

# FREE READ JOSEPH STALIN WW2 (PDF)

A PRIZE WINNING HISTORIAN REVEALS HOW STALIN NOT HITLER WAS THE ANIMATING FORCE OF WORLD WAR II IN THIS MAJOR NEW HISTORY WORLD WAR II ENDURES IN THE POPULAR IMAGINATION AS A HEROIC STRUGGLE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL WITH VILLAINOUS HITLER DRIVING ITS EVENTS BUT HITLER WAS NOT IN POWER WHEN THE CONFLICT ERUPTED IN ASIA AND HE WAS CERTAINLY DEAD BEFORE IT ENDED HIS ARMIES DID NOT FIGHT IN MULTIPLE THEATERS HIS EMPIRE DID NOT SPAN THE EURASIAN CONTINENT AND HE DID NOT INHERIT ANY OF THE SPOILS OF WAR THAT CENTRAL ROLE BELONGED TO JOSEPH STALIN THE SECOND WORLD WAR WAS NOT HITLER S WAR IT WAS STALIN S WAR DRAWING ON AMBITIOUS NEW RESEARCH IN SOVIET EUROPEAN AND US ARCHIVES STALIN S WAR REVOLUTIONIZES OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THIS GLOBAL CONFLICT BY MOVING ITS EPICENTER TO THE EAST HITLER S GENOCIDAL AMBITION MAY HAVE HELPED UNLEASH ARMAGEDDON BUT AS MCMEEKIN SHOWS THE WAR WHICH EMERGED IN EUROPE IN SEPTEMBER 1939 WAS THE ONE STALIN WANTED NOT HITLER SO TOO DID THE PACIFIC WAR OF 1941 1945 FULFILL STALIN S GOAL OF UNLEASHING A DEVASTATING WAR OF ATTRITION BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE ANGLO SAXON CAPITALIST POWERS HE VIEWED AS HIS ULTIMATE ADVERSARY MCMEEKIN ALSO REVEALS THE EXTENT TO WHICH SOVIET COMMUNISM WAS RESCUED BY THE US AND BRITAIN S SELF DEFEATING STRATEGIC MOVES BEGINNING WITH LEND LEASE AID AS AMERICAN AND BRITISH SUPPLY BOARDS AGREED ALMOST BLINDLY TO EVERY SOVIET DEMAND STALIN S WAR MACHINE MCMEEKIN SHOWS WAS SUBSTANTIALLY RELIANT ON AMERICAN MATERIAL FROM WARPLANES TANKS TRUCKS JEEPS MOTORCYCLES FUEL AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES TO INDUSTRIAL INPUTS AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO THE FOODSTUFFS WHICH FED THE RED ARMY THIS UNRECIPROCATED AMERICAN GENEROSITY GAVE STALIN S ARMIES THE MOBILE STRIKING POWER TO CONQUER MOST OF EURASIA FROM BERLIN TO BEIJING FOR COMMUNISM A GROUNDBREAKING REASSESSMENT OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR STALIN S WAR IS ESSENTIAL READING FOR ANYONE LOOKING TO UNDERSTAND THE CURRENT WORLD ORDER THE BATTLE FOR MOSCOW WAS THE BIGGEST BATTLE OF WORLD WAR II THE BIGGEST BATTLE OF ALL TIME AND YET IT IS FAR LESS KNOWN THAN STALINGRAD WHICH INVOLVED ABOUT HALF THE NUMBER OF TROOPS FROM THE TIME HITLER LAUNCHED HIS ASSAULT ON MOSCOW ON SEPTEMBER 30 1941 TO APRIL 20 1942 SEVEN MILLION TROOPS WERE ENGAGED IN THIS TITANIC STRUGGLE THE COMBINED LOSSES OF BOTH SIDES THOSE KILLED TAKEN PRISONER OR SEVERELY WOUNDED WERE 2.5 MILLION OF WHICH NEARLY 2 MILLION WERE ON THE SOVIET SIDE BUT THE SOVIET CAPITAL NARROWLY SURVIVED AND FOR THE FIRST TIME THE GERMAN BLITZKRIEG ENDED IN FAILURE THIS SHATTERED HITLER S DREAM OF A SWIFT VICTORY OVER THE SOVIET UNION AND RADICALLY CHANGED THE COURSE OF THE WAR THE FULL STORY OF THIS EPIC BATTLE HAS NEVER BEEN TOLD BECAUSE IT UNDERMINES THE SANITIZED SOVIET ACCOUNTS OF THE WAR WHICH PORTRAY STALIN AS A MILITARY GENIUS AND HIS PEOPLE AS HEROICALLY UNITED AGAINST THE GERMAN INVADER STALIN S BLUNDERS INCOMPETENCE AND BRUTALITY MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR GERMAN TROOPS TO APPROACH THE OUTSKIRTS OF MOSCOW THIS TRIGGERED PANIC IN THE CITY WITH LOOTING STRIKES AND OUTBREAKS OF PREVIOUSLY UNIMAGINABLE VIOLENCE ABOUT HALF THE CITY S POPULATION FLED BUT HITLER S BLUNDERS WOULD SOON LOOM EVEN LARGER SENDING HIS TROOPS TO ATTACK THE SOVIET UNION WITHOUT WINTER UNIFORMS INSISTING ON AN IMMEDIATE GERMAN REIGN OF TERROR AND REFUSING TO HEED HIS GENERALS PLEAS THAT HE ALLOW THEM TO ATTACK MOSCOW AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IN THE END HITLER S MISTAKES TRUMPED STALIN S MISTAKES DRAWING ON RECENTLY DECLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS FROM SOVIET ARCHIVES INCLUDING FILES OF THE DREADED NKVD ON ACCOUNTS OF SURVIVORS AND OF CHILDREN OF TOP SOVIET MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ON REPORTS OF WESTERN DIPLOMATS AND CORRESPONDENTS THE GREATEST BATTLE FINALLY ILLUMINATES THE FULL STORY OF A CLASH BETWEEN TWO SYSTEMS BASED ON SHEER TERROR AND RELENTLESS SLAUGHTER EVEN AS MOSCOW S FATE HUNG IN THE BALANCE THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN WERE DISCOVERING HOW WILY A PARTNER STALIN WOULD TURN OUT TO BE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HITLER AND HOW EAGER HE WAS TO PUSH HIS DEMANDS FOR A POSTWAR EMPIRE IN EASTERN EUROPE IN ADDITION TO CHRONICLING THE BLOODSHED ANDREW NAGORSKI TAKES THE READER BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE EARLY NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN HITLER AND STALIN AND THEN BETWEEN STALIN ROOSEVELT AND CHURCHILL THIS IS A REMARKABLE ADDITION TO THE HISTORY OF WORLD WAR II ON JUNE 22 1941 JUST LESS THAN TWO YEARS AFTER SIGNING THE NAZI SOVIET AGREEMENTS ADOLF HITLER S GERMAN ARMY INVADDED THE SOVIET UNION THE ATTACK HARDLY CAME AS A SURPRISE TO JOSEF STALIN IN FACT HISTORY HAS LONG HELD THAT STALIN SPENT THE TWO INTERVENING YEARS BUILDING UP HIS DEFENSES AGAINST A NAZI ATTACK WITH THE GRADUAL DECLASSIFYING OF FORMER SOVIET DOCUMENTS THOUGH HISTORIANS ARE LEARNING MORE AND MORE ABOUT STALIN S GRAND

