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Engagingly written, Unholy Alliance is a comprehensive, popular history of the occult background and roots of the Nazi movement, showing how the ideas of a vast international network of late 19th- and early 20th-century occult groups influenced Nazi ideology. Levenda takes readers through the teachings of Madame Blavatsky, Aleister Crowley, the Thule Gesellschaft - the occult secret society that formed the ideological heart of the early Nazi Party - the Order of the Golden Dawn, and the Order of the Eastern Temple and demonstrates how each influenced Nazi ideology. He also details the expedition to Tibet of the Ancestral Heritage Research and Teaching Society, comprised of the same SS officers who would later be involved in grisly medical experiments on concentration camp prisoners. Levenda traces the Nazis' movements as they continued their activities after the war or morphed into neo-Nazi, skinhead, and satanic groups, such as the Christian Identity and White Aryan Resistance movements. Levenda's is not only a "major work of investigative reporting," but also the striking story of the unholy alliance between politics and religion - or politics and occultism - that has dominated events in Europe and the Americas since World War I, with all its implications for continuing racial and religious violence in Europe, Asia, and the Americas.

## Unholy Alliance: A History of Nazi Involvement with the Occult Details

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# **From Reader Review Unholy Alliance: A History of Nazi Involvement with the Occult for online ebook**

## **Marlee says**

Whether or not it is a mood I am in or if it is just boringly written but overall it hasn't grabbed me very well. It could be the subject needs a different approach. Well constructed though. I skipped much of it, read here and there but in the end I couldn't find myself wanting to finish it totally. Not for the masses most definitely.

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## **Michele says**

I read "Unholy Alliance" for a class ... And it was one of the longest weeks of my life.

I was more interested in the (brief) parts of the text in which Levenda discussed his trip to Chile to investigate Colonia Dignidad. The book suffered when he directed his focus on Nazi occult history. It was repetitive and highly judgemental. Levenda occasionally inserted small sarcastic comments that were out of place.

If anyone has any recommendations for books that deal with Nazi occult history, I'd love to hear them!

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## **Scott Baker says**

I had mixed feelings about this book. It seemed to be well researched and was extensively footnoted, although I never double checked the sources. Since my primary reason for reading Unholy Alliance was to obtain background research for a historically-based horror novel I am writing, this book fit my needs. From an academic standpoint, I have two major concerns with the quality of the research.

First, Unholy Alliance repeatedly makes the claim that Martin Bormann escaped from Berlin in May 1945 and safely made it to South America. The author maintains this claim throughout the book, despite the fact that, four years previous to the book's release in 2002, DNA evidence confirmed in 1998 that Bormann had died in Berlin in the closing days of the war. The author's refusal to accept documented fact because it goes against a major theme in his book calls into question the validity of his other assertions.

Second, the author makes numerous snide references against one American political party (never any other party) and, in the final chapters, speculates on post-war Nazi occult activities as if they are facts and presents his own encounter with supposed post-war exiled Nazis with nothing to support the claims. For me, this seemed more like social commentary than history, and made me wonder about the accuracy of the more academic portions of the book.

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## **Brandon says**

A very interesting look at a topic rarely discussed, the Nazis and their occult roots. Cripes, was there

anything that the Nazis believed that wasn't crazy? Aryans riding out the flood on top of everest, the moon made of ice, hollow earth theory! Even worse is that they used all this utter nonsense to perpetrate one of the worst atrocities of all time. Good riddance!

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### **Hank Cox says**

I couldn't force myself to continue reading this book.

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### **Yvonne says**

It was OK. Rather repetitive. And for me not very convincing that it mattered that they dabbled in runes and whatnot rather than say Christianity. The Nazi regime had to have certain ideological beliefs to justify their policies.

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### **Tom says**

This is the book I would have wanted when I started reading about the occult and the Nazi perversions thereupon. That was about a decade ago. I didn't know about this book then, and trying to read Goodrick-Clarke's popular volume proved to be a task beyond my ken. Wading through all the names, the people and orders and concepts was difficult enough. The harder part was understanding what any of the obscure topics had to do with what became Nazism. I was bored out of reading it after the first few chapters.

Unholy Alliance may not be any easier for someone unfamiliar with chewing on long exegeses of esoteric theories and virtual posses of spiritual gangsters, but don't let the detractors fool you. I doubt whether many of the people criticizing this book have any real background in dedicated study, if they even read it at all. I find it likely that, as with any internet discussion on white nationalism, we're guest to a small crowd of snakes and trolls trying to discredit one of the few honest, selfless studies on the hot-button topic \*occultism\* that those in academia lose careers over writing about. The response to Farago's "Aftermath" is a prime example in this context. Truly, Peter Levenda had much more than credibility to lose, and we should be thankful that his research continues to be published, read, reviewed, and consulted.

Understanding where Nazism came from is an immeasurably important puzzle piece for anyone who humbly wants honest answers to why civilization is so uncivilized. And truly, no understanding of what it even is is possible without that understanding, because it was not a political party in the normal sense of the word, but a cult. A cult formed of insecure self-blinded opportunists who would rather be told they're perfect because of their skin than to deal with complex issues.

And with this understanding, which can only be won by a serious labor of love, driven by the heartfelt need to get to the bottom of the dark dank well of humankind's darkest inhumanities and know WHY, you will know the right questions to ask, why this ramshackle cult of misfits continues to wield influence into the age of information.

