrich is widely recognized as one of the great iconic villains of the twentieth century, an appalling figure even within the context of the Nazi leadership. Chief of the Nazi Criminal Police, the SS Security Service, and the Gestapo, ruthless overlord of Nazi-occupied Bohemia and Moravia, and leading planner of the \"Final Solution,\" Heydrich played a central role in Hitler's Germany. He shouldered a major share of responsibility for some of the worst Nazi atrocities, and up to his assassination in Prague in 1942, he was widely seen as one of the most dangerous men in Nazi Germany. Yet Heydrich has received remarkably modest attention in the extensive literature of the Third Reich. Robert Gerwarth weaves together little-known stories of Heydrich's private life with his deeds as head of the Nazi Reich Security Main Office. Fully exploring Heydrich's progression from a privileged middle-class youth to a rapacious mass murderer, Gerwarth sheds new light on the complexity of Heydrich's adult character, his motivations, the incremental steps that led to unimaginable atrocities, and the consequences of his murderous efforts toward re-creating the entire ethnic makeup of Europe. “This admirable biography makes plausible what actually happened and makes human what we might prefer to dismiss as monstrous.”—Timothy Snyder, *Wall Street Journal* “[A] probing biography.... Gerwarth's fine study shows in chilling detail how genocide emerged from the practicalities of implementing a demented belief system.”—*Publishers Weekly* “A thoroughly documented, scholarly, and eminently readable account of this mass murderer.”—*The New Republic*

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Authors Roger Manvell and Heinrich Fraenkel, notable biographers of the World War II German leaders Joseph Goebbels and Herman Goring, delve into the life of one of the most sinister, clever, and successful of all the Nazi leaders: Heinrich Himmler. As the head of the feared SS, Himmler supervised the extermination of millions. Here is the story of how a seemingly ordinary boy grew into an obsessive and superstitious man who ventured into herbalism, astrology, and homeopathic medicine before finally turning to the "science" of racial purity and the belief in the superiority of the Aryan people.

Hitler's Master of the Dark Arts

A history of Nazi Germany's SS and its leader examining the groups mystical cult aspects and Himmler's rise through the ranks of power. Hitler's Nazi Party, at its evil roots, embraced a bizarre interpretation of ancient European paganism, blending it with fragments of other traditions from sources as diverse as tenth-century Saxon warlords, nineteenth-century spiritualism, and early-twentieth-century fringe archeology. Even the swastika, the hated symbol of Nazism, had its roots in ancient symbolism, its first recorded appearance carved into a mammoth tusk twelve thousand years before Hitler came to power. At the heart of the evil was Hitler's "witch doctor," Heinrich Himmler, and his stranger-than-fiction cult, the deadly SS. The mundanely named Schutzstaffel, literally "protective squadron," was the very essence of Nazism, and their threatening double lightning bolt was one of the most dreaded symbols of the Third Reich. With good reason: what the SS was truly protecting was the ideology of Aryan superiority. Hitler's Master of the Dark Arts is the first history of the SS and its leader to focus on the mystical cult aspects of the organization. It follows Himmler's transformation of the SS from a few hundred members in 1929 to over fifty thousand black-uniformed Aryans by the mid-1930s. Concurrent with its expansion and its eventual independence from the brown shirts of the SA, Himmler infused the Black Knights with a mishmash of occult beliefs and lunatic-fringe theories that would have been completely laughable—except that they were also used to justify the Final Solution.

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All of Heinrich Himmler's roles and official positions are described in detail

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The only biography of General Karl Wolff, Heinrich Himmler's assistant in the notorious SS

Top Nazi

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The Master Plan

The first-ever comprehensive biography of Heinrich Himmler, SS-Reichsführer, Nazi Interior Minister, and Chief of Police, whose name has become a byword for the terror, persecution, and destruction that characterized the Third Reich.

