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# Final Solution

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The Final SolutionHarper Collins  
The 'Final Solution' in Riga  
Picador  
The definitive study of

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Hitler's role in the greatest act of genocide of the twentieth century. The Holocaust differs from other genocides in recent history for one main reason: there is no other example in which a minority was annihilated systematically and as completely as possible on the orders of a head of state and through the apparatus of government. To reconstruct Hitler's central role in the Final Solution represents a particular challenge. Hitler treated the murder of the Jews as a matter of the utmost secrecy and was

careful wherever possible not to leave behind any written orders. Wherever his instructions on this matter are recorded he has used codified language. He kept away from the implementation of the orders and feigned ignorance, even to his closest friends and colleagues. Under these conditions, the surviving source material can only be described as fragmentary. The aim of the book is to offer documentary proof of Hitler's central role in the murder of the European Jews. In order to achieve

this aim, various documents and fragments of documents have been pieced together and the codified language of the dictator deciphered.

Ordinary Men Routledge

A biography of Heinrich Himmler, who devised the plans that enabled the Holocaust to take place

Final Solution K.G. Saur Verlag

A collection of excerpts from the confessions of Nazi war criminals tried at Nuremberg, published for the purpose of inculcating awareness of the Holocaust in the German population, particularly for history teachers and students.

**Hitler, the Germans,**

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**and the Final Solution** Lulu.com  
The Germans and the Final Solution stand as the fullest assessment to date of the attitudes of the German public to the Nazi policy of antisemitism and its genocidal conclusion. David Bankier's pathbreaking work will be widely read by scholars and students of contemporary European Jewish history and the history of Nazi

Germany.  
Anti-Semitism and The "Final Solution" The History Press  
David Cesarani's Final Solution is a magisterial work of history that chronicles the fate of Europe's Jews. Based on decades of scholarship, documentation newly available from the opening of Soviet archives, declassification of western intelligence service records, as

well as diaries and reports written in the camps, Cesarani provides a sweeping reappraisal that challenges accepted explanations for the anti-Jewish politics of Nazi Germany and the inevitability of the Final Solution. The persecution of the Jews, as Cesarani sees it, was not always the Nazis' central preoccupation, nor was it inevitable. He shows how, in German-

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contagious 'Jewish disease', it was an ingenious, covert and complicated effort – and one that saved the lives of thousands of people. Drawing on original archive material from Italy, Germany, the Vatican City, Switzerland, the UK and US, acclaimed historian Christian Jennings tells the whole story in English for the first time.  
*The Origins of Nazi*

*Genocide* Berghahn Books  
This book explores the complex causes that led to the perpetration of the most significant genocidal crime in modern history: the Holocaust. The origin of this enquiry lies at the point where the utopia of the civilizing process failed to deliver: how could Auschwitz-Birkenau be possible? Daniel Rafecas builds a concise but

explanatory narration supported by a strong, not obvious hypothesis –the Holocaust was not arrived at as the result of the willingness of a handful of anti-Semitic fanatics led by Adolf Hitler, but through the overcoming of successive stages across which the criminal decisions regarding the Jewish question were radicalized. Such

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decisions were gradually processed and rationalized by dozens of thousands of officials involved in the destruction process. This thorough chronicle of the relevant events covers the world war conflict (particularly, the dramatic circumstances that characterized the invasion of the Soviet Union), as well as the key role played by the state bureaucracy in charge of implementing anti-Jewish policies (the SS of Heinrich Himmler). And it sheds light over the path travelled by the Nazi regime towards the consummation of the Final Solution, a process that could only be possible as a result of the progressive trampling of basic human rights, which is typical of authoritarian states. With an austere but didactic style, Daniel Rafecas offers a historical synthesis that is essential to those English-speaking readers who, coming from any area of knowledge, approach this subject, worried by what Rafecas defines as the great black hole of Modernity.

*Final Solution* Enslow Publishing, LLC  
Ghetto, forced labor camp, concentration camp: All of the

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elements of the National Socialists' policies of annihilation were to be found in Riga. This first analysis of the Riga ghetto and the nearby camps of Salaspils and Jungfernhof addresses all aspects of German occupation policy during the Second World War. Drawing upon a broad array of sources that includes previously inaccessible Soviet archives, postwar

criminal investigations, and trial records of alleged perpetrators, and the records of the Society of Survivors of the Riga Ghetto, the authors have produced an in-depth study of the Riga ghetto that never loses sight of the Latvian capital's place within the overall design of Nazi policy and the all-of-Europe dimension of the Holocaust.

