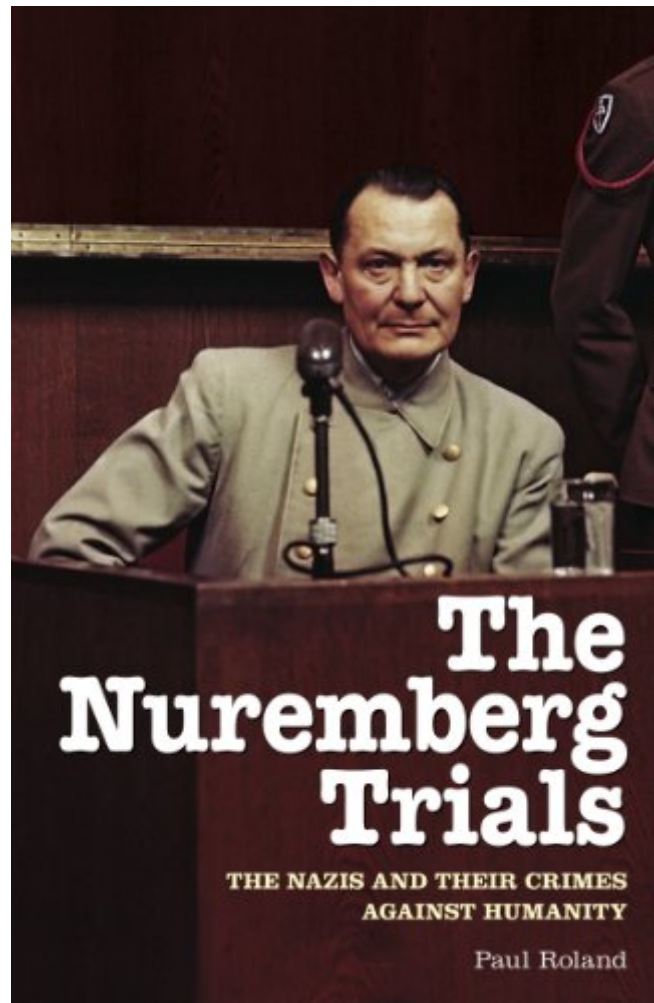




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Synopsis

Anyone wishing to understand the nature of evil can do no better than look within the pages of this book: the Nazis were a vile collection of criminals, thugs, misfits, sadists and petty bureaucrats bound together by a philosophy of hate and a love of plunder. As such, the Nuremberg Trials were the most important criminal proceedings ever held. They established the principle that individuals will always be held responsible for their actions under international law, and brought closure to World War II, allowing the reconstruction of Europe to begin. A vital read for anyone interested in the 20th century! Includes an eight-page plate photographic section.

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Customer Reviews

Anyone wishing to understand the nature of evil can do no better than look within the pages of this book. The Nuremberg Trials are often over-looked in the history of WW2 but Paul Roland makes this important event accessible to everyone. Not a major study but more a summary of the key points and that is exactly what I wanted and at \$2.00, its a pity more kindle history books were not like this.

An excellent review of the Nuremberg trials with significant excerpts, helpful photographs and insight by the author. Perhaps even more important, there are lessons to be learned for our place and time. It certainly held my interest.

Well, I said it in the headline. This account does not reflect the enormity of the crimes that this tribunal was created to adjudicate. It is too shallow in its approach. Rather than covering the entire gamut from A-Z, it would have made more sense, in my opinion, to take the most significant offenses and offenders, and examine them exhaustively.

The scope of this book is vast. It covers the process of how the trials were developed until they are finished and sentences handed out. Some sections were more detailed than others and for this reason alone I have rated only 3 stars. The writing was good. The subject matter interesting; however, there were some sections that read more like the opening rather than a complete section. In particular was the section on the psychological profile of each prisoners. This was my main interest and thus my disappointment. On the upside this book does a great job explaining how the trials developed and were carried out. I am glad I read the book, but it is not exactly what I was hoping learn.

Though this book is very readable and probably a fine introduction to the subject, I have to admit I have my concerns about the way the information is presented. The Nazis on trial are portrayed as caricatures. I want to clarify that I feel no sympathy for any of the way criminals or think they should be necessarily portrayed in an "impartial" manner, but I think it's detrimental to portray them as obviously evil bullies with blatant delusions and full of cowardice. The way they are described here, it should've been obvious to everyone from day one that these people were unstable psychopaths, which would make anyone wonder how they rose to power in the first place. Also, one of the most insidious was the "banality of evil", and the war criminals here would be over the top for a cheap melodrama. Another strange aspect of the book is that many of the criminals are described as "effeminate". I'd go as far as claim that there are allusion to some of these criminals sexuality was . . . less than heterosexual. One of them is described as someone who wouldn't be "safe around little boys". The language feels outdated at best and insulting at worst. We shouldn't forget that gay people were victims of the Holocaust. To me, it feels insulting to suggest that the Nazi war criminals were necessarily gay pedophiles. Ultimately, I can't recommend this book as a good source. I recognize that the writing is approachable, but the way the information is presented leaves me cold.

This is a clear succinct description of the Nuremberg trials of major Nazi war criminals. It explains the details well and also looks at the prosecutors and the political situation. It doesn't get too bogged down with some of the judgements and just has highlights of some parts making it pretty easy to understand and take in. overall a good book and explanation of the trials.

A decent overview of the trials but I feel it skips a great deal of the detail and really does not strike me as having been written by anyone with a great deal of expertise in the subject at hand. Using phrases such as the "banality of evil" which was coined to describe Eichman for another defendant struck me askew as did some of the descriptions of events which seemed sensationalized.

I read the book in one sitting and found it to be well-written and informative. I do take issue with the author's statement in the epilogue connecting the U.S. "atrocities" and "abuses" in Iraq to the murderous rampage of the Nazis. Though I was opposed to the Iraq war, I am not opposed to the actions of the U.S. regarding terrorists who are not a part of a declared war and who torture innocents with no due process. Waterboard everyone of them if it saves lives. Is that abusive, I would say it is. Is it torture? No, it is not. They will recover. I wish we lived in a perfect world, but we do not, and I want potential terrorists to fear U.S. reaction to their attacks. Until the day impressionable youth are willing to tell mullahs if they, the mullahs, want someone to strap on the bomb and commit murder, do it themselves, we must, unfortunately, respond swiftly and without mercy. There is neither a comparison nor a connection between the Nazis and the U.S. response to terrorism

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