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Felix Kersten, physician to the high-demon of the Third Reich, Heinrich Himmler could alleviate Himmler's severe stomach pains with his hands using massage and manipulation. In return, Kersten bargained with Himmler to order the release of innocent prisoners condemned to die. It is an amazing story of the good-natured little fat man who looked like a "cross between a Flemish burgomaster and a Buddha of the West," studied the higher curative powers of massage under a lama-doctor Ko, and applied them to Himmler whose excruciating stomach aches were only relieved by Kersten's therapy. During the five years to come, Kersten

attended Himmler but was an alien by birth and sympathies among his entourage, with the one exception of Himmler's private secretary who collaborated with him in drawing up the lists of doomed men—Jehovah's Witnesses, Jews, concentration camp victims of all nationalities. At the close, Kersten was jockeying with Himmler (and when persuasion failed, withholding treatment) to try and secure mass scale liberation of victims first through Sweden, then Switzerland.... Kersten is fascinating to follow-through his circumspect, ambivalent career—even though there may be points in question at its close.—KIRKUS Review

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Albert Speer - gifted architect, Minister of Armaments and War Production for Adolf Hitler's Third Reich - cannot forget. \"At seventy-five, decades after the events. I am still haunted by the thought that I could have made decisions in a minute that would have improved the situation of the unfortunate inmates.\" Although not responsible for the concentration camps, Speer was in charge of the arms produced by the inmates, who were forced into factory work in hellish conditions. Speer set out to tell the story of German armaments in World War II and in his research stumbled across the records of the SS for the period. These included the documents of its chief, Heinrich Himmler, who was determined to infiltrate the war economy with his own people and build an SS industrial empire. Acting with Hitler's consent, Himmler would have made the SS independent of state and party. The insidiousness of the plot was well known to Speer, one of Himmler's targets. However, the breadth of Himmler's machinations, the depth of his ruthlessness, the sheer mania of his last-ditch schemes to increase production became a book in themselves. Thus *Infiltration* is the only-book about the SS written by a high-ranking official within the Third Reich. It is also the most telling portrait of Heinrich Himmler ever written.

Himmler's Double

“A fascinating volume detailing the Nazis’ crackpot theories about prehistory and the Indiana Jones—style lengths they went to prove them.” —Publishers Weekly In 1935, Heinrich Himmler established a Nazi research institute called The Ahnenerbe, whose mission was to send teams of scholars around the world to search for proof of ancient Aryan conquests. But history was not their most important focus. Rather, the Ahnenerbe was an essential part of Himmler’s master plan for the Final Solution. The findings of the institute were used to convince armies of SS men that they were entitled to slaughter Jews and other groups. And Himmler also hoped to use the research as a blueprint for the breeding of a new Europe in a racially purer mold. The Master Plan is a groundbreaking expose of the work of German scientists and scholars who allowed their research to be warped to justify extermination, and who directly participated in the slaughter—many of whom resumed their academic positions at war’s end. It is based on Heather Pringle’s extensive original research, including previously ignored archival material and unpublished photographs, and interviews with living members of the institute and their survivors. A sweeping history told with the drama of fiction, The Master Plan is at once horrifying, transfixing, and monumentally important to our comprehension of how something as unimaginable as the Holocaust could have progressed from fantasy to reality. “Pringle’s engrossing book . . . explores a little-known corner of Nazi history: the story of the Ahnenerbe . . . rich in such bizarre characters, ridiculous theories and colorful anecdotes. Massively researched and engagingly written.” —The Daily Telegraph

The Man With The Miraculous Hands

Reinhard Heydrich: The Ideal National Socialist is translated from THREE original SS publications. The first publication, Reinhard Heydrich: Ein Leben der Tat (literally \"A Life of the Deed\"), was commissioned by the German State Minister for Bohemia and Moravia, SS-Obergruppenfuhrer K. H. Frank as a token of gratitude to the man who, in a serious hour in the most recent history of Bohemia and Moravia, promptly crushed the plot against the Reich from this region with all the means at his disposal, thereby establishing the groundwork for a positive development in all spheres. The occasion was what would have been Heydrich's fortieth birthday on March 7, 1944. It includes both articles about Heydrich AND three speeches by

Heydrich. The second publication, *The Changes in Our Struggle*, was written by Heydrich himself. The third publication, entitled simply *Reinhard Heydrich*, is a compilation of eulogies by Bormann, Daluge, Himmler and Hitler. It also includes some quotes from Heydrich."

