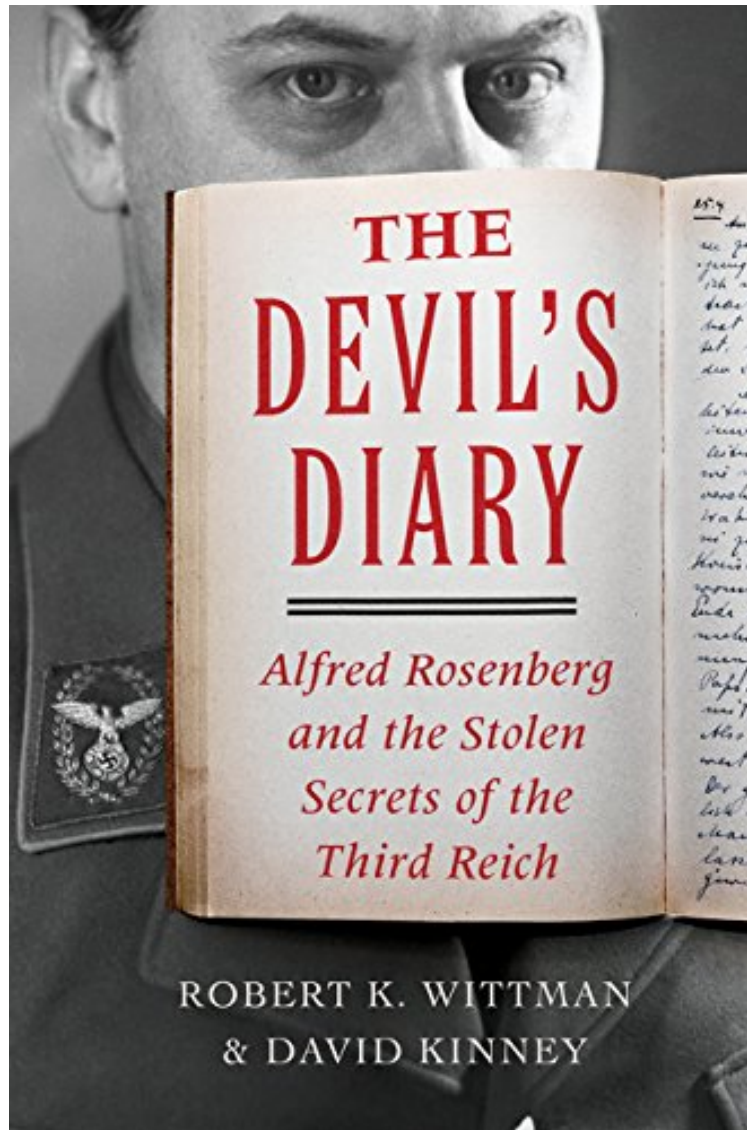


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A groundbreaking World War II narrative wrapped in a riveting detective story, *The Devils Diary* investigates the disappearance of a private diary penned by one of Adolf Hitlers top aides Alfred Rosenberg, his chief philosopher and mines its long-hidden pages to deliver a fresh, eye-opening account of the Nazi rise to power and the genesis of the Holocaust. An influential figure in Adolf Hitlers early inner circle from the start, Alfred Rosenberg made his name spreading toxic ideas about the Jews throughout Germany. By the dawn of the Third Reich, he had published a bestselling masterwork that was a touchstone of Nazi thinking. His diary was discovered hidden in a Bavarian castle at wars end five hundred pages providing a harrowing glimpse into the mind of a man whose ideas set the stage for the Holocaust. Prosecutors examined it during the Nuremberg war crimes trial, but after Rosenberg was convicted, sentenced, and executed, it mysteriously vanished. New York Times bestselling author Robert K. Wittman, who as an FBI agent and then a private consultant specialized in recovering artifacts of historic significance, first learned of the diary in 2001, when the chief archivist for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum contacted him to say that someone was trying to sell it for upwards of a million dollars. The phone call sparked a decade-long hunt that took them on a twisting path involving a pair of octogenarian secretaries, an eccentric professor, and an opportunistic trash-picker. From the crusading Nuremberg prosecutor who smuggled the diary out of Germany to the man who finally turned it over, everyone had reasons for hiding the truth. Drawing on Rosenbergs entries about his role in the seizure of priceless artwork and the brutal occupation of the Soviet Union, his conversations with Hitler and his endless rivalries with Gring, Goebbels, and Himmler, *The Devils Diary* offers vital historical insight of unprecedented scope and intimacy into the innermost workings of the Nazi regime and into the psyche of the man whose radical vision mutated into the Final Solution.

Mesmerizing. (Daily Beast) This volume cannot be recommended too highly. It is another smoking gun with which to condemn the Third Reich and further serves to reinforce what has become a 70-year mantra: We should never forget nor, more importantly, repeat mans worst inhumanity to man. (New York Journal of Books) A fascinating scholarly detective story centering on the often overlooked ideological architect of the Third Reich...The authors do an excellent job of teasing out the fine details and placing them in the larger context...A footnote to a much larger story but a welcome one. (Kirkus s) The efforts to recover [the diary] make up the most interesting part of art-crime expert Wittman and Pulitzer-winning Kinneys frequently riveting, serpentine account featuring a Nuremberg prosecutor, a museum archivist, and an FBI agent...The authors have provided an engrossing tale of a detective-style search. (Booklist) *The Devils Diary* is the story of the diary, its eventual recovery, and its harrowing content, providing an intense look at one of the major architects of the Holocaust. (Barnes and Noble Reads) *The Devils Diary* has all the elements of a great book: a hugely influential but forgotten confidant of Adolf Hitler, a long-lost Nazi journal, and a crusading Jewish lawyer who spent his life at war with the leading men of the Third Reich. (Joaquin "Jack" Garcia, New York Times bestselling author of *Making Jack* Falcone) *The Devils Diary* is a very rewarding read. While exposing in fresh, stunning detail the role Alfred Rosenberg played in the Holocaust, Kinney and Wittman also reveal the oft-tangled but fascinating world where history is recorded and written. Well done! (Neal Bascomb, national bestselling author of *Hunting Eichmann* and *The Winter Fortress*) Alfred Rosenberg...arises in horrific clarity in Wittman and Kinneys engrossing book. Rosenbergs personal writings, which were nearly lost to history, receive a dramatic interpretation in *The Devils Diary*. Its an intriguing read for anyone fascinated by the personalities of Nazi Germany. (Jack El-Hai, author of *The Nazi and the Psychiatrist*) *The Devils Diary* is lively and well written. Part detective story, part history book, it restores Rosenberg to his rightful place in the narrative, a man...who was profoundly influential, not least in providing what meagre intellectual underpinning Nazism could muster...a fascinating read. (Roger Moorehouse, author of *Killing Hitler*, *Berlin at War*, and *The Devil's Alliance*) Those with an interest in German history will find this narrative engaging. (Library Journal) A rollicking memoir... investigative details dazzle... Priceless can read at times, not unpleasantly, as if an art history textbook got mixed up at the printer with a screenplay for *The Wire*. (New York Times on Priceless) Almost every case he recounts has enough intrigue and suspense for a Hollywood screenplay. (Washington Post on Priceless) Genius riveting should be a TV series. (Los Angeles Times on Priceless) From the Back Cover A groundbreaking World War II narrative wrapped in a riveting detective story, *The Devils Diary* investigates the disappearance of a private diary penned by one of Adolf Hitlers top

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