PLAN DURING THE YEARS 1939 1941 LONGTIME SOVIET EXPERT ALBERT L WEEKS HAS STUDIED THE NEWLY RELEASED INFORMATION AND COME TO A DIFFERENT CONCLUSION ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION S PRE WAR BUILDUP IT WAS NOT PRECAUTION AGAINST GERMAN INVASION AT ALL IN FACT WEEKS ARGUES THE EVIDENCE NOW SUGGESTS SOVIET MOBILIZATION WAS AIMED AT AN EVENTUAL INVASION OF NAZI GERMANY THE SOVIETS WERE QUIETLY BIDDING THEIR TIME BETWEEN 1939 AND 1941 ALLOWING THE CAPITALIST POWERS TO DESTROY ONE ANOTHER ALL THE WHILE PREPARING FOR THEIR OWN WESTWARD MARCH STALIN WEEKS SHOWS WASN T WAITING FOR A NAZI ATTACK HITLER SIMPLY BEAT HIM TO THE PUNCH THIS BOOK DOCUMENTS DICTATOR JOSEPH STALIN S BRILLIANT TACTICS AS WELL AS MISSTEPS IN TAKING PREEMPTIVE ACTIONS THAT GUARANTEED ULTIMATE VICTORY OVER THE GERMAN INVADERS IT ALSO COVERS THE POLICIES IMPLEMENTED AFTER THE WAR THAT MADE THE SOVIET UNION A MENACE TO WORLD PEACE AND LED TO COLLAPSE OF SOVIET RULE A DETAILED REEXAMINATION OF HISTORICAL FACTS INDICATES THAT STALIN COULD DESERVE TO BE REGARDED AS A GREAT LEADER YET STALIN CLEARLY FAILED AS HIS NATION S LEADER IN A POST WORLD WAR II MILIEU WHERE HE DELIVERED THE COLD WAR INSTEAD OF RAPID PROGRESS AND GLOBAL COOPERATION IT IS THE PROOF OF BOTH STALIN S BRILLIANCE AND BLUNDERS THAT MAKES HIM SUCH A FASCINATING FIGURE IN MODERN HISTORY TODAY MOST OF THE RUSSIAN POPULATION ACKNOWLEDGES THAT STALIN ACHIEVED GREATNESS THE SOVIET DICTATOR S HONORED PLACE IN HISTORY IS LARGELY DUE TO STALIN SUCCESSFULLY ATTENDING TO THE SOVIET UNION S DEFENSE NEEDS IN THE 1930S AND 1940S AND LEADING THE USSR TO VICTORY IN THE WAR ON THE EASTERN FRONT AGAINST NAZI GERMANY AND ITS ALLIES THIS BOOK PROVIDES AN OVERDUE CRITICAL INVESTIGATION OF HOW THE SOVIET LEADER S DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES ACTUALLY HELPED PRODUCE THIS VICTORY AND ABOVE ALL HOW STALIN S TIMELY SUPPORT OF A WARTIME ALLIANCE WITH THE WESTERN CAPITALIST DEMOCRACIES ASSURED THE DEFEAT OF THE AXIS POWERS IN 1945 THE MOST IMPORTANT SPEECHES AND ORDERS OF THE DAY OF MARSHAL STALIN FROM JUNE 22 1941 UNTIL VICTORY OVER NAZI GERMANY EDITOR S NOTE A MASTERFUL ACCOUNT CULMINATING IN THE FATEFUL DAYS BEFORE HITLER S INVASION OF THE SOVIET UNION JUNE 1941 OFFERS PENETRATING INSIGHTS AND A NEW PORTRAIT OF HITLER AND STALIN EDWIN HOYT S THOROUGHLY RESEARCHED TOME IS THE FIRST EVER TO CHRONICLE THE SOVIET GERMAN WAR AS SEEN THROUGH STALIN S EYES THIS IS A STUDY OF THE RESPONSES OF THE SOVIET UNION TO THE EUROPEAN CRISES WHICH LED TO WORLD WAR II IT IS BASED ON A SUBSTANTIAL BODY OF POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC DOCUMENTS THAT HAS BECOME ACCESSIBLE TO SCHOLARS SINCE THE OPENING UP OF FORMER SOVIET ARCHIVES IN 1992 FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE LAST TSAR THE FIRST FULL SCALE LIFE OF STALIN TO HAVE WHAT NO PREVIOUS BIOGRAPHY HAS FULLY OBTAINED THE FACTS GRANTED PRIVILEGED ACCESS TO RUSSIA S SECRET ARCHIVES EDVARD RADZINSKY PAINTS A PICTURE OF THE SOVIET STRONGMAN AS MORE CALCULATING RUTHLESS AND BLOOD CRAZED THAN HAS EVER BEEN DESCRIBED OR IMAGINED STALIN WAS A MAN FOR WHOM POWER WAS ALL TERROR A USEFUL WEAPON AND DECEIT A CONSTANT COMPANION AS RADZINSKY NARRATES THE HIGH DRAMA OF STALIN S EPIC QUEST FOR DOMINATION FIRST WITHIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY THEN OVER THE SOVIET UNION AND THE WORLD HE UNCOVERS THE STARTLING TRUTH ABOUT THIS MOST ENIGMATIC OF HISTORICAL FIGURES ONLY NOW IN THE POST SOVIET ERA CAN WHAT WAS SUPPRESSED BE TOLD STALIN S LONG DENIED INVOLVEMENT WITH TERRORISM AS A YOUNG REVOLUTIONARY THE CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE OF HIS MISUNDERSTOOD BEHIND THE SCENES ROLE DURING THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION HIS OFTEN HOSTILE RELATIONSHIP WITH LENIN THE DETAILS OF HIS ORGANIZATION OF TERROR CULMINATING IN THE INFAMOUS SHOW TRIALS OF THE 1930S HIS SECRET DEALINGS WITH HITLER AND HOW THEY BACKFIRED AND THE HORRIFYING PLANS HE WAS MAKING BEFORE HIS DEATH TO SEND THE SOVIET UNION S JEWS TO CONCENTRATION CAMPS TANTAMOUNT TO A POTENTIAL SECOND HOLOCAUST RADZINSKY ALSO TAKES AN INTIMATE LOOK AT STALIN S PRIVATE LIFE MARKED BY HIS TURBULENT RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS WIFE NADEZHDA AND RECREATES THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED TO HER SUICIDE AS HE DID IN THE LAST TSAR RADZINSKY THRILLINGLY BRINGS THE PAST TO LIFE THE KREMLIN INTRIGUES THE CEASELESS ROUND OF DOUBLE DEALING AND BACK STABBING THE PRIVATE WORLDS OF THE SOVIET EMPIRE S RULING CLASS ALL BECOME IN RADZINSKY S HANDS AS GRIPPING AND POWERFUL AS THE GREAT RUSSIAN SAGAS AND THE RIDDLE OF THAT MOST COLD BLOODED OF LEADERS A MAN FOR WHOM NOTHING WAS SACRED IN HIS PURSUIT OF ABSOLUTE MIGHT AND PERHAPS THE GREATEST MASS MURDERER IN WESTERN HISTORY IS SOLVED A DETAILED STUDY OF THE OPERATIONS POLITICS CULTURE AND AUTONOMY OF SOVIET PARTISANS OR GUERRILLAS WHO FOUGHT THE GERMAN ARMY IN WWII BLENDING MILITARY POLITICAL SOCIAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY SLEPYAN ALSO PROVIDES A PRISM FOR VIEWING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SUFFOCATING STALINIST STATE AND ITS INDEPENDENT PARTISAN WARRIORS EXPLOITING NEW FINDINGS FROM FORMER EAST BLOC ARCHIVES AND FROM LONG IGNORED WESTERN SOURCES THIS BOOK PRESENTS A WHOLLY NEW PICTURE OF THE COMING OF WORLD WAR II ALLIED WARTIME DIPLOMACY AND THE ORIGINS OF THE COLD WAR THE AUTHOR REVEALS THAT THE STORY WIDELY BELIEVED BY HISTORIANS AND WESTERN WARTIME LEADERS ALIKE THAT STALIN S PURPOSES IN EUROPEAN DIPLOMACY FROM 1938 ON WERE MAINLY DEFENSIVE IS A FANTASY INDEED THIS IS ONE

