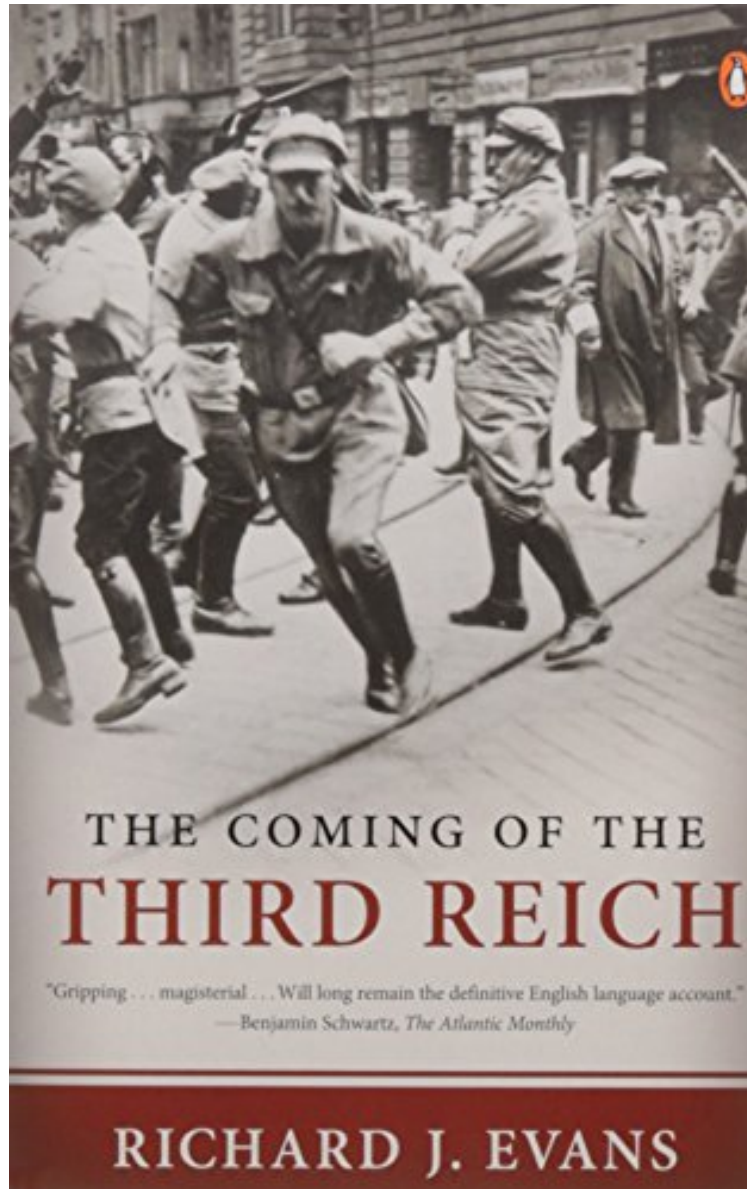


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Richard J. Evans : The Coming of the Third Reich before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Coming of the Third Reich:

55 of 56 people found the following review helpful. One of the finer works on the rise of Nazism By Reader in the rain I am a 67 years old retired high school history teacher and have been studying Hitler and the Holocaust since

reading Shirer's "Rise and Fall" when I was in the 6th grade over half a century ago. Since then I have pretty much devoured dozens of histories, hundreds of articles, and dozens more novels about the "what, how, and why" Hitler was able to rise to power and why the nascent anti-semitism that had been part of European culture for over a thousand years somehow morphed into the holocaust. My obsession with the subject stems from both my abiding passion for history and my realization that my father, who served in the Army Air Corps during WW II, was but two or three generations removed (depending which branch of the family tree was being examined) from his 100% German roots. Hence the thought occurred to me early on in my studies ; "What if one or more of our ancestors had not left Germany? Dad could just as easily been in the Luftwaffe, the SA, or even the SS, he was, after all, very patriotic. So, since I have described how I came to read this book as well as my bonafides to review it I guess I should get on to my review. Evans' book is one of the finest I have ever read on both the roots of German culture in the years both preceding and after the Great War as well as how the Weimar Republic Collapsed into the Third Reich. The documentation is superb and the writing is interesting and compelling. Evans avoids the flaw incumbent in the work so many historians; "I researched this fact, it is going in the book, damn it!" which allows the work to move at a very nice pace. Many a night while reading the book I was staying up far past my bedtime because I simply could not put it down. I am very well versed in the subject matter but somehow Evans has managed to write a book that is readable and interesting to an expert such as I and is at the same time completely approachable and understandable to someone with but the most limited background in the period. I can hardly wait to immerse myself in the ensuing two volumes. However I do not expect the third volume to grip me quite so firmly as I am far more interested in how the Third Reich and its leader came to be than again reading a tale of the evil it did. If you are new to the detailed study of this subject I highly recommend reading this work and then moving on to Timothy Snyder's "Black Earth" a book that does a better job of explaining Hitler's political theories and philosophies than any other work I have read so far. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. "The Coming of the Third Reich" brilliantly explains how Hitler and the Nazis first came to power in Germany. By Mike Powers The Coming of the Third Reich is the first volume of British historian Richard J. Evans masterful three-volume history of Nazi Germany. In it, Evans tells the story of what happened in Germany from the end of World War I (1918) to the consolidation of power by the Nazis in mid-1933. Evans traces Adolf Hitler's rise from an obscure, down-and-out street artist in Vienna to his assumption of power as Germany's Reich Chancellor in 1933. He also shows how and why the Weimar Republic Germany's first attempt at democracy failed, and how the National Socialist party was able to exploit that failure for its own ends. I found the most interesting chapters of The Coming of the Third Reich are those that show how the Adolf Hitler and the National Socialists coordinated (their term) the entire nation under their dictatorial, one-party regime once they had attained power. The Nazis used a combination of legal means the promulgation of several laws passed by the government as well as street riots, murder, intimidation, and thuggery to consolidate their power over the nation. Every aspect of German society art, music, literature, science, journalism, education, business, industry, finance, and others was subject to this brutal coordination by the Nazis. A key feature of the National Socialist program was, of course, Hitler's promise to eliminate the Jews from German society. Evans describes in great detail how Hitler and his minions, with the tacit approval of many Germans, began implementing their brutal and ultimately genocidal plan to eradicate the Jews from not only Germany, but Europe as well. Richard J. Evans writes with a lively and engaging style that held my interest throughout this book's 672 pages. (It only took me ten days to read it from cover to cover.) I do not think The Coming of the Third Reich is quite as easy to read as William L. Shirer's The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich, but in many ways, I think it is much better. It provides greater detail, and there is much more historical analysis that accompanies its fast-paced narrative. I gained a tremendous amount of new knowledge from The Coming of the Third Reich, and enjoyed reading it tremendously. Highly recommended. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Effectively teaches you a surprisingly complex topic. By Clark Really captures the many factors. The author proposes that a dozen little factors lead to this disaster. Instead of trying to describe the point of collision, he first walks you along each factor by itself, usually ending the chapter with "but this faction was really just a small group and not a major cause." After three or four of these you may feel teased. But then in the last chapter he shows you how these factors play against another and you are now educated enough on each of them to really understand the subtleties and accumulated trends. It's a topic of shades and no one singular move caused this disaster. I felt this author trained me well to understand the sophisticated conclusions made at the end of the book.

