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The penniless tramp who rose to wield more power than most any other man in history. This illustrated biography exposes the beguiling nature of totalitarianism. A must read.

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Glenn Banks says

although this is about Hitler, it was much more like a brief WWII history. I hope no other person with his personality ever gets into such high power. how would the would be different if it was not for Hitler though?

Lauren says

Very informative and interesting, included all you need to know about Hitler.

Molly Christensen says

Fascinating look at the life of Adolf Hitler. The world knows much about the atrocities he inflicted on the Jews, but this book opened my eyes to many of the other evils he created as well. Well worth reading.

Kendra Beth says

What good can be said about Hitler? Ok, he was a good leader! He really was! He was a GREAT leader, he was just.. way nutty, and a possibly insane person (both parents, one has their MFT the other PHD in Psychology) have both questioned Hitlers sanity).

Albert Marrin, again, is an amazing writer. I thoroughly enjoy his style, and his works. I highly recomend the book to those reading about WWI and WWII (although brace yourself for chapter six - what a horrific man. Definitaly NOT someone I would want to meet in a dark ally somewhere, or anywhere for that matter. I might have to choke him!)

Overall, wonderful writing. I can't say it was a wonderful book because it most certainly was not. By the end of it I had a little bit of a taste of how the soilders, who liberated the last remaining lives from the death camps, felt - like choking Hitler!

Excellent writing.

Christi-Anne says

Loved this in-depth biography.

We did it over a period of weeks for school -- would highly recommend for students who seek to learn more about WWII and what happened before/during it through the eyes of the Feurher.

Dexter says

While it did take me a very very very long time to get through this book, I still kind of...enjoyed it? More like was interested in it, because it's hard to enjoy a book about so much tragedy and terror.

Albert Marrin does a very good job writing about Hitler's entire life and the war as a whole. He's the kind of nonfiction writer that makes me ask more questions and want to know even more about the subject, which, in my opinion, is the best kind of nonfiction writer.

Carolyn Tye says

Although the content is gruesome, the writing style was extremely readable. I think the book is inaccurately titled, for the book not only discussed Hitler but also many battles of the war. I understand that Germany's losses affected Hitler and were caused by his errors in military judgment, but the book seemed to often lose its focus.

Hope says

I was a bit put off when the librarian handed me this book with a big "J" on the spine for juvenile. I needn't have worried, though. Because Marrin directed his writing to young people, it is very clear and understandable. And it's a far cry from the dumbed down history books that fill our public school shelves today.

Marrin does a superb job of setting the stage for Hitler's rise to power. He clearly explains why Hitler was so popular and why most Germans were fooled by him. He describes how Hitler's persuasive speaking skills sent young people into a frenzy of patriotism. There was nothing they would not do for their fuhrer.

If you are interested in World War II this is a fascinating, articulate, and sobering look at the events that were orchestrated by one of history's most famous villains.

Sally Smith says

I won't lie, this is a pretty depressing read.

The writing style is simplistic and, despite the topic, usually refrains from being grisly—I would categorize it as a history book for all ages (11+). That being said, the subject is obviously Hitler, so all the horrors of the holocaust, no matter how simplistically written, are still on display here. Certain passages are very good (explaining politics and military tactics faithfully); others, as is the nature a biography, fall more toward the realm of personal speculation (maybe Hitler favored simple birth-giving women because his OWN mother died?). First published in 1987, there is definitely a less-than-impartial whiff of American perspective in

places, but it does not distract from the overall tone.

For my own part, I felt the book did its best work when it was covering the topic of Nazi control and the fear it inspired—for the Jewish population, foreign nations and German citizens alike (misinformation campaigns, control of free speech, control of children). The spreading of propaganda through skewed media does *not* feel like an outdated concept here, even in the modern world. (Honestly, a lot of Joseph Goebbels' strategies struck me as horrifyingly fresh). There's definitely a history lesson in disguise: striking at religion, freedom of the press, or education has a tendency to end in horror—which is a concept that really resonated with me this year.

If you like history (or politics) and you're looking for something quick, this book might appeal to you.

Jessica says

very interesting read. the book did have its low points, but they were few, and the majority of the time I enjoyed it. I would've liked it if the book criminalized Hitler less. Although he did horrible things, he didn't think of them as such. He had a different mindset than most people, and while that doesn't excuse his actions, it deserves to be talked about more. But I'm sure my opinion is unpopular and Albert Marrin has the more common one. I liked the chapters about Hitler's childhood and youth the best. They gave a great look into why he felt how he did. How he projected his failure and sense of entitlement onto others, and how he was mentally ill.

G.M. Burrow says

This is a great place to start if you want an accessible, well-written but not too detailed biography of Germany's monster. Albert Marrin is technically a children's writer, but he's just as fabulous for adults who want quick, vivid, compelling history. I underline his descriptions of bombs and explosions more than anything else; he's really got a knack for them.

Abigail Rasmussen says

Mom read this book aloud to my sister (14), brother (12) and I (17) when we were studying Modern History. It has some descriptions of the sadness and horror of war that a different brother of mine was still too sensitive to read or listen to when he was 13 years old.

Hannah says

If you want to learn about Hitler's evil, sick life this is the book! This book is wonderful in understanding WWII and Hitler's wicked plans and motives. Lots of disgusting details...

Philip says

Good Book

Collin says

Albert Marrin is my history/biography Diana Wynne Jones - the guy can't write a bad one. Same goes for this portrait of Hitler and his life before and during WWII. As usual, there are also a lot of vignettes of other significant figures - Montgomery, Rommel, the White Rose - which made everything even better.

One can't read about Hitler without getting a little chill down one's spine, but Marrin did an better job than most.