OF THE LONGEST ENDURING PRODUCTS OF STALIN'S PROPAGANDA OF LONG TERM POLITICAL CONTROL OF ARCHIVAL MATERIALS AND OF THE GULLIBILITY OF WESTERN OBSERVERS THE AUTHOR ARGUES THAT STALIN HAD CONCOCTED A PLAN FOR BRINGING ABOUT A GENERAL EUROPEAN WAR WELL BEFORE HITLER LAUNCHED HIS EXPANSIONIST PROGRAM FOR THE THIRD REICH STALIN EXPECTED THAT HITLER'S WAR WHEN IT CAME WOULD LEAD TO THE INTERNAL COLLAPSE OF THE WARRING NATIONS AND THAT MILITARY REVOLTS AND PROLETARIAN REVOLUTIONS LIKE THOSE OF WORLD WAR I WOULD BREAK OUT IN THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES THIS SCENARIO FORESAW THE EMBATTLED PROLETARIANS CALLING FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF THE RED ARMY WHICH WOULD SWEEP ACROSS EUROPE THE BOOK FURTHER SHOWS THAT THE WARTIME DISPUTES BETWEEN STALIN AND HIS WESTERN ALLIES ORIGINATED OVER THE POSTWAR REDISPOSITION OF THE TERRITORIES STALIN HAD GAINED FROM HIS PACT WITH HITLER THE SITUATION WAS COMPLICATED BY THE INCAUTIOUS UNRESTRICTED COMMITMENT OF SUPPORT TO THE SOVIET UNION FIRST BY CHURCHILL AND THEN BY ROOSEVELT AND WARTIME CIRCUMSTANCES PROVIDED COVER TO OBSCURE THESE DIPLOMATIC FAILURES THE EARLY ORIGINS OF THE COLD WAR DESCRIBED IN THIS BOOK DIFFER DRAMATICALLY FROM THE USUAL ACCOUNTS THAT SEE A SUDDEN AND SURPRISING UPWELLING OF COLD WAR ANTAGONISMS LATE IN THE WAR OR EARLY IN THE POSTWAR PERIOD UNTIL THE ADVENT OF GLASNOST BEGAN TO LIFT CENSORSHIP IN THE SOVIET UNION IN THE MID 1980S IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR RUSSIANS IN RUSSIA TO TRUTHFULLY DEPICT THEIR OWN STRUGGLE AGAINST NAZI GERMANY EVEN BEFORE WORLD WAR II WAS OVER THE SOVIET PROPAGANDA MACHINE BEGAN TO CONSTRUCT AN OFFICIAL STORY THROUGH ENORMOUS SACRIFICE THE SOVIET PEOPLE HAD GLORIOUSLY FREED THEMSELVES AND THE WORLD FROM FASCISM RAISING THE HAMMER AND SICKLE HIGHER THAN EVER ON THE RUINS OF HITLER'S IMPERIALIST DREAMS IN STALIN THE RUSSIANS AND THEIR WAR HOWEVER MARIUS BROEKMEYER PRESENTS THE TESTIMONY OF RUSSIAN PARTICIPANTS EYEWITNESSES AND HISTORIANS OF WORLD WAR II TO REVEAL NOT A HEROIC STRUGGLE BUT A WAR MARRED BY CATASTROPHES ERRORS AND LIES THESE TESTIMONIES OPENLY DISCUSS SUBJECTS OMITTED FROM OFFICIAL SOVIET PROPAGANDA OR GLOSSED OVER IN POPULAR WESTERN HISTORIES OF THE ALLIED VICTORY IN WWII FROM PURGES WITHIN THE RED ARMY AND SOVIET USE OF PUNITIVE BRIGADES TO THE DEPLOYMENT OF MILLIONS OF POORLY EQUIPPED SOLDIERS TO THE FRONT LINES THESE ARE AUTHENTIC AND OFTEN SHOCKING FIRST HAND ACCOUNTS SUCH A VIVID REPORT ON THE DAY TO DAY LIVES OF RUSSIAN SOLDIERS OFFICERS AND CITIZENS DURING WORLD WAR II DOES NOT EXIST ANYWHERE ELSE IN ENGLISH BESTSELLING AUTHOR VICTOR SUVOROV PROBES NEWLY RELEASED SOVIET DOCUMENTS AND REEVALUATES EXISTING MATERIAL TO ANALYZE STALIN'S STRATEGIC DESIGN TO CONQUER EUROPE AND THE REASONS BEHIND HIS CONTROVERSIAL SUPPORT FOR NAZI GERMANY A FORMER SOVIET ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER THE AUTHOR EXPLAINS THAT STALIN'S STRATEGY LEADING UP TO WORLD WAR II GREW FROM VLADIMIR LENIN'S BELIEF THAT IF WORLD WAR I DID NOT IGNITE THE WORLDWIDE COMMUNIST REVOLUTION THEN A SECOND WORLD WAR WOULD BE NEEDED TO ACHIEVE IT STALIN SAW NAZI GERMANY AS THE POWER THAT WOULD FIGHT AND WEAKEN CAPITALIST COUNTRIES SO THAT SOVIET ARMIES COULD THEN SWEEP ACROSS EUROPE SUVOROV REVEALS HOW STALIN CONSPIRED WITH GERMAN LEADERS TO BYPASS THE VERSAILLES TREATY WHICH FORBODE GERMAN REARMAMENT AND SECRETLY TRAINED GERMAN ENGINEERS AND OFFICERS AND PROVIDED BASES AND FACTORIES FOR WAR HE ALSO CALLS ATTENTION TO THE 1939 NONAGGRESSION PACT BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND GERMANY THAT ALLOWED HITLER TO PROCEED WITH HIS PLANS TO INVADE POLAND FOMENTING WAR IN EUROPE SUVOROV DEBUNKS THE THEORY THAT STALIN WAS DUPED BY HITLER AND THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS A VICTIM OF NAZI AGGRESSION INSTEAD HE MAKES THE CASE THAT STALIN NEITHER FEARED HITLER NOR MISTAKENLY TRUSTED HIM SUVOROV MAINTAINS THAT AFTER GERMANY OCCUPIED POLAND DEFEATED FRANCE AND STARTED TO PREPARE FOR AN INVASION OF GREAT BRITAIN HITLER'S INTELLIGENCE SERVICES DETECTED THE SOVIET UNION'S PREPARATIONS FOR A MAJOR WAR AGAINST GERMANY THIS DETECTION HE ARGUES LED TO GERMANY'S PREEMPTIVE WAR PLAN AND THE LAUNCH OF AN INVASION OF THE USSR STALIN EMERGES FROM THE PAGES OF THIS BOOK AS A DIABOLICAL GENIUS CONSUMED BY VISIONS OF A WORLDWIDE COMMUNIST REVOLUTION AT ANY COST A LEADER