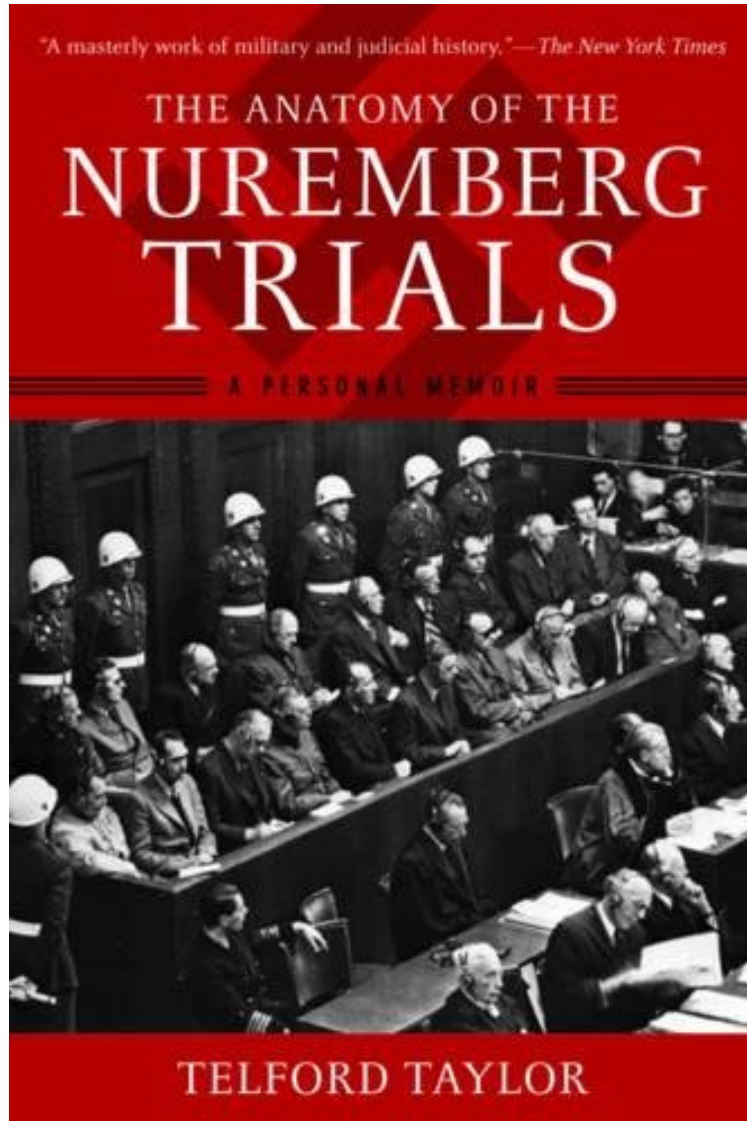


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comprehensive account of the IMT by Taylor, the deputy chief prosecutor and one of the most thoughtful commentators of the 20th century on matters of war, crime and justice. Note, however, that this book deals only with the IMT, not the 12 subsequent cases (doctors, financiers, etc.) that the Americans tried at Nuremberg after the IMT concluded. Too bad, because Taylor was chief of counsel for those trials. He intended to write a second volume about them (at age 85, no less) but never did so. If you know a lot about the IMT, this will give you new insights. If you will only read one book about the IMT, this is the one. 14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. You don't know the Nuremberg Trials until you read this book. By E2Rose Mr. Taylor, one of several very bright individuals (attorney) who assisted at the first trial for the highest ranking Nazis who could be found and later as lead prosecutor during trials that followed, produced a flowing, broad account of the scramble to bring this event to the world and to terminate a dreadful and despised organization. Herein is a wealth of facts, observations and asides about the trial and the participants including the effort leading up to the trial to organize and produce the historical event. The awaited overview of the interrogation and rebuttal of each defendant comes later in the book. With so many players and five primary countries the narrative becomes a bit entangled and confusing in spots but nothing that slows the pace. To that point creating a list of the individuals as they appear would help to keep the record straight as the story advances. An unprecedented event such as this was not without regular pitfalls for the Allies, the Americans to a greater degree, which Mr. Taylor openly recalls. This is very much the story and not a technical rendition of the trial so proceedings, the exchanges between attorneys and judges, are easily understood. For those of casual interest the more than 700 pages will likely be excessive but if you are looking for one entertaining, end to end treatment of this event, from the humanistic to the legal and political, you may not do better than this book. The one regret is that Mr. Taylor did not produce a similar account for later trials. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. interesting and good reading. I wouldn't pick it up just for ... By Gene Horwitz If you've ever wanted to know the ins and outs, and the evidence, findings, and various characters involved in the Nuremberg trials, this is certainly a book that you will find informative, interesting and good reading. I wouldn't pick it up just for its fun and entertaining reading. I'm almost done reading the book, and I'm glad to have read it. The book thoroughly discusses the administration of the trials, problems and debates, defendants, prosecutors, judges, allegations, evidence, and everything I wanted to know. And, it was good reading too--written first hand by a chief prosecutor. If this topic is an area of interest for you, this is an exceptional read.

