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Hitler: A Biography

By Ian Kershaw

Norton, \$39.95, 1056 pages

Successfully analyzing the events that led to the actions of the infamous Adolf Hitler in a way that is both historically correct and that does literary justice to just how monstrous, inhuman, and Machiavellian he was is quite the task to take upon oneself, and that's exactly what Ian Kershaw did. *Hitler* gives insight, and surprisingly some of it is brand new insight from previously unheard voices, into the man and the conditions that he took advantage of to gain the tyrannical power that he is so known for.



Kershaw includes all of the chilling details, and does so in such a way that you have to distance yourself from them. You have to, in a way, make parts of it far away and seemingly unreal in order to digest them, and as you read you continue until you can no longer do so and it finally hits you, until you finally have to look at the horrifying man and his iron-fisted reign.