WHO WOODED HITLER AND GERMANY IN HIS OWN EFFORT TO CONQUER THE WORLD IN CONTRADICTING TRADITIONAL THEORIES ABOUT SOVIET PLANNING THE BOOK IS CERTAIN TO PROVOKE DEBATE AMONG HISTORIANS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN THE SUMMER OF 1941 A COLLECTIVE MADNESS OVERTOOK ADOLF HITLER AND HIS SENIOR GENERALS THEY CONVINCED THEMSELVES THAT THEY COULD TAKE ON AND DEFEAT A SUPERPOWER IN THE MAKING THE SOVIET UNION FOOLISHLY THEY THOUGHT IN A SWIFT CAMPAIGN THEY COULD SMASH THE RED ARMY AND FORCE STALIN TO SUE FOR PEACE DESPITE DIRE WARNINGS THAT STALIN WAS AMASSING A RESERVE ARMY OF MORE THAN 1 MILLION MEN ON THE VOLGA THE END RESULT WOULD BE SUCH CARNAGE THAT IT WOULD TEAR THE GERMAN FORCES APART IN HIS MAJOR REASSESSMENT OF THE WAR ON THE EASTERN FRONT ANTHONY TUCKER JONES CASTS NEW LIGHT ON THE BRUTAL FIGHTING INCLUDING SUCH ASTOUNDING GERMAN DEFEATS AS AT STALINGRAD KURSK MINSK AND FINALLY BERLIN HE CONTROVERSIALLY CONTENTS THAT FROM THE VERY START INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS ON BOTH

SIDES FAILED TO INFLUENCE THEIR LEADERSHIP RESULTING IN UNTOLD SLAUGHTER HE ALSO REVEALS THE SHOCKING BLUNDERS BY HITLER STALIN AND EVEN CHURCHILL THAT LED TO THE APPALLING NEEDLESS DESTRUCTION OF HITLER S ARMED FORCES AS EARLY AS THE WINTER OF 1941 42 STEP BY STEP TUCKER JONES DESCRIBES HOW THE GERMAN WAR MACHINE FOUGHT TO ITS VERY LAST AGAINST A RELENTLESS ENEMY FULLY AWARE THAT DEFEAT WAS INEVITABLE A CHILLING RIVETING ACCOUNT BASED ON NEWLY RELEASED RUSSIAN DOCUMENTATION THAT REVEALS JOSEPH STALIN S TRUE MOTIVES AND THE EXTENT OF HIS ENDURING COMMITMENT TO EXPANDING THE SOVIET EMPIRE DURING THE YEARS IN WHICH HE SEEMINGLY COLLABORATED WITH FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT WINSTON CHURCHILL AND THE CAPITALIST WEST AT THE BIG THREE CONFERENCES OF WORLD WAR II JOSEPH STALIN PERSUASIVELY PLAYED THE ROLE OF A GREAT WORLD LEADER WHOSE PRIMARY CONCERNS LAY IN INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY AND POWER POLITICS AND NOT COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY NOW USING RECENTLY UNCOVERED DOCUMENTS ROBERT GELLATELY CONCLUSIVELY SHOWS THAT IN FACT THE DICTATOR WAS BIDDING HIS TIME DETERMINED TO ESTABLISH COMMUNIST REGIMES ACROSS EUROPE AND BEYOND HIS ACTIONS DURING THOSE YEARS AND THE POORLY CALCULATED RESPONSES TO THEM FROM THE WEST SET IN MOTION WHAT WOULD EVENTUALLY BECOME THE COLD WAR EXCITING DEEPLY ENGAGING AND SHREWDLY PERCEPTIVE STALIN S CURSE IS AN UNPRECEDENTED REVELATION OF THE SINISTER MACHINATIONS OF STALIN S KREMLIN OVERTHROWING THE CONVENTIONAL IMAGE OF STALIN AS AN UNEDUCATED POLITICAL ADMINISTRATOR INEXPLICABLY TRANSFORMED INTO A PATHOLOGICAL KILLER SERVICE REVEALS A MORE COMPLEX AND FASCINATING STORY BEHIND THIS NOTORIOUS TWENTIETH CENTURY FIGURE DRAWING ON UNEXPLORED ARCHIVES AND PERSONAL TESTIMONIES GATHERED FROM ACROSS RUSSIA AND GEORGIA THIS IS THE FIRST FULL SCALE BIOGRAPHY OF THE SOVIET DICTATOR IN TWENTY YEARS WHILE JOSEPH STALIN IS COMMONLY REVILED IN THE WEST AS A MURDEROUS TYRANT WHO COMMITTED EGREGIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AGAINST HIS OWN PEOPLE IN RUSSIA HE IS OFTEN POSITIVELY VIEWED AS THE SYMBOL OF SOVIET ERA STABILITY AND STATE POWER HOW CAN THERE BE SUCH A DISPARITY IN PERSPECTIVES UTILIZING AN ETHNOGRAPHIC APPROACH EXTENSIVE INTERVIEW DATA AND CRITICAL DISCOURSE ANALYSIS THIS BOOK EXAMINES THE WAYS THAT THE POLITICAL ELITE IN RUSSIA ARE ABLE TO CONTROL AND MANIPULATE HISTORICAL DISCOURSE ABOUT THE STALIN PERIOD IN ORDER TO ADVANCE THEIR OWN POLITICAL OBJECTIVES APPROPRIATING THE STALINIST DISCOURSE THEY MINIMIZE OR IGNORE OUTRIGHT CRIMES OF THE SOVIET PERIOD AND INSTEAD FOCUS ON POSITIVE ASPECTS OF STALIN S RULE ESPECIALLY HIS ROLE IN LEADING THE SOVIET UNION TO VICTORY IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR ADVANCING THE CONCEPTS OF PREVENTIVE AND COMPLEX CO OPTATION THIS BOOK ANALYZES HOW ELITES IN RUSSIA INHIBIT THE EMERGENCE OF GROUPS THAT ESPOUSE ALTERNATIVE NARRATIVES WHILE PROMOTING MESSAGE FRIENDLY GROUPS THAT ARE IN LINE WITH THE KREMLIN S AGENDA BRINGING THE RESOURCES OF THE STATE TO BEAR THE RUSSIAN ELITE ARE ABLE TO CO OPT MULTIPLE AVENUES OF DISCOURSE FORMULATION AND DISSEMINATION ELITE SPONSORED DISCOURSE POSITIONS STALIN AS THE SYMBOL OF A STRONG CENTRALIZED STATE THAT WAS CAPABLE OF GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS DESPITE GREAT COST ENABLING FAVORABLY PORTRAYALS OF STALIN AS PART OF A TRADITION OF HARSH BUT EFFECTIVE RULERS IN RUSSIAN HISTORY SUCH AS PETER THE GREAT THIS STRONG STATE DISCOURSE IS USED TO LEGITIMIZE THE RETURN OF AUTHORITARIANISM IN RUSSIA TODAY MUCH OF THE STORY ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION S VICTORY OVER NAZI GERMANY HAS YET TO BE TOLD IN MOTHERLAND IN DANGER KAREL BERKHOFF ADDRESSES ONE OF THE MOST NEGLECTED QUESTIONS FACING HISTORIANS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR HOW DID THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP SELL THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE GERMANS TO THE PEOPLE ON THE HOME FRONT FOR