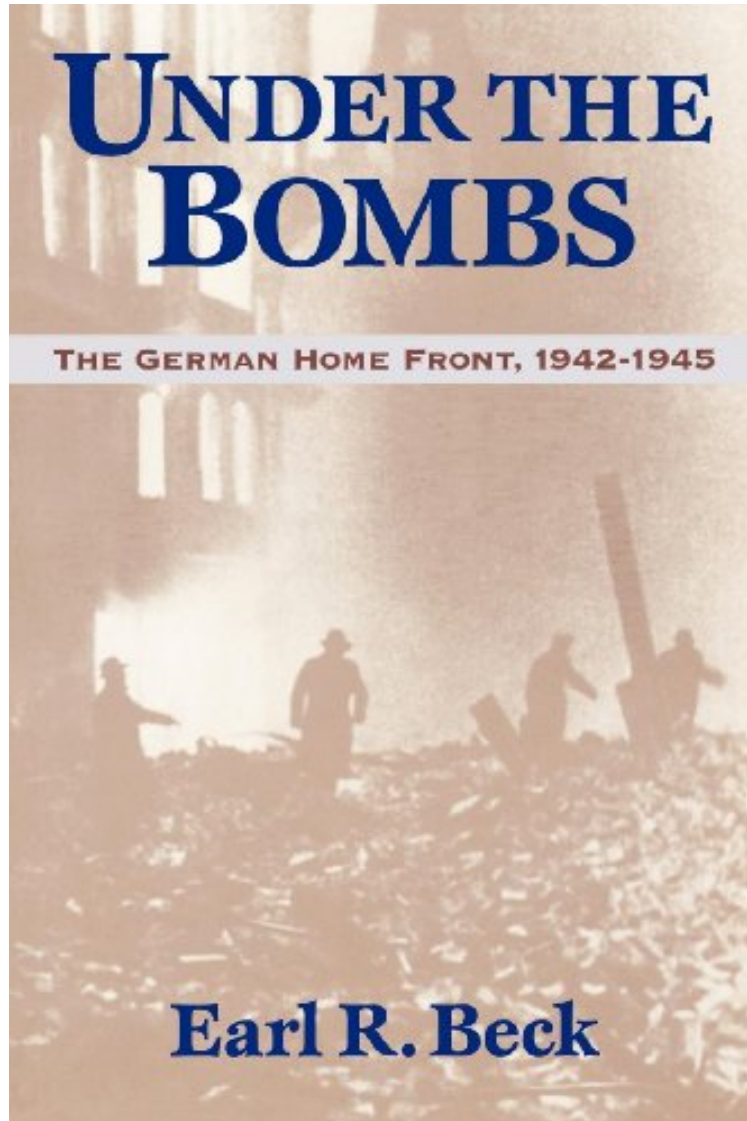


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Hochberg Professor Beck's book presents a sympathetic and detailed account of the hardships suffered by German civilians from 1942 to the end of the war three years later. He reports with great specificity on everything from the proportion of incendiaries in Allied bomb loads to the percentage of barley in German bread rations. Beck's compassion for civilians' suffering and his admiration for their toughness come through clearly on every page, as does his contempt for the hypocrisy and self interest of the Nazi elite. All of this is fine, but I was disturbed by the narrowness of Beck's vision. The complicity of the German public in the persecution of German Jews is barely touched on, and nowhere does Beck acknowledge that German rations, meager as they were, were paid for by the starving peoples of Occupied Europe. Perhaps I'm unfairly criticizing Beck for failing to produce a book he never set out to write. Still, I can't accept it when Beck talks about the betrayal of the German people as Hitler's greatest crime. Beck's compassion is so narrowly focused it becomes a kind of moral blindness.

Kurzbeschreibung Under the Bombs tells the story of the civilian population of German cities devastated by Allied bombing in World War II. These people went to work, tried to keep a home (though in many cases it was just a pile of rubble where a house once stood), and attempted to live life as normally as possible amid the chaos of war. Earl Beck also looks at the food and fuel rationing the German people endured and the problems of trying to make a public complaint while living in a totalitarian state. 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