Infiltration

In the horrible story of the Holocaust, Heinrich Himmler is recognized as its head architect. Ordered by Adolf Hitler to devise a plan, a "Final Solution," to rid Europe of its Jewish population, Himmler dictated the means and methods by which 11 million people were killed. In the final days of the Third Reich, his power was second only to Hitler's. Richard Worth details the life of Heinrich Himmler, from his youth and his rise through the ranks of the SS to his ultimate betrayal of the Führer and his fruitless efforts to escape justice. Book jacket.

Master Plan

Lumans studies the relations between Nazi Germany and the German minority populations of other European countries, examining these ties within the context of Hitler's foreign policy and the racial policies of SS Chief Heinrich Himmler. He shows how the Reich's racial and political interests in these German minorities between 1933 and 1945 helped determine its behavior toward neighboring states. Originally published in 1993. A UNC Press Enduring Edition -- UNC Press Enduring Editions use the latest in digital technology to make available again books from our distinguished backlist that were previously out of print. These editions are published unaltered from the original, and are presented in affordable paperback formats, bringing readers both historical and cultural value.

Reinhard Heydrich

This book contains the biographies of Hitler's three henchmen, Göbbels, Himmler and Göring, the longest loyal servants of Hitler. It utilizes both older biographies, because of their insights, and more recent scholarly publications, as well as diaries (such as those of Göbbels and Ciano). The volume illustrates that Göbbels' support was three-fold, in campaign managing, propaganda and myth-building. Himmler's terror apparatus suppressed occupied Europe, and controlled Germans, ensuring that Hitler retained power. Göring's control of the economy and the Luftwaffe and his personal support of Hitler were critical as demonstrated by his trial at Nuremberg, but he was the weakest link from 1940 as he became virtually ineffectual. In addition, and new to this area of study, the book introduces the work of Stephen Roberts, an academic who actually met these men in 1936, and whose insights are revealing. The volume also examines the question of their mental stability in the light of psychopathic studies.

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Himmler's Auxiliaries

“[A] historian’s carefully researched work, based on a vast array of sources, documenting Hitler’s and Himmler’s responsibility for the murder of European Jewry. The book details the planning and the improvisations, but emphasizes the former and Himmler’s fanatical hatred of the Jewish race as the determinative cause of the Holocaust. Dealing with a charged controversy, Breitman makes a powerful case that by March 1941 ‘the Final Solution was just a matter of time — and timing,’ i.e., that the Holocaust was not a reflex of Hitler’s fear that the war in Russia could not be won. Breitman argues that the Wannsee Conference merely ratified the plans and instructed other agencies to cooperate. Breitman records the instances of resistance or opposition, but notes that of course the cooperation of thousands (many still alive and never tried) and the complicity or silence of millions were needed to carry out the murder... the book concludes that Himmler’s ‘brutality was more learned than instinctive or emotional’ — a methodical murderer impelled by racist dogma.” — Foreign Affairs “Breitman’s book is decisively important... [It] should serve for years to come as required reading for all who wish to make sense of the Holocaust.” — Daniel Jonah Goldhagen, *The New Republic* “Looking nothing like the Nordic ideal he advocated, Heinrich Himmler, chief of the Nazi SS, was short, flabby and balding — his dull, pedantic exterior disguising the caustic, cowardly, Machiavellian, immensely cruel master of deceit within. Breitman... presents compelling evidence that the extermination of Jews was an early goal of Himmler, a Bavarian and lapsed Catholic, and his boss Adolf Hitler. Drawing on previously untapped German records, as well as other source materials... this engrossing, detailed study constitutes a powerful refutation of revisionist scholars who claim that Hitler did not plan the Final Solution in advance but instead improvised it out of either military or political frustration.” — *Publishers Weekly* “A truly path-breaking book, one of the few that will have a lasting impact on historical research of the period. It shows both the primacy of Hitler as the motivating force in the mass murder, and the way in which his initiatives were accepted and internalized by the SS, on the basis of ideology.” — *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* “Chilling, expert history.” — *Kirkus* “[A]n eminently sensible and judicious study that could well serve as a textbook on the topic.” — *The Historian* “Breitman’s research [is] meticulous. Especially valuable are his novel insights into the full and frequent communication between Himmler and Hitler, who, it is known, seldom signed an order. Mr. Breitman presents his arguments cogently.” — Michael H. Kater, *The New York Times* “An absorbing, important book [that] addresses the sequence of steps leading to the Final Solution.” — *Financial Times* “As Breitman persuasively demonstrates, the situation kept changing, but Hitler was always in charge, and his goals always included ridding his empire of the Jews.” — *Los Angeles Times* “Breitman is on the hunt for smoking guns. He finds the goods littered throughout Himmler’s speeches and conversations... Breitman shows that people knew.” — *Washington Post Book World* “The book is chillingly good on the uses and abuses of language to mask atrocity.” — *Newsday* “Breitman’s study is an important addition to [the] literature [on the origins of the Nazi genocide], one that provides the most likely scenario and settles important disputed questions... Breitman’s study is a major step forward in our understanding of how the Nazis initiated mass murder.” — *German Studies Review* “[An] important book... I much admire this work, particularly for its resourceful combing of primary material... there is much to learn from this book about the Final Solution, its origins, its implementation, and its hate-inspired architect” — *The American Historical Review*

