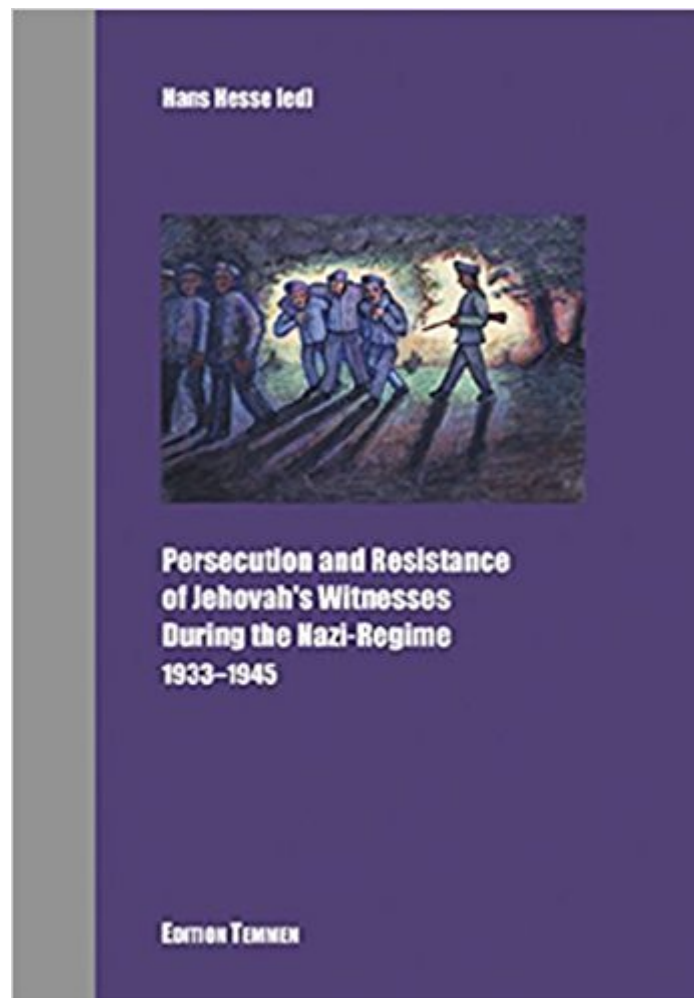




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"We must be grateful for this book, deeply grateful. In essay after essay we read of the fate of Jehovah's Witnesses in Nazi concentration camps. Some of the essays tell large stories. The other essays tell small stories of a few individuals - stories that illuminate the whole. Part of this work addresses the situation of the Witnesses in Germany ... Jews were victimized not because of what they did, nor because of what they were. They were targeted for destruction because of what their grandparents were ... Alone of all the groups targeted by the Nazis, the Jehovah's Witnesses were victimized because of what they refused to do. They would not enlist in the army, undertake air raid drills, stop meeting or proselytizing. They would not utter the words 'Heil Hitler.' Their dissent was irksome, disciplined and systematic ... Jews had no choice. Jehovah's Witnesses did. As such, they are martyrs in the traditional sense of the term - those prepared to suffer and even to die for the choice of their faith." (From the Preface by Michael Berenbaum, Ida E. King Distinguished Visiting Scholar of the Holocaust, Richard Stockton College)

I first came across this book in the bookstore at the Washington DC Holocaust Museum. I was curious and purchased it then. I found it to be very interesting and so did some friends who borrowed it. The price here on was such a good price I bought another for myself and let my friends keep the first copy. This book is a fascinating study showing how one specific group among all the

various diverse groups in the Nazi Concentration Camps were able to maintain a measure of solidarity and happiness while others splintered. The book is unique in that the essays found in it were not written by Jehovah's Witnesses. The book is full of interviews of non-Jehovah's Witness survivors about their observances concerning the behavior of Jehovah's Witnesses. A word of caution for the reader. Some of the experiences are very graphic. When Jehovah's Witnesses have mentioned in their literature some of the shocking experiences their members endured, they often toned down or omitted the worst parts. Another unique aspect of the book is that it is the only place I've ever seen any evidence put forward about concentration camps designed just for children. This is not a book for the faint of heart.

Many American, British, Canadian and other allied forces died at the hands of their Catholic and Protestant "brothers", but none were killed by any Witness of Jehovah. Instead, they allowed themselves to be executed for their refusal to kill others of any other religion. Some of the contributors to this book try to explain why this was so. Since the end of WW2, the inhuman treatment of fellow humans has been repeated again and again. Reading this book helps one to see what Jesus meant when he said that a rotten tree cannot produce good fruit.

Wonderful historical account of what Jehovah's Witnesses went through and wonderful example they set despite extreme persecution from Nazis! To think all they had to do was denounce their religion and they would be free - simply amazing!!

This publication is an exceptional group of papers that shed much needed light on this oft overlooked group of victims. The work is scholarly with primary sources reproduced. The range of contributors is impressive and the depth of knowledge striking. Highly recommended publication for those undertaking reading on non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

Persecution and Resistance of Jehovah's Witnesses During the Nazi-Regime Amazing read. So informative and accurate. Really Loved this

Thanks. This is also a great book. Have read only a few pages. So far. Great buy at the price it was sold.

Detailed accounts of life in concentration camps, with references checked in depth from hundreds of

sources. A compilation from many contributing authors. Not a 'light' reading book, but a serious examination of a terrible injustice.

I thought it was going to be essays written by holocaust victims, but it wasn't

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