*The Architect of Genocide: Himmler and the Final Solution*  
Holmes & Meier Pub  
Tracing the rise of racist and eugenic ideologies, Henry Friedlander explores in chilling detail how the Nazi program of secretly exterminating the handicapped and disabled evolved into the systematic destruction of Jews and Gypsies. He describes how the so-called euthanasia of

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the handicapped provided a practical model for the later mass murder, thereby initiating the Holocaust. The Nazi regime pursued the extermination of Jews, Gypsies, and the handicapped based on a belief in the biological, and thus absolute, inferiority of those groups. To document the connection between the assault on the handicapped and the Final Solution,

Friedlander shows how the legal restrictions and exclusionary policies of the 1930s, including mass sterilization, led to mass murder during the war. He also makes clear that the killing centers where the handicapped were gassed and cremated served as the models for the extermination camps. Based on extensive archival research, the book also analyzes the

involvement of the German bureaucracy and judiciary, the participation of physicians and scientists, and the nature of popular opposition. *The Final Solution* Oxford University Press, USA "[A] historian's carefully researched work, based on a vast array of sources, documenting Hitler's and Himmler's responsibility for the murder of European Jewry. The book



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details the planning and the improvisations, but emphasizes the former and Himmler's fanatical hatred of the Jewish race as the determinative cause of the Holocaust. Dealing with a charged controversy, Breitman makes a powerful case that by March 1941 'the Final Solution was just a matter of time – and timing,' i.e., that the Holocaust was not a reflex of Hitler's fear that the war in Russia could not be won. Breitman argues that the Wannsee Conference merely ratified the plans and instructed other agencies to cooperate. Breitman records the instances of resistance or opposition, but notes that of course the cooperation of thousands (many still alive and never tried) and the complicity or silence of millions were needed to carry out the murder... the book concludes that Himmler's 'brutality was more learned than instinctive or emotional' – a methodical murderer impelled by racist dogma." – Foreign Affairs "Breitman's book is decisively important... [It] should serve for years to come as required reading for all who wish to make sense of the Holocaust." – Daniel Jonah Goldhagen, *The New Republic* "Looking nothing like the Nordic ideal he advocated, Heinrich Himmler, chief of the Nazi SS, was short, flabby and balding – his dull, pedantic exterior disguising the caustic, cowardly,

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Machiavellian, immensely cruel master of deceit within. Breitman... presents compelling evidence that the extermination of Jews was an early goal of Himmler, a Bavarian and lapsed Catholic, and his boss Adolf Hitler. Drawing on previously untapped German records, as well as other source materials... this engrossing, detailed study constitutes a powerful refutation of revisionist scholars who claim that Hitler did not plan the Final Solution in advance but instead improvised it out of either military or political frustration." – Publishers Weekly "A truly path-breaking book, one of the few that will have a lasting impact on historical research of the period. It shows both the primacy of Hitler as the motivating force in the mass murder, and the way in which his initiatives were accepted and internalized by the SS, on the basis of ideology." – Holocaust and Genocide Studies "Chilling, expert history." – Kirkus "[A]n eminently sensible and judicious study that could well serve as a textbook on the topic." – The Historian "Breitman's research [is] meticulous. Especially valuable are his novel insights into the full and frequent communication between Himmler and Hitler, who, it is known, seldom signed an order. Mr. Breitman presents his arguments

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cogently." – Michael H. Himmler's speeches and our understanding of  
Kater, The New York conversations... how the Nazis initiated  
Times "An absorbing, Breitman shows that mass murder." – German  
important book [that] people knew." – Studies Review "[An]  
addresses the sequence Washington Post Book important book... I  
of steps leading to the World "The book is much admire this work,  
Final Solution." – chillingly good on the particularly for its  
Financial Times "As uses and abuses of resourceful combing of  
Breitman persuasively language to mask primary material...  
demonstrates, the atrocity." – Newsday there is much to learn  
situation kept "Breitman's study is an from this book about  
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was always in charge, [the] literature [on origins, its  
and his goals always the origins of the Nazi implementation, and its  
included ridding his genocide], one that hate-inspired  
empire of the Jews." – provides the most architect" – The  
Los Angeles Times likely scenario and American Historical  
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## **Final Solution**

Berghahn Books

In recent years scholars and researchers have turned their attention to the attitudes of ordinary men [and women] during the period of the persecution of the Jews in occupied Europe. This comprehensive work addresses the disturbing question of how people

reacted when their neighbours were ostracized, humiliated, deported and later murdered. On the basis of new archival material the authors also discuss the attitudes and actions--or lack of actions--of those who had an official status, or were active in the underground. The studies present the

varying and complex situations that pertained in Europe reaching from states allied to Nazi Germany, such as Slovakia and Romania, to countries like France with a relatively autonomous population; also included are countries like Ukraine and Lithuania, whose nationalist

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movements viewed the Third Reich as the major factor that would aid them in achieving independence.