Göbbels, Himmler and Göring

Himmler's Diary 1945: A Calendar of Events Leading to Suicide is an exceptional work with unpublished diary entries made by Himmler that shows in detail how The Third Reich fell to ruin in its final bloody year. Reichsführer-SS Heinrich Himmler was instigator of the largest programme of racial mass murder in history. 1 January 1945 saw Heinrich Himmler at his peak in Nazi Germany, controlling the entire German police force (including the Gestapo), all SS organisations and Nazi Minister of the Interior. His powers extended into the German Army and included Commander of the Replacement Army and two Army Groups. Two field commands revealed his limitations and failure as army commander. Between January and May 1945,

Heinrich Himmler vacillated, showing a lack of vision, action and decision. At least he was able to gain control of V-2 rocket production and their launch against Britain. He ordered all concentration camp inmates be shot, before rescinding the order. When his SS generals asked for instructions, Himmler ordered them to show backbone as their commands had few bounds. The Swedes and Swiss negotiated with Himmler who allowed over 10,000 concentration camp prisoners taken to safety before Hitler intervened. Himmler conducted peace feelers via the Swedes before the German surrender in May 1945, while trying to make contact with British Field Marshal Montgomery. These contacts went unanswered. Himmler was captured by the British and then committed suicide on 23 May 1945.

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\ "With a combination of personal interviews including several with leading Nazis and with Himmler's daughter, Gudrun Burwitz, and the use of previously unseen documents, Allen presents the whole Nazi high command in a fresh light, demonstrating how Hitler was often manipulated and sometimes sidelined. But perhaps of equal interest is the inside story of secret operations conducted by the Political Warfare Executive, empowered by Churchill to fight a war with weapons of destabilisation and misinformation in support of the oven military campaigns. Allen portrays Himmler's ever more desperate efforts to secretly negotiate his political survival with the Allies, as Hitler's war machine collapses. This book has one more revelation to make, as Allen rewrites history with his account of the true circumstances of Himmler's dramatic death.\ "--BOOK JACKET.

The Architect of Genocide: Himmler and the Final Solution

This work is an exploration of the web of secret deals and international intrigue concerning the death and body of Heinrich Himmler. Hugh Thomas reveals not only where the real body is buried, but also identifies the other bodies.

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Originally published in 1953, this masterly study of Heinrich Himmler is a forceful, dispassionate analysis of a man who rose from obscure beginnings as an agricultural student to a position of almost absolute power, until, in the Nazi twilight, he challenged Hitler himself. Outwardly insignificant, diffident—possessing neither the flamboyance of Goering nor the incisiveness of Goebbels—Himmler, head of the dreaded Secret Police, yet made himself the man most feared in the Nazi hierarchy—and as much by his ‘friends’ as his enemies. Only when the incredible facts about Himmler’s extraordinary hold over his colleagues became known were the full depths of the infamy to which Nazism had brought Germany revealed. Based on journalist Willi Frischauer’s unique knowledge of the background and sequence of events which gave rise to the Hitler regime, he manages to unearth the evidence, building up, stone by stone, the mosaic of Himmler’s true portrait. A fully documented and unforgettable narrative.

