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The names Klaus Barbie, Adolf Eichmann, Hermann Goering, Reinhard Heydrich, Heinrich Himmler and Ernst Kaltenbrunner struck terror into law-abiding citizens let alone those who resisted Adolf Hitler. These men were leaders of the Gestapo, the secret police during the times of the Nazis. This book outlines who the Gestapo were, how they operated, what their numbers were, the terrible crimes they committed and how they paid for these in the end when they were hunted down after the war.

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Kazimiera pendrey says

I was given an ebook copy of this book by NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. I did enjoy this book in spite of the horrors of the subject matter. The book is about the Gestapo how they were set up who was in charge and their role within Germany and the occupied countries. What the book describes is events of such barbarity it is quite hard to contemplate .The book is well written and is very interesting . I would recommend this book to anyone who has an interest in history

tiffany porter says

What a book.

I'm just in awe of this book. How can this happen to good people so long ago. And so many perished with out being held accountable for there evil acts of terrorism against another human.

Simon Binning says

This is one of those books that is becoming all too common; it takes information from a number of existing sources, and simply cobbles it together in short tabloid fashion. There is no analysis; no new information.

There are huge generalisations, out of date thinking and many factual errors.

The book starts off with a very brief history of the Gestapo. The rest of the book - as the author admits - is simply a collection of atrocity stories in rough chronological order.

There is no attempt to understand why people joined the organisation; no attempt to understand their place in society - either in Germany or occupied countries (other than some very dodgy broad brush strokes); no attempt to assess their actual effectiveness.

The Gestapo was a political police force in an increasingly brutal state; what they did was mostly atrocious.

If you want a very quick summary of their role, then this book might be useful. But if you want to know who the Gestapo really were, why they did what they did, and how they were seen by outsiders, then you won't find it here. There are other suitable histories that are far better.

Donna Maguire says

This is quite a short book but it contains an awful lot of information. I really enjoyed it and I came away after reading the book feeling as though I had learnt more and its ideal as a starting point to read more on the topic. Highly recommended.

Patrick S Mahony says

Very precise in details not normally seen.

This book is full of details not normally mentioned and seems to very accurate in the description of events. I like the format it was written in.

James Kemp says

This is a good summary overview of the Gestapo, but didn't quite have enough detail for me. If you didn't know much about them before then this book would be a good place to start. However it doesn't quite live up to the promise of the blurb. What I was hoping for was some analysis of how the Gestapo was formed, where its staff came from and why they joined up.

What you get with this book is a rough chronological history of the Gestapo, and their involvement in the atrocities committed by the nazi state. You also get a series of dramatis personae with pictures and a potted biography. Frankly a lot of this is readily available through wikipedia and other sources. It is collected here for you and presented with a sensible reading order. What it needs more of is the analysis of who these people were and why they ended up in the gestapo.

Over the 12 years of its existence nazi Germany employed tens of thousands of people in the secret police. The East German state would do largely the same thing with even more people over its forty year span. So how did these German states persuade ordinary people to put in place a political police that repressed dissent and removed enemies of the state? This book should try to tell you, but it doesn't.

Russell G Edwards says

A look at he'll on earth from inside the Germany of Adolph Hitler

Insanity reigns supreme and murder the answer to every problem of government. People were not allowed to live normal human lives, but must always be aware that they were watched on every hand.

Heather says

When I first started reading this book, I was surprised how short it was. I thought that no way could Saul give anything but a rushed overview in only just over 100 pages (I know GoodReads says 240 pages, but the book actually covers 104 on my device). However, when I was finished reading, I was pleasantly surprised. Saul does a great job of laying out the history and atrocities of the Gestapo without feeling rushed. Most of the focus is directly on the Gestapo itself, with just enough general war history added for readers to

understand the context.

Fans of non-fiction, war stories, and true crime should definitely check this one out.

****I received this copy via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review****

Brooke says

A concise and unflinching history of the Gestapo. The latter part of the book seemed to jump around a bit (e.g., from Violette Szabo to Operation Valkyrie to the Warsaw Uprising to Anne Frank) but it was still educational.

Mark Gordon says

Well researched, on what is an abhorrent subject

lyle tadlock says

Very good read.

This book was very easy to read and have the reader a snap shot of the history of the Gestapo and a brief history of some of its more relevant members .

Jonathan Brown says

Easy to read book of the war machine that was the Gestapo. Very enlightening.

Ian Taylor says

Hitlers police

An excellent view into the atrocities of the second world war under the Police force they called the Gestapo. They were evil

Emily says

I really liked this, you guys! I learned so much (And I thought I was pretty knowledgeable before). It was easy to read, intriguing, well written and researched. Overall this was amazing. I would recommend this

book, absolutely. 5 out of 5 stars. keep up the good work!

Book Him Danno says

If you have any interest in WWII history this book is a must read. We know the general idea of what the Gestapo was but until you read this book you have no idea who they really were and what they were capable of doing. The horrors that were committed by the Gestapo is brought to life in this book.

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