"The clearest and most gripping account I've read of German life before and during the rise of the Nazis." A. S. Byatt, Times Literary Supplement There is no story in twentieth-century history more important to understand than Hitler's rise to power and the collapse of civilization in Nazi Germany. With *The Coming of the Third Reich*, Richard Evans, one of the world's most distinguished historians, has written the definitive account for our time. A masterful synthesis of a vast body of scholarly work integrated with important new research and interpretations, Evans's history restores drama and contingency to the rise to power of Hitler and the Nazis, even as it shows how ready Germany was by the early 1930s for such a takeover to occur. *The Coming of the Third Reich* is a masterwork of the historian's art and the book by which all others on the subject will be judged.

From Publishers Weekly On March 30, 1933, two months after Hitler achieved power, Paul Nikolaus, a Berlin cabaret comedian, wrote disconsolately, "For once, no joke. I am taking my own life.... [U]nfortunately I have fallen in love with my Fatherland. I cannot live in these times." How Germans could remain in love with their fatherland under Nazism and even contribute willingly to its horrific extremism is the subject of Cambridge historian Evans's gripping if overwhelmingly detailed study, the first of three projected volumes. Readers watch a great and historic culture grow grotesquely warped from within, until, in 1933, a dictatorial state was imposed upon the ruins of the Weimar republic. A host of shrill demagogues had, in the preceding decades, become missionaries to an uneasy coalition of the discontented, eager to subvert Germany's democratic institutions. This account contrasts with oversimplified diagnoses of how Nazism succeeded in taking possession of the German psyche. Evans asserts that Hitler's manipulative charisma required massive dissatisfaction and resentment available to be exploited. Nazism found convenient scapegoats in historic anti-Semitism, the shame of an imposed peace after WWI and the weakness of an unstable government alien to the disciplined German past. Although there have been significant recent studies of Hitler and his regime, like Ian Kershaw's brilliant two volumes, Evans (*In Hitler's Shadow*, etc.) broadens the historic perspective to demythologize how morbidly fertile the years before WWI were as an incubator for Hitler. 31 illus., 18 maps. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

From Booklist This is the first volume in a projected three-volume history of Nazi Germany. Cambridge history professor Evans states clearly that this is a work aimed at general readers who hope to gain a fuller and deeper understanding of the course and causes of the Nazi rise to power. Although he breaks no new ground, Evans has written a highly readable and comprehensive account. Thankfully, he does not fall into the trap of looking for proto-Nazis as far back as Luther; however, Evans credibly asserts that the roots of National Socialism can be uncovered in the Germany of Bismarck, which had all of the stresses and tensions of a rapidly modernizing society. While acknowledging that strains of virulent nationalism and anti-Semitism were prevalent in other European nations, Evans shows that these tendencies combined with other vulnerabilities in Germany in an especially volatile mix. This is a first-rate narrative history that informs and educates and may inspire readers to delve even deeper into the subject. Jay Freeman Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved.

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"Richard J. Evans's *The Coming of the Third Reich* is an enormous work of synthesis, knowledgeable and reliable." Mark Mazower, *New York Times Book Review*

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"Brilliant." *Washington Post*

The generalist reader, it should be emphasized, is well served. The book reads briskly, covers all important areas of social and cultural life and succeeds in its aim of giving voice to the people who lived through the years with which it deals. *Denver Post*

One finally puts down this magnificent volume thirsty, on the one hand, for the next installment in the Nazi saga yet still haunted by the questions Evan poses and so masterfully grapples with. Abraham Brumberg, *The Nation*

This first part of what will be Evans's three-volume history of Hitler's regime is the most comprehensive and convincing work so far on the fall of Weimar and Hitler's rise to power. *Foreign Affairs*