Himmler's Secret War

Traces the five-hundred year history and wide-ranging influence of the Roman historian's unflattering book about the ancient Germans that was eventually extolled by the Nazis as a bible.

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Essay from the year 2013 in the subject History of Germany - National Socialism, World War II, grade: A, University of Alaska Fairbanks, course: Modern World History, language: English, abstract: An examination of Himmler's effect on Nazi Germany, with a focus on his involvement with the medical experiments the Nazi's conducted during World War Two. Includes direct proof of Himmler's involvement, including letters

written by Himmler ordering the medical experiments.

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Embark on a chilling exploration of Heinrich Luitpold Himmler, the enigmatic architect of horror in Nazi Germany, in this gripping biography. Born on October 7, 1900, Himmler's journey unfolds from his uneventful service in a reserve battalion during World War I to becoming the sinister Reichsführer of the Schutzstaffel (SS) and a key figure in Adolf Hitler's inner circle. This meticulously researched account traces Himmler's rapid ascent in the Nazi Party, marked by his appointment as Reichsführer-SS in 1929. Over the subsequent sixteen years, he transformed the SS from a modest battalion into a formidable paramilitary force of over a million, showcasing his organizational prowess and talent for choosing ruthless subordinates like Reinhard Heydrich. Delve into the dark recesses of Himmler's mind as the narrative explores his fascination with occultism and Völkisch ideologies, shaping Nazi Germany's racially charged policies. As Chief of the Criminal Police and Minister of the Interior from 1943 onwards, Himmler wielded control over internal and external security forces, including the notorious Gestapo and the military branch Waffen-SS. Himmler's darkest legacy lies in his orchestration of the Holocaust, forming the Einsatzgruppen and overseeing extermination camps where millions, including six million Jews, met their tragic end. The book reveals the extent of Himmler's influence in devising genocidal programs and his key role in the ghastly Generalplan Ost, approved by Hitler in May 1942. Witness the final, desperate chapter of Himmler's life as he futilely attempts to negotiate peace with the Allies behind Hitler's back and ultimately faces the consequences of his atrocities. Capturing the intricate web of Himmler's actions, motivations, and the grim reality of Nazi Germany's genocidal machinery, this biography unveils the man behind the horrors of the SS, providing a haunting portrait of one of history's darkest figures.

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The Fascinating Story of Eight Children of Third Reich Leaders and their Journey from Descendants of Heroes to Descendants of Criminals In 1940, the German sons and daughters of great Nazi dignitaries Himmler, Göring, Hess, Frank, Bormann, Höss, Speer, and Mengele were children of privilege at four, five, or ten years old, surrounded by affectionate, all-powerful parents. Although innocent and unaware of what was happening at the time, they eventually discovered the extent of their father's occupations: These men—their fathers who were capable of loving their children and receiving love in return—were leaders of the Third Reich, and would later be convicted as monstrous war criminals. For these children, the German defeat was an earth-shattering source of family rupture, the end of opulence, and the jarring discovery of Hitler's atrocities. How did the offspring of these leaders deal with the aftermath of the war and the skeletons that would haunt them forever? Some chose to disown their past. Others did not. Some condemned their fathers; others worshiped them unconditionally to the end. In this enlightening book, which has been translated into eleven languages, Tania Crasnianski examines the responsibility of eight descendants of Nazi notables, caught somewhere between stigmatization, worship, and amnesia. By tracing the unique experiences of these children, she probes at the relationship between them and their fathers and examines the idea of how responsibility for the fault is continually borne by the descendants.

A Most Dangerous Book

Tells the story of Felix Kersten, a physical therapist who became Heinrich Himmler's personal physician, and his influence over Himmler to join a plot to overthrow Adolf Hitler.