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iUniverse

Analyzes the circumstances that led to the Holocaust, discusses the prewar political and social order, and looks at genocide in European history

University of  
Pittsburgh Pre  
Christopher R.

Browning's shocking account of how a unit of average middle-aged Germans became the cold-blooded murderers of tens of thousands of Jews—now with a new afterword and additional photographs.

Ordinary Men is the true story of Reserve Police Battalion 101 of the German Order Police, which was

responsible for mass shootings as well as round-ups of Jewish people for deportation to Nazi death camps in Poland in 1942.

Browning argues that most of the men of RPB 101 were not fanatical Nazis but, rather, ordinary middle-aged, working-class men who committed these atrocities out of a mixture of motives, including

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the group dynamics of conformity, deference to authority, role adaptation, and the altering of moral norms to justify their actions. Very quickly three groups emerged within the battalion: a core of eager killers, a plurality who carried out their duties reliably but without initiative, and a small minority who evaded participation in the acts of killing without diminishing the murderous efficiency of the battalion whatsoever. While this book discusses a specific Reserve Unit during WWII, the general argument Browning makes is that most people succumb to the pressures of a group setting and commit actions they would never do of their own volition. Ordinary Men is a powerful, chilling, and important work with themes and arguments that continue to resonate today. "A remarkable—and singularly chilling—glimpse of human behavior...This meticulously researched book...represents a major contribution

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to the literature of the Holocaust."—Newsweek

*The Jews of Paris and the Final Solution*

Pantheon

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*The Final Solution*

Univ of North Carolina Press

It has only been recognised tardily and with reluctance that during the

Second World War hundreds of thousands of itinerants met the same horrendous fate as Jews and other victims of Nazism. Gypsies appear to appeal to the imagination simply as social outcasts and scapegoats or, in a flattering but no more illuminating light, as romantic outsiders. In this study, contemporary

notions about Gypsies are traced back as far as possible to their roots, in an attempt to lay bare why stigmatisation of gypsies, or rather groups labelled as such, has continued from the distant past even to today.

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Memoirs of Rubin,  
who relates her own experiences in the



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Holocaust as well as Auschwitz. Her father was murdered after the war with those of her father was murdered her husband, Rabbi those of her father was murdered her husband, Rabbi husband and other in 1941 in a Menachem Rubin, who members of their massacre at survived Auschwitz hasidic family. Kamenetz-Podolsk; working in an Rubin (nee her mother was armaments factory Teitelbaum- gassed on arrival and was later Horowitz) was born at Auschwitz. Rubin injured at Ebensee. in the 1920s in was sent for a Like other members Sighet and raised short time to the of his family, he in Szollos, Krotingen labor took great risks to Ruthenia (now camp, near Riga, observe religious Vinohradiv, and then to practices. His two Ukraine). In June Stutthof. She was brothers and a 1944, soon after taken on a death sister also her marriage, she march, during which survived. Chana and her family were she was liberated. Rubin's uncle, deported to She was reunited Rabbi Yoel

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Teitelbaum (the Satmar Rebbe), and his wife Feige, were saved by Rudolf Kasztner. *The Architect of Genocide* The Final Solution Attempts to unravel the many complex mysteries surrounding a document, called the "Secret Reich matter," created by a group of Nazi leaders in 1942 at a lavish villa on the shore of Berlin's Lake Wannsee, that tallied

up the Jews in Europe, classified half and quarter Jews, and ordered the senseless slaughter of thousands of Jews as the "final solution to the Jewish Question." *German Jews in the Era of the "Final Solution"* Univ of California Press This volume presents a comprehensive, multifaceted picture both of the

destructive dynamic of the Nazi leadership and of the attitudes and behavior of ordinary Germans as the persecution of the Jews spiraled into total genocide. The "Final Solution" is Life Macmillan An important concern in understanding the "machinery" of the Holocaust is the timing of the decision to put into

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effect the Final Solution, the systematic murder of the European Jews. This book explores the crucial first steps in implementing the mass murder, including Hitler's role in the decision-making process. The participation of middle and lower middle echelon Germans, and the development of the technology of destruction, in particular, the gas

van for use in the death camps. Looking at events from summer 1941 to Spring 1942, Christopher Browning sheds important new light on the historians' debate about how the policy of systematic mass murder emerged.