The simple-minded blend of pseudo-science, inane spiritualishism, and crank sociology at the core of National Socialism is exposed here, in greater detail than I suspected, and the yarn the inner-circle Nazi nerds and industrialists spun over the first half of the twentieth century to try and cover their militant, warmongering asses quick, while they had the chance, before anyone got to the bottom of it!

Which is why this book was not again to be found on shelves after only 2 printings.

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## **Jay D says**

A page-turning overview of a subject that is quite obvious, yet unknown to most. \*The\* book on the subject, along with Goodrich-Clarke's.

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## **Piemaker says**

The works of Levenda are best read with an open mind - whether you're reading them as fact or fiction. Unholy Alliance is a fine pairing with Clark's work on the same subject and while somewhat unreliable is an excellent source of leads to follow up with research.

If you're looking for a compelling narrative of Nazi Occultism (and one that emphasizes rather than downplays Nazi esotericism, without going into complete fantasy territory) rather than a strictly verifiable historical text, it's a solid read. Also highly recommended for anyone planning to tackle Levenda's American Political Witchcraft series. Unfortunately the best part of the book as a stand-alone text - Levenda's adventure to Colonia Dignidad and CD itself - is the smallest part of the work, though quite reasonably so under the circumstances.

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## **Dave says**

This is for research towards my new novel.

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## **Dawn says**

Horrible. Absolutely horrible. It was the first time I can ever remember putting a book down without finishing or intending to finish. I've always found history to be fascinating and this was not the first time I've heard mention of the Occult being part of Hitler's life, so I figured I'd give it a try since it was also part of a collection of books I was given some time ago. By the middle of the 2nd chapter, I had found several major basic historical errors that had nothing to do with the Occult, but rather basic, simple, known historical facts - such as the date of the infamous beer hall putsch was off by about a year, information about his mother was incorrect, including the relationship he had with her, information about his relationship with Eva Braun, and the list continues. I donated the book. I would give this book zero stars if it let me.

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## **Greg Naughton says**

This book is difficult to follow. On first read-through it doesn't appear to be about the stated subject matter at all: Nazis and the Occult. Instead of a factual treatment on the subject, what you get is repeated flights into fancy and brainstorming on the topic. It is wholly unstructured approach, and one that I do not find useful in any regard. I mean, why make up things on this matter? The author continually brings up subject matter far

outside of the scope of topic. There are at least 5 prefaces and forwards, all of which are wholly unnecessary, lending an undeserved air of self-importance. I found it scatterbrained, and a bit hair-brained. If you are looking for an orderly, factual treatment of the topic look elsewhere.

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### **Robert Palmer says**

As a lifelong history buff, I have read a number of books about the Third Reich. In addition, as an undergraduate political science major, I have read a number of books about fascism in general and the Nazi party in particular. But in all of the other books I have read, there is a gaping hole, for unlike any other political movement of which I am aware, the Nazi party has its origins in the occult, and mainstream historians and political scientists just don't want to discuss that aspect of the Nazi party. This book fills that gap.

The book is well researched, and if I were rating the book on research alone, I would give it five stars. However, the author is somewhat long-winded, and the book could be better organized.

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### **Cwn\_annwn\_13 says**

Unholy Alliance has to be the stupidest book written about so called "Nazi occultism" since Spear of Destiny by Trevor Ravenscroft. The author of this book is either insane, a huckster trying to make a buck or a covert ADL agent. It reads like he did his research for this book by watching one of those silly A & E "Nazi occult" documentaries, reading public ADL or SPLC "intelligence" reports designed to scare little old Jewish ladies into thinking the Nazis are coming back if they don't send in a large donation, and then tying the ends by just making a bunch of stuff up.

I mean I really don't know where to start with this one. For one there is absolutely no evidence that Hitler was a Satanist, Odinist or any type of practicing occultist. Levenda can't seem to figure out what the Nazis as a whole are either. In one brush of the stroke he says they are worshippers of Odin, Thor, etc, then in the next he says they were trying to recreate the Christian Knights Templar and the Jesuit Order through the SS!

He also makes the nutty and totally baseless claim that a South American religious cult made up of people of German ancestry are Nazi war criminals who escaped after WW2 and are secretly pulling the strings of the various South American governments behind the scenes. News Flash! There was no connection between the people at ""Colonia Dignidad" and Nazism. Just because you are German and live in South America does not mean you are a "Nazi war criminal" fleeing justice. There were huge amounts of Germans living in South America long before WW2, there have been and still are whole German communities there and 99.999% of the Germans who went to South America after WW2 did so to escape what was going to be a very nasty place to live for many years to come, not because Simon Wiesenthal was hot on their heels. As far as "escaped Nazis" having anything to do with installing these murderous crackpot right wing dictators that popped up at various times in South America its totally baseless and delusional. I think you might look to a Jewish man named Kissinger if you want to know how those regimes came about.

As if all of this wasn't enough I actually heard Levenda on a talk radio show claiming that "Nazi skinheads" were running a multi-million dollar drug smuggling empire as a joint operation with Al-Qaeda! Ha ha ha! If you believe that you will believe anything.

If you want to read a sane book on Nazis and the occult check out *The Occult Roots of Nazism: Secret Aryan Cults and Their Influence on Nazi Ideology* by Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke.

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