Himmler's Third Reich. His involvement in Nazi Germany and the Nazis medical experiments

\u0091There are no better biographies of Goering, Goebbels and Himmler in existence\u0092 New York

Review of Books** Heinrich Himmler was the commander of the SS, and as founder and officer-in-charge of the Nazi concentration camps and the Einsatzgruppen death squads, he was responsible for implementing the extermination of millions of people. By the time he died he was the second-most powerful man in Germany and regarded himself as Hitler's natural successor, going so far as to attempt to negotiate independent peace with the Allies. Based on US documents handed over to the German Federal Archives and the testimonies of Himmler's family and staff, this book examines how a seemingly ordinary boy grew into an obsessive and superstitious man who ventured into herbalism and astrology before finally turning to the science of racial purity and the belief in the superiority of the Aryan race. Filled with insights into Himmler's private life, activities and beliefs, this is an important study of one of the most sinister figures of World War II.

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History.

Children of Nazis

During the 1930s, in the build up to the Second World War, the Nazis established a band of specialists, the SS-Ahnenerbe, under the command of Heinrich Himmler and Hermann Wirth. Their aim was nothing less than to prove the superiority of the Aryan race, and with it the unique right of the German people to rule Europe. The occult figured as a key feature in many of these increasingly desperate quack research efforts. Part science, part espionage, and part fantasy. Archaeological expeditions were sent to Iceland, Tibet, Kafiristan, North Africa, Russia, the Far East, Egypt, and even South America and the Arctic. The Nazi Ancestral Heritage Society's chief administrator was Dr Wolfram Sievers, who cruelly conducted medical experiments on prisoners in concentration camps, and was responsible for the looting of historic artefacts considered Germanic for return to Germany. He rewarded those academics that took part with high military office, whilst those academics who contradicted or criticized the SS-Ahnenerbe were carted off to concentration camps where they faced certain death. This book tells the true history of the real life villains behind the Indiana Jones movies. Sometimes truth really is stranger than fiction!

The Devil's Doctor

Shortlisted for the 2018 RBC Taylor prize for literary nonfiction "A riveting tale of the previously unknown and fascinating story of the unsung angels who strove to foil the Final Solution."—Kirkus starred review On November 25, 1944, prisoners at Auschwitz heard a deafening explosion. Emerging from their barracks, they witnessed the crematoria and gas chambers--part of the largest killing machine in human history--come crashing down. Most assumed they had fallen victim to inmate sabotage and thousands silently cheered. However, the Final Solution's most efficient murder apparatus had not been felled by Jews, but rather by the ruthless architect of mass genocide, Reichsführer-SS Heinrich Himmler. It was an edict that has puzzled historians for more than six decades. Holocaust historian and New York Times bestselling author Max Wallace--a veteran interviewer for Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation--draws on an explosive cache of recently declassified documents and an account from the only living eyewitness to unravel the mystery. He uncovers an astounding story involving the secret negotiations of an unlikely trio--a former fascist President of Switzerland, a courageous Orthodox Jewish woman, and Himmler's Finnish osteopath--to end the Holocaust, aided by clandestine Swedish and American intelligence efforts. He documents their efforts to deceive Himmler, who, as Germany's defeat loomed, sought to enter an alliance with the West against the Soviet Union. By exploiting that fantasy and persuading Himmler to betray Hitler's orders, the group helped to prevent the liquidation of tens of thousands of Jews during the last months of the Second World War, and thwarted Hitler's plan to take "every last Jew" down with the Reich. Deeply researched and dramatically recounted, *In the Name of Humanity* is a remarkable tale of bravery and audacious tactics that will help rewrite the history of the Holocaust.

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A brief biography of Heinrich Himmler, the leader of the Gestapo, with pertinent facts about his life.

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In 1938, on the eve of war, a Nazi expedition set out through British India on a mission sponsored by Himmler himself. Their aim was to find the roots of the Aryan people, high in the sacred mountains of Tibet. It was led by two complex individuals - one, Ernst Schafer, a swashbuckling naturalist who was using the Nazis to pursue his own ends, the other, Bruno Beger, so committed to the cause he ended up conducting experiments on prisoners in Auschwitz. The expedition quickly found itself battling hostility from the British, being manipulated by the Tibetans and struggling with the primitive conditions of Lhasa. Every step was recorded in diaries, letters and reports back to Delhi and London by the suspicious British, and to Berlin by the Germans. It was also documented in masses of extraordinary photographs, many of which are reproduced here.

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