STALIN THE OBSTACLES WERE MANIFOLD REPELLING THE GERMAN INVASION WOULD REQUIRE A MOBILIZATION SO LARGE THAT IT WOULD TEST THE LIMITS OF THE SOVIET STATE COULD THE USSR MARSHAL THE MANPOWER NECESSARY TO FACE THE THREAT HOW COULD THE AUTHORITIES OVERCOME INADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUPPLIES MIGHT STALIN S REGIME FAIL TO SURVIVE A SUSTAINED CONFLICT WITH THE GERMANS MOTHERLAND IN DANGER TAKES US INSIDE THE STALINIST STATE TO WITNESS FROM UP CLOSE ITS PROPAGANDA MACHINE USING SOURCES IN MANY LANGUAGES INCLUDING MEMOIRS AND DOCUMENTS OF THE SOVIET CENSOR BERKHOFF EXPLORES HOW THE SOVIET MEDIA REFLECTED AND DISTORTED EVERY ASPECT OF THE WAR FROM THE SUCCESSES AND BLUNDERS ON THE FRONT LINES TO THE INSTITUTION OF FORCED LABOR ON FARM FIELDS AND FACTORY FLOORS HE ALSO DETAILS THE MEDIA S HANDLING OF NAZI ATROCITIES AND THE HOLOCAUST AS WELL AS ITS STINTING TREATMENT OF THE ALLIES PARTICULARLY THE UNITED STATES THE UK AND POLAND BERKHOFF DEMONSTRATES NOT ONLY THAT PROPAGANDA WAS CRITICAL TO THE SOVIET WAR EFFORT BUT ALSO THAT IT HAS COLORED PERCEPTIONS OF THE WAR TO THE PRESENT DAY BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF RUSSIA ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL DICTATORS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY STALIN BELIEVED THAT FASHIONING A BETTER TOMORROW WAS WORTH SACRIFICING THE LIVES OF MILLIONS TODAY HE BUILT A MODERN RUSSIA ON THE CORPSES OF MILLIONS OF ITS CITIZENS FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1983 STALIN AND STALINISM HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR TEXTBOOKS FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE STALIN PHENOMENON WRITTEN

IN A CLEAR AND ACCESSIBLE MANNER AND FULLY UPDATED THROUGHOUT TO INCORPORATE RECENT RESEARCH FINDINGS THE BOOK ALSO CONTAINS A CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS WHO S WHO AND GUIDE TO FURTHER READING THIS CONCISE ASSESSMENT OF ONE OF THE MAJOR FIGURES OF TWENTIETH CENTURY WORLD HISTORY REMAINS AN ESSENTIAL PURCHASE FOR STUDENTS STUDYING THE SUBJECT THE THIRD VOLUME IN NIK CORNISHS PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR ON THE EASTERN FRONT RECORDS IN VIVID VISUAL DETAIL THE SEQUENCE OF RED ARMY OFFENSIVES THAT PUSHED THE WEHRMACHT BACK ACROSS RUSSIA AFTER THE FAILURE OF OPERATION CITADEL THE GERMAN ATTACK AT KURSK PREVIOUSLY UNPUBLISHED IMAGES SHOW THE EPIC SCALE OF THE BUILD UP TO THE KURSK BATTLE AND THE ENORMOUS COST IN TERMS OF LIVES AND MATERIAL OF THE BATTLE ITSELF THEY ALSO SHOW THAT THE MILITARY INITIATIVE WAS NOW FIRMLY IN SOVIET HANDS FOR THE BALANCE OF POWER ON THE EASTERN FRONT HAD SHIFTED AND THE GERMANS WERE ON THE DEFENSIVE AND IN RETREAT SUBSEQUENT CHAPTERS CHRONICLE THE HARD FOUGHT AND BLOODY GERMAN WITHDRAWAL ACROSS WESTERN RUSSIA AND THE UKRAINE RECORDING THE RED ARMY S LIBERATION OF OCCUPIED SOVIET TERRITORY THE RECOVERY OF KEY CITIES LIKE OREL KHARKOV AND KIEV THE RAISING OF THE SIEGE OF LENINGRAD AND THE ADVANCE TO THE BORDERS OF THE BALTIC STATES NOT ONLY DO THE PHOTOGRAPHS TRACK THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS ON THE GROUND THEY ALSO SHOW THE EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS USED BY BOTH SIDES THE LIVING CONDITIONS EXPERIENCED BY THE TROOPS THE ACTIONS OF THE SOVIET PARTISANS THE FIGHT AGAINST THE FINNS IN THE NORTH THE MASSIVE LOGISTICAL ORGANIZATION BEHIND THE FRONT LINES AND THE DEVASTATION THE WAR LEFT IN ITS WAKE THE SECOND WORLD WAR WAS CAUSED BY ONE MAN ADOLF HITLER WINSTON CHURCHILL FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT AND JOSEPH STALIN WERE CALLED ON BY HISTORY TO STOP THIS MENACE IN THIS BOOK WHICH INCLUDES NEW MATERIAL THE BACKGROUND ATTITUDE AND PERSONALITIES OF THESE MEN ARE EXPLORED IN DETAIL LAURENCE REES BRILLIANTLY COMBINES POWERFUL EYE WITNESS TESTIMONY VIVID NARRATIVE AND COMPELLING ANALYSIS IN THIS SUPERB ACCOUNT PROFESSOR SIR IAN KERSHAW AUTHOR OF HITLER HUBRIS AND HITLER NEMESIS IN THIS FASCINATING STUDY OF TWO MONSTERS REES IS EXTRAORDINARILY PERCEPTIVE AND ORIGINAL ANTONY BEEVOR TWO TYRANTS EACH RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF MILLIONS THIS COMPELLING BOOK ON HITLER AND STALIN THE CULMINATION OF THIRTY YEARS WORK EXAMINES THE TWO LEADERS DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR WHEN GERMANY AND THE SOVIET UNION FOUGHT THE BIGGEST AND BLOODIEST WAR IN HISTORY HITLER S CHARISMATIC LEADERSHIP MAY CONTRAST WITH STALIN S REGIMENTED RULE BY FEAR AND HIS INTRANSIGENCE LATER IN THE WAR MAY CONTRAST WITH STALIN S CHANGE IN BEHAVIOUR IN RESPONSE TO EVENTS BUT AS BESTSELLING HISTORIAN LAURENCE REES SHOWS AT A MACRO LEVEL BOTH WERE PREPARED TO CREATE UNDEAD OF SUFFERING IN HITLER S CASE MOST INFAMOUSLY THE HOLOCAUST IN ORDER TO BUILD THE UTOPIAS THEY WANTED USING PREVIOUSLY UNPUBLISHED STARTLING EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY FROM SOLDIERS CIVILIANS AND THOSE WHO KNEW BOTH MEN PERSONALLY LAURENCE REES PROBABLY THE ONLY PERSON ALIVE WHO HAS MET GERMANS WHO WORKED FOR HITLER AND RUSSIANS WHO WORKED FOR STALIN CHALLENGES LONG HELD POPULAR MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT TWO OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FIGURES IN HISTORY THIS IS A MASTER WORK FROM ONE OF OUR FINEST HISTORIANS COMING FROM ONE OF THE WORLD S EXPERTS ON THE SECOND WORLD WAR THIS IS AN IMPORTANT AND ORIGINAL AND DEVASTATING ACCOUNT OF HITLER AND STALIN AS DICTATORS A MUST READ PROFESSOR ROBERT SERVICE AUTHOR OF STALIN A BIOGRAPHY IMPRESSIVE WELL PACED AND WELL INFORMED WITH AN EYE FOR TELLING ANECDOTES AND COLOURFUL CHARACTER SKETCHES REES DECISION TO ADD PERSONAL STORIES TO HIS NARRATIVE ADDS AN IMPORTANT LAYER TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF BOTH THE DICTATORS THEMSELVES AND THEIR VICTIMS ROBERT GERWARTH THE DAILY TELEGRAPH STALIN HAD NEVER BEEN ABLE TO SHAKE OFF THE NIGHTMARE OF ADOLF HITLER JUST AS IN 1941 HE REFUSED TO UNDERSTAND THAT HITLER HAD BROKEN THEIR NON AGGRESSION PACT HE WAS IN 1945 UNWILLING TO BELIEVE THAT THE DICTATOR HAD COMMITTED SUICIDE IN THE DEBRIS OF THE BERLIN BUNKER IN HIS PARANOIA STALIN ORDERED HIS SECRET POLICE THE NKVD PRECURSOR TO THE KGB TO EXPLORE IN DETAIL EVERY LAST VESTIGE OF THE PRIVATE LIFE OF THE ONLY MAN HE CONSIDERED A WORTHY OPPONENT AND TO CLARIFY BEYOND DOUBT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS DEATH FOR MONTHS TWO CAPTIVES OF THE SOVIET ARMY OTTO GUENSCHER HITLER S ADJUTANT AND HEINZ LINGE HIS PERSONAL VALET WERE INTERROGATED DAILY THEIR STORIES CROSSCHECKED UNTIL THE NKVD WERE CONVINCED THAT THEY HAD THE FULLEST POSSIBLE ACCOUNT OF THE LIFE OF THE F2 IN 1949 THEY PRESENTED THEIR WORK IN A SINGLE COPY TO STALIN IT IS AS REMARKABLE FOR THE DEPTH OF ITS INSIGHT INTO ADOLF HITLER FROM HIS SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS TO LINGE AS TO HOW HIS BODY WAS TO BE BURNED TO HIS SENSE OF HUMOR AS FOR WHAT IT DOES NOT SAY REFLECTING THE PREJUDICES OF THE INTENDED READER JOSEPH STALIN NOWHERE FOR INSTANCE DOES THE DOSSIER CRITICIZE HITLER S TREATMENT OF THE JEWS TODAY THE 413 PAGE ORIGINAL OF STALIN S PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY OF HITLER IS A KREMLIN TREASURE AND IT IS SAID TO BE HELD IN PRESIDENT PUTIN S SAFE THE ONLY OTHER COPY MADE BY ORDER OF STALIN S SUCCESSOR NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV IN 1959 WAS DEPOSITED IN MOSCOW PARTY ARCHIVES UNDER THE CODE NUMBER 462A IT WAS THERE THAT HENRIK

EBERLE AND MATTHIAS UHL TWO GERMAN HISTORIANS FOUND IT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IN FULL FOR THE FIRST TIME THE HITLER BOOK PRESENTS A CAPTIVATING ASTONISHING AND DEEPLY REVEALING PORTRAIT OF HITLER STALIN AND THE MUTUAL ANTAGONISM OF THESE TWO DICTATORS WHO BETWEEN THEM WROUGHT DEVASTATION ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT BEING A GOOD CITIZEN UNDER STALIN MEANT TAKING AN ACTIVE PART IN POLITICAL RITUALS SUCH AS ELECTIONS PARADES FESTIVE MEETINGS POLITICAL INFORMATION SESSIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS TO STATE BONDS IN STALIN S CITIZENS SERHY YEKELCHYK EXAMINES HOW ORDINARY CITIZENS CAME TO EMBRACE SOME PARTS OF THIS EVERYDAY STALINIST POLITICS AND RESIST OTHERS THE FIRST STUDY OF THE EVERYDAY POLITICAL LIFE UNDER STALIN THIS BOOK EXAMINES CITIZENSHIP THROUGH COMMON PRACTICES OF EXPRESSING SOVIET IDENTITY IN THE PUBLIC SPACE THE STALINIST STATE UNDERSTOOD CITIZENSHIP AS PRACTICE WITH PARTICIPATION IN A SET OF POLITICAL RITUALS AND PUBLIC DISPLAY OF CERTAIN CIVIC EMOTIONS SERVING AS THE MARKER OF A PERSON S INCLUSION IN THE POLITICAL WORLD THE STATE S RELATIONS WITH ITS CITIZENS WERE STRUCTURED BY RITUALS OF CELEBRATION THANKING AND HATRED RITES THAT REQUIRED BOTH POLITICAL AWARENESS AND A DEMONSTRABLE EMOTIONAL RESPONSE SOVIET FUNCTIONARIES TRANSMITTED THIS OBLIGATION TO ORDINARY CITIZENS THROUGH THE MECHANISMS OF COMMUNAL AUTHORITY INCLUDING WORKPLACE COMMITTEES VOLUNTEER AGITATORS AND OTHER FORMS OF PEER PRESSURE AS MUCH AS THROUGH BRUTAL STATE COERCION YET THE POPULACE ALSO OFTEN IMBUE THESE CEREMONIES WITH DIFFERENT MEANINGS AS A POPULAR F<sup>2</sup> TE AN OCCASION TO GET TOGETHER AFTER WORK A CHANCE TO PURCHASE GOODS NOT AVAILABLE ON OTHER DAYS AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO INDULGE IN SOME DRINKING THE PEOPLE ALSO UNDERSTOOD THESE POLITICAL RITUALS AS MOMENTS OF NEGOTIATION WHEREBY THEY WOULD FULFILL THEIR PATRIOTIC DUTY BUT EXPECTED THE STATE TO RECIPROCATATE BY PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND BASIC SOCIAL WELFARE NEARLY UNIVERSAL PASSIVE RESISTANCE TO REQUIRED ATTENDANCE CHALLENGES THEORIES ABOUT THE MASS INTERNALIZATION OF COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY FOCUSING ON THE LAST YEARS OF WORLD WAR II AND IMMEDIATE POSTWAR YEARS YEKELCHYK SHOWS HOW FORMULAIC RITUALS UNDER STALIN COULD CREATE SPACE FOR THE PEOPLE TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS FEARS AND PREJUDICES AS WELL AS THEIR EAGERNESS TO BE VIEWED AS CITIZENS IN GOOD STANDING THE SOVIET GERMAN WAR OF 1941 45 IS NOT ONLY THE UNKNOWN WAR BUT IT WAS A COMPLEX OF WARS A BATTLEFIELD ENCOUNTER A RACIAL WAR A CIVIL WAR AN IDEOLOGICAL WAR AND A COALITION WAR HITLER VERSUS