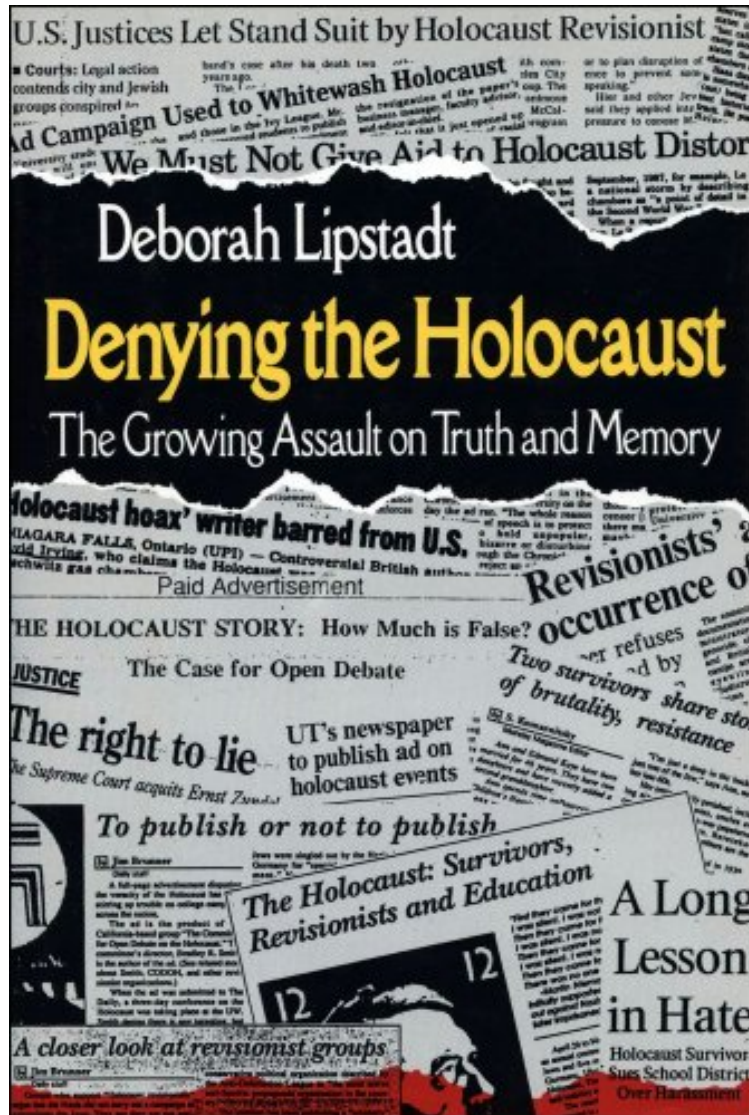


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Von Deborah E. Lipstadt : Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Revisionist supporters miss the point...Von Daniel S. KatzThose calling on Dr. Lipstadt to "refute" the points of self-

proclaimed "revisionists" miss the point entirely. The book's purpose was to show the historical and political place of Holocaust denial in western politics and academics. Attempting to "refute" the "points" of deniers is akin to demanding an evolutionary biologist to debate the "facts" of Creationism. It isn't that Creationism isn't believed by many people, it's that its epistemological basis cannot be reconciled with that of evolution. Dr. Lipstadt rightly points out that engaging in debate over the EXISTENCE of the Holocaust is like debating the EXISTENCE of the 1940s. Historical revisionism is about reexamining the MEANING of historical events like, say, Columbus' journey across the Atlantic -- heroic adventure or opening act of genocide or both? Holocaust deniers do not want to debate the *meaning* of the Holocaust because they would be exposed as Nazi apologists, so they attack the existence. That puts them outside the academic world of historical revisionism because they try to "revise" the historical event out of existence. There is no basis for debate. Dr. Lipstadt's work, by exposing the roots of Holocaust denial, discredits any claim they have to a place in legitimate academic work.

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STOPPING ATTEMPTED MURDER OF THE TRUTH Von F. Sweet

Professor Deborah E. Lipstadt carefully examines the writings of hucksters whose stock in trade is selling hatred by denying the Holocaust and ridiculing its victims. As a professor teaching university students the history of man's inhumanity to man in the 20th century, she was obliged to travel this scholarly road ... if for nothing else then to defend the historical truth for the sake of higher education. But more recently Prof. Lipstadt's book, "Denying the Holocaust: etc." and she herself became the target of one of the vicious Holocaust deniers exposed in her book: a British neo-Nazi writer David Irving. Irving wrote: "Goring: A Biography," "Destruction of Dresden," "Goebbels: Mastermind of the Third Reich," "Nuremberg, the Last Battle" that were sympathetic to his country's World War II enemies. Indeed, in "Hitler's War," Irving intimates that Hitler never ordered anyone to murder the Jews. Moreover, some sort of killing may have happened to the Jews ... as had happened to other civilians during the War. But nothing close to 6-million had been killed; and certainly not systematically, wrote Irving. These books established this man as a "published historian." Rather than write some sort of rebuttal to Prof. Lipstadt's exposé of his Holocaust denial writings, Irving decided to sue her for libel in the United Kingdom. This was not the first time Irving used the courts in a predatory way to extort money and gain notoriety from one of his detractors. But this time it didn't work. Lipstadt decided to defend her work. But unlike the United States, British law requires the accused to prove in court that no libel had been committed. April 11, 2000, The English High Court ruled: "Irving has for his own ideological reasons persistently and deliberately misrepresented and manipulated historical evidence." The court was too polite to say, Irving had lied. Now, he'll have to pay all the costs for Lipstadt's defense that reportedly runs into millions of dollars. During Prof. Lipstadt's trial, a German expert witness confirmed the correctness of her criticisms that Irving's historical fiction falsified the record and wrongfully denied Hitler's "Final Solution to the Jewish Question" while ridiculing the victims of the Holocaust. Then the German said Irving dangerously used Germany as his playground for furthering his political ambitions. Irving retorted, he didn't throw bombs or harm anyone; he was merely a writer of words. The German professor accused him of being worse than a terrorist because he "throws words" that induce others to violence. And indeed, it came out at trial that Irving recently collaborated on editing a book by the notorious American racist David Duke, a former high level officer of the Ku Klux Klan.