In 1945, the Allied nations agreed on a judicial process, rather than summary execution, to determine the fate of the Nazis following the end of World War II. Held in Nuremberg, the ceremonial birthplace of the Nazi Party, the British, American, French, and Soviet leaders contributed both judges and prosecutors to the series of trials that would prosecute some of the most prominent politicians, military leaders and businessmen in Nazi Germany. This is the definitive history of the Nuremberg crimes trials by one of the key participants, Telford Taylor, the distinguished lawyer who was a member of the American prosecution staff and eventually became chief counsel. In vivid detail, Taylor portrays the unfolding events as he saw, heard, and otherwise sensed them at the time, and not as a detached historian working from the documents might picture them. Taylor describes personal vendettas among the Allied representatives and the negotiations that preceded the handing down of sentences. The revelations have not lost their power over the decades: The chamber is reduced to silence when an SS officer recounts impassively that his troops rounded up and killed 90,000 Jews, and panic overcomes the head of the German State Bank as it becomes clear that he knew his institution was receiving jewels and other valuables taken from the bodies of concentration camp inmates. The Anatomy of the Nuremberg Trials has proven to be a defining piece of World War II literature, an engrossing and reflective eyewitness account of one of the most significant events of our century.

From Publishers Weekly The chief prosecutor of the four-power Nuremberg trials (1945-1946) delivers the ultimate insider's account of the war-crimes prosecution of surviving Nazi leaders. A National Book Critics Circle Award winner for *Munich: The Price of Peace*, Taylor explains how the Allied governments established the legal basis for the tribunal and organized the courtroom proceedings. He introduces the defendants--Goring, Hess, Ribbentrop, Speer et al.--defines the charges against them, outlines the evidence and recounts individual defense strategies, closing arguments, judicial sentences and (in the case of those condemned to death) the details of their executions. Taylor casts doubt on the legality of the charges against Nazi publisher Julius Streicher and argues that Rudolf Hess, mentally incapable of defending himself, should not have been tried. (Incidentally, he clears up the intrigue surrounding how former Luftwaffe chief Hermann Goring managed to conceal the cyanide capsule with which he committed suicide.) This gripping eyewitness report of an unprecedented international military tribunal is the definitive work on the subject. Photos. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. About the Author Telford Taylor (1908-1998) graduated from Williams College and Harvard Law School. During World War II he served in Europe as a U.S. Army intelligence officer, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. After the Nuremberg trials, Taylor practiced law in New York City, taught at Columbia Law School and the Benjamin Cardozo School of Law, and published a number of books, including *Munich: The Price of Peace*, which won the National Book Critics Circle Award for best

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