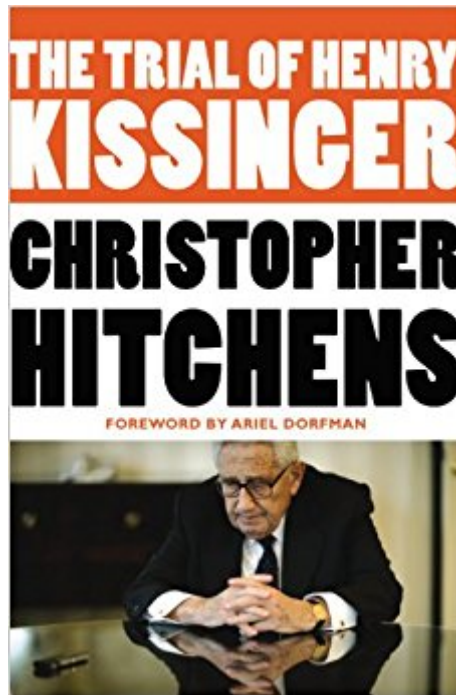




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The Trial Of Henry Kissinger



Synopsis

"If the courts and lawyers of this country will not do their duty, we shall watch as the victims and survivors of this man pursue justice and vindication in their own dignified and painstaking way, and at their own expense, and we shall be put to shame." Forget Pinochet, Milosevic, Hussein, Kim Jong-il, or Gaddafi: America need look no further than its own lauded leaders for a war criminal whose offenses rival those of the most heinous dictators in recent history-Henry Kissinger. Employing evidence based on firsthand testimony, unpublished documents, and new information uncovered by the Freedom of Information Act, and using only what would hold up in international courts of law, *THE TRIAL OF HENRY KISSINGER* outlines atrocities authorized by the former secretary of state in Indochina, Bangladesh, Chile, Cyprus, East Timor, and in the plight of the Iraqi Kurds, "including conspiracy to commit murder, kidnap, and torture." With the precision and tenacity of a prosecutor, Hitchens offers an unrepentant portrait of a felonious diplomat who "maintained that laws were like cobwebs," and implores governments around the world, including our own, to bring him swiftly to justice.

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Customer Reviews

Christopher Hitchens doesn't mince words when it comes to Henry Kissinger, the former secretary of state and national-security advisor: Kissinger deserves vigorous prosecution "for war crimes, for crimes against humanity, and for offenses against common or customary or international law,

including conspiracy to commit murder, kidnap, and torture." The Trial of Henry Kissinger is a masterpiece of polemics; even readers who don't agree that its target is an emanation of "official evil" will appreciate the verve and style brought to Hitchens's fiery brief. ("A good liar must have a good memory: Kissinger is a stupendous liar with a remarkable memory.") The book is best understood as a prosecutorial document--both because Hitchens limits his critique to what he believes might stand up in an international court of law following precedents set at Nuremberg and elsewhere, and also because his treatment of Kissinger is far from evenhanded. The charges themselves are astonishing, as they link Kissinger to war casualties in Vietnam, massacres in Bangladesh and Timor, and assassinations in Chile, Cyprus, and Washington, D.C. After reading this book, one wants very badly to hear a full response from the defendant. Hitchens, a writer for *Vanity Fair* and *The Nation*, is a man of the Left, though he has a history of skewering both Democrats (he is the author of a provocative book on the Clintons, *No One Left to Lie To*) as well as Republicans (Kissinger). At the root of this latest effort is moral outrage, and a call for Americans, of all people, not to ignore Kissinger's record: "They can either persist in averting their gaze from the egregious impunity enjoyed by a notorious war criminal and lawbreaker, or they can become seized by the exalted standards to which they continually hold everyone else," writes Hitchens. "If the courts and lawyers of this country will not do their duty, we shall watch as the victims and survivors of this man pursue justice and vindication in their own dignified and painstaking way, and at their own expense, and we shall be put to shame." --John J. Miller --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The arrest of Augusto Pinochet signaled a significant shift in enforcing international law, noticed by Henry Kissinger if not others. *Vanity Fair* columnist Hitchens (*No One Left to Lie To*, etc.), a self-described "political opponent of Henry Kissinger," writes to remedy the awareness gap, focusing on specific charges of Kissinger's responsibility for mass killings of civilians, genocide, assassinations, kidnapping, murder and conspiracy involving Indochina, East Timor, Bangladesh, Cyprus, Greece and Chile. If the book's title is direct, Hitchens's style is not. Indeed, so much attention is given to unraveling Kissinger's denials and cover stories that the underlying allegations recede into the background. Most of the material is known, but Kissinger's possible culpability has been overlooked for so long that Hitchens's stylish summation may be precisely what's required to bring resolution to a chapter in American foreign policy. Topics include what Hitchens casts as Kissinger's role in helping Nixon undermine the Paris peace talks on the eve of the 1968 election; the bombings of Cambodia and Laos, which killed roughly a million civilians; the assassination of

Chilean chief of staff General Rene Schneider, whose loyalty blocked the planned coup against Allende; Kissinger's approval and support for Indonesia's invasion of East Timor and the resulting genocide; his support for the Pakistan military government's 1971 genocide in Bangladesh and for a bloody military coup in independent Bangladesh in 1975, and more. If America does not act promptly, Hitchens warns, others will, further eroding our claims to moral leadership. (May)Forecast: Hitchens's fame and reputation as a contrarian guarantee that his indictment will receive media attention (it's already been serialized in Harper's), and leftists will delight in his skewering of Kissinger. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

although my disgust for Henry is as great as Christopher's, I find it odd that there are no references, footnotes, etc. Makes it seem a little tabloid like.

A damning indictment of a truly atrocious individual. Mr Hitchens's prose lacks the elegance of his erstwhile friend Gore Vidal, but his zeal for skewering the many criminals in charge in Washington during a lamentable period in the nation's history is equally strong.

This guy is a prick! not the author or seller... The subject! Seller and author did their job superbly.

Mr. Hitchens did his homework and made me do a lot of my own. This time in history was pivotal for me, as I am sure it was for many in my generation - it started my distrust of government, which continues to this day. I hope too, as Mr. Hitchens did, that Kissinger will see trial in his lifetime (Kissinger is 93 as I write this).

i learnt so much more about this truly abhorrent Kissinger, again a well written book by Hitchens well researched and very well referenced.

must read give nice insight into how the Globalist run the show behind the scene, with their "two track" solutions.

Riveting read! Well researched and hard hitting. Shines a light on the nature and use of secret national power in the hands of a few individuals.

The author puts forward solid, convincing arguments that prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that Henry Kissinger is a war criminal who should be put behind bars for the rest of his days.

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