Professor Lipstadt's, "Denying the Holocaust" also takes to task the venomous anti-Semitic Holocaust denial of neo-Nazi writers, electrical engineer Arthur R. Butz and college campus-targeting Bradley Smith in the United States. Like any other disease, the Holocaust denial promoted by these men needs to be stopped. The best disinfectant is the truth as presented by Professor Deborah E. Lipstadt in her book. Incidentally, Professor Lipstadt turns over ALL the proceeds to her from sale of this book to the U.S. Holocaust Museum and the Yad Vashem memorial for preserving the memories of those murdered in the Holocaust by the Nazis.

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A Very Poor Job Von Ein Kunde

This is a worthwhile subject, but the author does an extremely poor job. Her appeal is emotional, and she does not offer a coherent, FACTUAL refutation of Holocaust deniers' claims. In fact, some of their assertions that she chooses to "refute" are likely to be correct, if misused. Unfortunately, this is a very sloppy piece of work.

Kurzbeschreibung The denial of the Holocaust has no more credibility than the assertion that the earth is flat. Yet there are those who insist that the death of six million Jews in Nazi concentration camps is nothing but a hoax perpetrated by a powerful Zionist conspiracy. Sixty years ago, such notions were the province of pseudohistorians who argued that Hitler never meant to kill the Jews, and that only a few hundred thousand died in the camps from disease; they also argued that the Allied bombings of Dresden and other cities were worse than any Nazi offense, and that the Germans were the true victims of World War II. For years, those who made such claims were dismissed as harmless cranks operating on the lunatic fringe. But as time goes on, they have begun to gain a hearing in respectable arenas, and now, in the first full-scale history of Holocaust denial, Deborah Lipstadt shows how despite tens of thousands of living witnesses and vast amounts of documentary evidence this irrational idea not only has continued to gain adherents but has become an international movement, with organized chapters, independent research centers, and official

publications that promote a revisionist view of recent history. Lipstadt shows how Holocaust denial thrives in the current atmosphere of value-relativism, and argues that this chilling attack on the factual record not only threatens Jews but undermines the very tenets of objective scholarship that support our faith in historical knowledge. Thus the movement has an unsuspected power to dramatically alter the way that truth and meaning are transmitted from one generation to another. Pressestimmen Strong medicine... An antidote to the moral and intellectual virus that has spread from the crackpot fringe to the very heart of public discourse in the media, the courts and the world's universities. (Los Angeles Times) Important and impassioned... it illuminates with skill and clarity, not only the peculiarly disturbing world of the Holocaust deniers, but also the methods they have used to distort history, the motives that have driven them to do so, and the vulnerabilities of our educational systems, our culture, and ourselves that have made so many in our society ready to listen to them. (New York Times Book) Kurzbeschreibung The denial of the Holocaust has no more credibility than the assertion that the earth is flat. Yet there are those who insist that the death of six million Jews in Nazi concentration camps is nothing but a hoax perpetrated by a powerful Zionist conspiracy. Sixty years ago, such notions were the province of pseudohistorians who argued that Hitler never meant to kill the Jews, and that only a few hundred thousand died in the camps from disease; they also argued that the Allied bombings of Dresden and other cities were worse than any Nazi offense, and that the Germans were the true victims of World War II. For years, those who made such claims were dismissed as harmless cranks operating on the lunatic fringe. But as time goes on, they have begun to gain a hearing in respectable arenas, and now, in the first full-scale history of Holocaust denial, Deborah Lipstadt shows how despite tens of thousands of living witnesses and vast amounts of documentary evidence this irrational idea not only has continued to gain adherents but has become an international movement, with organized chapters, independent research centers, and official publications that promote a revisionist view of recent history. Lipstadt shows how Holocaust denial thrives in the current atmosphere of value-relativism, and argues that this chilling attack on the factual record not only threatens Jews but undermines the very tenets of objective scholarship that support our faith in historical knowledge. Thus the movement has an unsuspected power to dramatically alter the way that truth and meaning are transmitted from one generation to another.