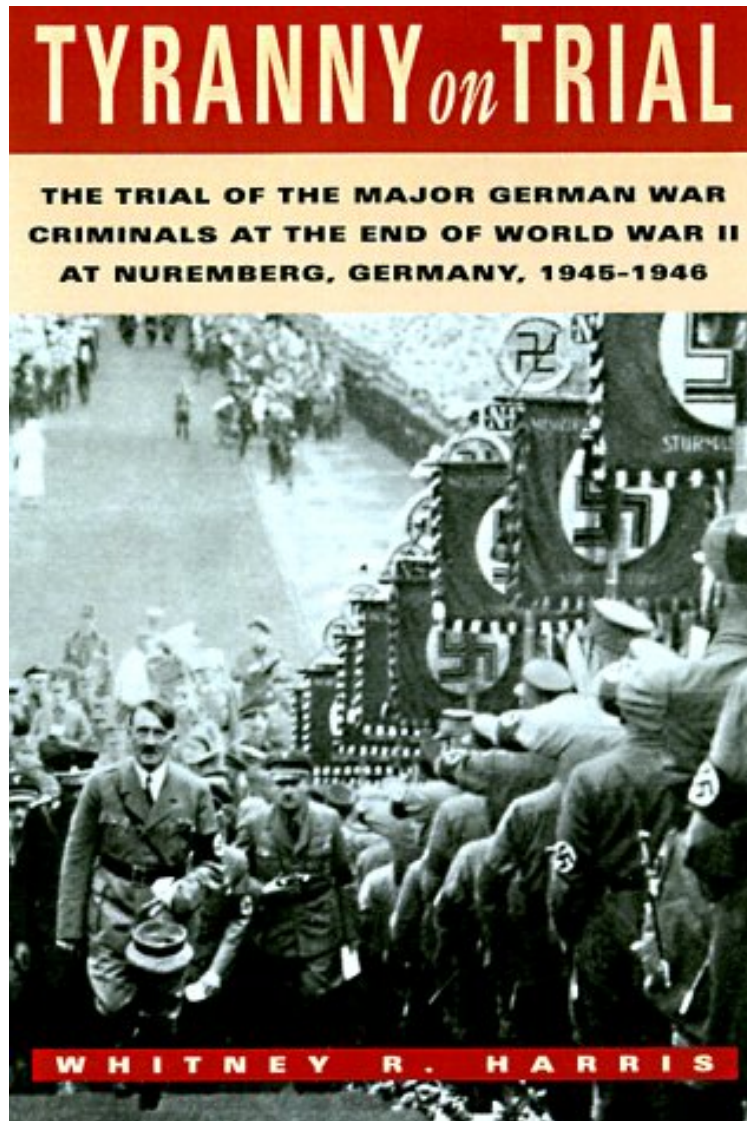


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24 of 27 people found the following review helpful. Interesting informative Overview Of Trials At Nuremberg By Barron Laycock To the mind of many historical observers, nothing so defines the striking differences between the nature of the Third Reich from the constitutional democracies that largely comprised the Allies as the way in which the defendants of the trials at Nuremberg were handled. With painstaking precision and at extraordinary cost in terms of international arm-twisting and back-door deals, the proponents of a judicial proceeding designed to illustrate the manifest individual guilt of the various Nazi officials forged a result that still stands today as a model of a non-retributive effort in the face of extraordinary pressure. While one can hardly describe the Nuremberg trials as unflawed or perfect, they did prove to the world that the Allies were willing to subscribe to the existing canon of law to judge the actions of the Nazis. Doing so was anything but easy, Indeed, achieving a fair result that would literally convince the watching world of the guilt of the participants in the war was anything but easy, and moving toward that deliberate goal is a theme providing an interesting theme punctuating the pace of the book. Churchill wanted revenge by way of summary trials and quick retribution, while the Russians just wanted to string up the whole group in a mass hanging. Yet American Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson was able to resolve the differences well enough to proceed, although at times the reader wonders if the trials will be anything like the fair-minded judicial event he has in mind. Indeed, the back-stabbing, personal ambitions, and petty jealousies of the various factions, trial officials, and individual defendants becomes a kind of political circus that sometimes resembles nothing so much as vaudevillian showboating. Still, the efforts at conducting a fair and open forum for the world to watch as the prosecution and defense teams clashed before the international tribunal prevailed, and the trials concluded with mixed results in terms of the results. Most of the defendants were found guilty, and many were hanged. Yet few observers doubted that the defendants had had their day in court along with an adequate opportunity to defend their actions to a watching world. Given how little justice and liberty they collectively allowed for their tens of millions of victims, it is remarkable just how civilized and dignified a proceeding the Nuremberg trials were, with all their theatrics and subterranean undercurrents. One marvels at the fact that after fifty years the world still stands in awe at the deliberate, careful, and methodical way in which the Allies achieved the result of a rational and fair trial of the defendants in history's most horrific modern nightmare, the terror of the Third Reich. This is an interesting and absorbing book, and a fascinating and entertaining book to read. It was also particularly interesting to me because it explores the lives of each of the defendants in looking at their individual guilt. I recommend it to anyone interested in learning more about these singular trials and their impact on history

Condensing an avalanche of documents and trial transcripts which reveal the horrific record of Hitler's twelve-year dictatorship, this book distills the evidence presented to the 1945 Nuremberg tribunal when former Nazi leaders were indicted and tried as war criminals. Whitney Harris's analysis uses verbatim accounts by key figures in the Nazi regime to tell the story of Hitler's rise to power, of Nazi planning and execution of war crimes and crimes against humanity, and of the final destruction of Nazi tyranny. It concludes with an explanation of the law of the case

judicial process, law and war, and the precedent of Nuremberg. The final chapter ends with the adoption of the Rome Treaty of 1998 creating the permanent International Criminal Court. First published by SMU Press in 1954, this book recounts the full story of the historic Nuremberg Trial, told in dramatic and accessible prose by a man who served throughout the trial as counsel on the staff of Robert H. Jackson, U.S. Chief of Counsel. Harris presented the evidence against the first of the Nuremberg defendants, Ernst Kaltenbrunner, as well as against the principal Nazi repressive agencies, the Gestapo and the SD.

CRIMES, INCREDIBLE AND UNBELIEVABLE Tyranny on Trial: The Evidence at Nuremberg. By Whitney R. Harris. Illustrated. 607 pp. Dallas: Southern Methodist University Press. By Saul K. Padover. This is one of those books that are heart-rending to read and perilous to ignore... Solidly documented, it is probably the first complete historical and legal analysis of the Nuremberg trial and, in view of the nature of the subject, should be considered a book of enduring importance. For this revised edition, Harris has added a new section on justice after Nuremberg, bringing the precedent of Nuremberg through the intervening years to the adoption of the permanent International Criminal Court with the Rome Treaty of 1998. -- The New York Times Book September 12, 1954 Vol. LIX - No. 37
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