STALIN ILLUSTRATES EVERY ASPECT OF THE EASTERN FRONT CAMPAIGNS FROM THE NAZIS EARLY BLITZKRIEG SUCCESSES THROUGH THE TURNING POINT OF STALINGRAD TO THE CLIMACTIC FALL OF BERLIN IT PRESENTS A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THIS WAR USING MANY IMAGES FROM RUSSIAN COLLECTIONS THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE WEST BEFORE AUGMENTED BY IMAGES FROM GERMAN AND BRITISH SOURCES ROUGHLY TEN MILLION CHILDREN WERE VICTIMS OF POLITICAL REPRESSION IN THE SOVIET UNION DURING THE STALINIST ERA THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF PEASANTS WORKERS SCIENTISTS PHYSICIANS AND POLITICAL LEADERS CONSIDERED BY THE REGIME TO BE DANGEROUS TO THE POLITICAL ORDER TEN GROWN VICTIMS WHO AS CHILDREN SUFFERED BANISHMENT STARVATION DISEASE ANTI SEMITISM AND TRAUMA RESULTING FROM THEIR PARENTS CONDEMNATION AND ARREST NOW FREELY SHARE THEIR STORIES THE RESULT IS A POWERFUL AND MOVING ORAL HISTORY THAT WILL PROFOUNDLY DEEPEN THE READER S UNDERSTANDING OF LIFE IN THE U S S R UNDER THE DESPOTIC REIGN OF JOSEPH STALIN WITH STARTLING REVELATIONS TSUYOSHI HASEGAWA REWRITES THE STANDARD HISTORY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II IN THE PACIFIC BY FULLY INTEGRATING THE THREE KEY ACTORS IN THE STORY THE UNITED STATES THE SOVIET UNION AND JAPAN HASEGAWA FOR THE FIRST TIME PUTS THE LAST MONTHS OF THE WAR INTO INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE FROM APRIL 1945 WHEN STALIN BROKE THE SOVIET JAPANESE NEUTRALITY PACT AND HARRY TRUMAN ASSUMED THE PRESIDENCY TO THE FINAL SOVIET MILITARY ACTIONS AGAINST JAPAN HASEGAWA BRINGS TO LIGHT THE REAL REASONS JAPAN SURRENDERED FROM WASHINGTON TO MOSCOW TO TOKYO AND BACK AGAIN HE SHOWS US A HIGH STAKES DIPLOMATIC GAME AS TRUMAN AND STALIN SOUGHT TO OUTMANEUVER EACH OTHER IN FORCING JAPAN S SURRENDER AS STALIN DANGLED MEDIATION OFFERS TO JAPAN WHILE SECRETLY PREPARING TO FIGHT IN THE PACIFIC AS TOKYO PEACE ADVOCATES DESPERATELY TRIED TO STAVE OFF A WAR PARTY DETERMINED TO MOUNT A LAST DITCH DEFENSE AND AS THE AMERICANS STRUGGLED TO BALANCE THEIR COMPETING INTERESTS OF ENDING THE WAR WITH JAPAN AND PREVENTING THE SOVIETS FROM EXPANDING INTO THE PACIFIC AUTHORITATIVE AND ENGROSSING RACING THE ENEMY PUTS THE FINAL DAYS OF WORLD WAR II INTO A WHOLE NEW LIGHT A KEY ADDITION TO THE SOCIETIES AT WAR SERIES THIS BOOK FILLS A GAP IN THE EXISTING LITERATURE ON THE SECOND WORLD WAR BY COVERING THE RANGE OF CHALLENGES THREATS ISSUES DILEMMAS AND CHANGES FACED AND DEALT WITH BY SWEDEN DURING THE CONFLICT DOCUMENTS P 365 405 INCLUDES BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES P 345 358 AND INDEX FORTY YEARS AFTER HIS HITLER A STUDY IN TYRANNY SET A STANDARD FOR SCHOLARSHIP OF THE NAZI ERA LORD ALAN BULLOCK GIVES READERS A BREATHTAKINGLY ACCOMPLISHED DUAL BIOGRAPHY THAT PLACES ADOLF HITLER S ORIGINS PERSONALITY CAREER AND LEGACY ALONGSIDE THOSE OF JOSEPH STALIN

HIS IMPLACABLE ANTAGONIST AND MORAL MIRROR IMAGE HITLER WAS THE STOOGE STALIN USED TO START WORLD WAR II STALIN WAS THE EMINENCE GRIS BEHIND THE RISE OF HITLER AND THE NAZIS TO POWER STALIN ENVISIONED WORLD WAR II AS A REPLAY OF WORLD WAR I IN WHICH THE EUROPEANS WOULD DESTROY EACH OTHER AND BE RIPE FOR CONQUEST STALIN FORGED THE MIGHTIEST POLITICAL CONTROL APPARATUS AND LARGEST MILITARY MACHINE IN THE WORLD IN THE PROCESS TENS OF MILLIONS WERE EXECUTED OR PERISHED IN THE VAST GULAG STALIN PLANNED TO USE THIS NIGHTMARE MECHANISM TO CONQUER AND CONTROL A WAR RAVAGED EUROPE STALIN PLANNED TO DEFEAT HITLER IN A MASSIVE SURPRISE ATTACK HITLER PREEMPTED HIM BY TWO WEEKS A PANORAMIC NARRATIVE OF THE YEARS LEADING UP TO THE SECOND WORLD WAR A TALE OF DEMOCRATIC CRISIS RACIAL CONFLICT AND A BELATED RECOGNITION OF EVIL WITH PROFOUND RESONANCE FOR OUR OWN TIME BERLIN NOVEMBER 1937 ADOLF HITLER MEETS WITH HIS MILITARY COMMANDERS TO IMPRESS UPON THEM THE URGENT NECESSITY FOR A WAR OF AGGRESSION IN EASTERN EUROPE SOME GENERALS ARE UNNERVED BY THE FURTHER S GRANDIOSE PLAN BUT THESE DISSENSERS ARE SILENCED ONE BY ONE SETTING IN MOTION EVENTS THAT WILL CULMINATE IN THE MOST CALAMITOUS WAR IN HISTORY BENJAMIN CARTER HETT TAKES US BEHIND THE SCENES IN BERLIN LONDON MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON REVEALING THE UNSETTLED POLITICS WITHIN EACH COUNTRY IN THE WAKE OF THE GERMAN DICTATOR S GROWING PROVOCATIONS HE REVEALS THE FITFUL PATH BY WHICH ANTI NAZI FORCES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE GERMANY CAME TO UNDERSTAND HITLER S TRUE MENACE TO EUROPEAN CIVILIZATION AND LEARNED TO OPPOSE HIM PAINTING A SWEEPING PORTRAIT OF GOVERNMENTS UNDER SIEGE AS LARGER THAN LIFE FIGURES STRUGGLED TO TURN EVENTS TO THEIR ADVANTAGE AS IN THE DEATH OF DEMOCRACY HIS ACCLAIMED HISTORY OF THE FALL OF THE WEIMAR REPUBLIC HETT DRAWS ON ORIGINAL SOURCES AND NEWLY RELEASED DOCUMENTS TO SHOW HOW THESE LONG AGO CONFLICTS HAVE UNEXPECTED RESONANCES IN OUR OWN TIME TO READ THE NAZI MENACE IS TO SEE PAST AND PRESENT IN A NEW AND UNNERVING LIGHT KRIGEN SOM STALIN VANDT FRA TEHERANKONFERENCEN 1943 TIL KAMPEN OM BERLIN 1945 FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER ON TYRANNY THE DEFINITIVE HISTORY OF HITLER S AND STALIN S POLITICS OF MASS KILLING EXPLAINING WHY UKRAINE HAS BEEN AT THE CENTER OF WESTERN HISTORY FOR THE LAST CENTURY AMERICANS CALL THE SECOND WORLD WAR THE GOOD WAR BUT BEFORE IT EVEN BEGAN AMERICA S ALLY STALIN HAD KILLED MILLIONS OF HIS OWN CITIZENS AND KEPT KILLING THEM DURING AND AFTER THE WAR BEFORE HITLER WAS DEFEATED HE HAD MURDERED SIX MILLION JEWS AND NEARLY AS MANY OTHER EUROPEANS AT WAR S END GERMAN AND SOVIET KILLING SITES FELL BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN LEAVING THE HISTORY OF MASS KILLING IN DARKNESS ASSIDUOUSLY RESEARCHED DEEPLY HUMANE AND UTTERLY DEFINITIVE BLOODLANDS IS A NEW KIND OF EUROPEAN HISTORY PRESENTING THE MASS MURDERS COMMITTED BY THE NAZI AND STALINIST REGIMES AS TWO ASPECTS OF A SINGLE STORY WITH A NEW AFTERWORD ADDRESSING THE RELEVANCE OF THESE EVENTS TO THE CONTEMPORARY DECLINE OF DEMOCRACY BLOODLANDS IS REQUIRED READING FOR ANYONE SEEKING TO UNDERSTAND THE CENTRAL TRAGEDY OF MODERN HISTORY AND ITS MEANING TODAY A MESMERISING CHILLING CLOSE UP PORTRAYAL OF STALIN FROM MILOVAN DJILAS A COMMUNIST INSIDER WITH AN INTRODUCTION FROM ANNE APPLEBAUM AUTHOR OF GULAG AND IRON CURTAIN THIS EXTRAORDINARILY VIVID AND UNNERVING BOOK THREE MEETINGS HELD WITH STALIN DURING AND AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR DJILAS BRILLIANTLY DESCRIBES THE DICTATOR IN HIS LAIR CUNNING CRUEL ENORMOUSLY TALENTED FEW BOOKS GIVE AS CLEAR A SENSE OF WHAT MADE STALIN SUCH A COMPELLING FIGURE AND HOW HE WAS ABLE TO HYPNOTISE AND TERRIFY THOSE AROUND HIM DJILAS ALSO DESCRIBES THE KEY MEMBERS OF STALIN S COURT BERIA MALENKOV ZHUKOV MOLOTOV AND KHRUSHCHEV THE RESULT IS A GRIPPING ACCOUNT OF THE RULER AT THE HEIGHT OF HIS FAME AND POWER THE USE OF TERROR HAS BEEN A CHARACTERISTIC OF RUSSIA FROM THE DAYS OF THE TSARS DURING THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR SOVIET SOLDIERS AND CITIZENS FEARED NOT ONLY THE GERMANS BUT THE SECRET POLICE THE AGENTS OF THE NKVD WAGED A MERCILESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THEIR OWN PEOPLE THE FULL EXTENT OF THIS OPERATION IS TOLD IN THIS COMPELLING STUDY THE FIRST SYSTEMATIC STUDY OF THE PHENOMENON OF FRONTLINE SURRENDER TO THE GERMANS IN THE SOVIET UNION S GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR AGAINST THE NAZIS IN 1941 1945 SHOWING THAT WHILE PEOPLE WERE DISGRUNTLED WITH STALIN S RULE MOST ATTEMPTS TO CROSS THE FRONTLINE STEMMED FROM A WISH TO SURVIVE THIS WAR RATHER THAN A DESIRE TO SUPPORT HITLER S REGIME

*Stalin's War* 2021-04-20 A PRIZE WINNING HISTORIAN REVEALS HOW STALIN NOT HITLER WAS THE ANIMATING FORCE OF WORLD WAR II IN THIS MAJOR NEW HISTORY WORLD WAR II ENDURES IN THE POPULAR IMAGINATION AS A HEROIC STRUGGLE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL WITH VILLAINOUS HITLER DRIVING ITS EVENTS BUT HITLER WAS NOT IN POWER WHEN THE CONFLICT ERUPTED IN ASIA AND HE WAS CERTAINLY DEAD BEFORE IT ENDED HIS ARMIES DID NOT FIGHT IN MULTIPLE THEATERS HIS EMPIRE DID NOT SPAN THE EURASIAN CONTINENT AND HE DID NOT INHERIT ANY OF THE SPOILS OF WAR THAT CENTRAL ROLE BELONGED TO JOSEPH STALIN THE SECOND WORLD WAR WAS NOT HITLER'S WAR IT WAS STALIN'S WAR DRAWING ON AMBITIOUS NEW RESEARCH IN SOVIET EUROPEAN AND US ARCHIVES STALIN'S WAR REVOLUTIONIZES OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THIS GLOBAL CONFLICT BY MOVING ITS EPICENTER TO THE EAST HITLER'S GENOCIDAL AMBITION MAY HAVE HELPED UNLEASH ARMAGEDDON BUT AS MCMEEKIN SHOWS THE WAR WHICH EMERGED IN EUROPE IN SEPTEMBER 1939 WAS THE ONE STALIN WANTED NOT HITLER SO TOO DID THE PACIFIC WAR OF 1941-1945 FULFILL STALIN'S GOAL OF UNLEASHING A DEVASTATING WAR OF ATTRITION BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE ANGLO SAXON CAPITALIST POWERS HE VIEWED AS HIS ULTIMATE ADVERSARY MCMEEKIN ALSO REVEALS THE EXTENT TO WHICH SOVIET COMMUNISM WAS RESCUED BY THE US AND BRITAIN'S SELF DEFEATING STRATEGIC MOVES BEGINNING WITH LEND LEASE AID AS AMERICAN AND BRITISH SUPPLY BOARDS AGREED ALMOST BLINDLY TO EVERY SOVIET DEMAND STALIN'S WAR MACHINE MCMEEKIN SHOWS WAS SUBSTANTIALLY RELIANT ON AMERICAN MATERIAL FROM WARPLANES TANKS TRUCKS JEEPS MOTORCYCLES FUEL AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES TO INDUSTRIAL INPUTS AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO THE FOODSTUFFS WHICH FED THE RED ARMY THIS UNRECIPROCATED AMERICAN GENEROSITY GAVE STALIN'S ARMIES THE MOBILE STRIKING POWER TO CONQUER MOST OF EURASIA FROM BERLIN TO BEIJING FOR COMMUNISM A GROUNDBREAKING REASSESSMENT OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR STALIN'S WAR IS ESSENTIAL READING FOR ANYONE LOOKING TO UNDERSTAND THE CURRENT WORLD ORDER

*The Greatest Battle* 2007-09-18 THE BATTLE FOR MOSCOW WAS THE BIGGEST BATTLE OF WORLD WAR II THE BIGGEST BATTLE OF ALL TIME AND YET IT IS FAR LESS KNOWN THAN STALINGRAD WHICH INVOLVED ABOUT HALF THE NUMBER OF TROOPS FROM THE TIME HITLER LAUNCHED HIS ASSAULT ON MOSCOW ON SEPTEMBER 30 1941 TO APRIL 20 1942 SEVEN MILLION TROOPS WERE ENGAGED IN THIS TITANIC STRUGGLE THE COMBINED LOSSES OF BOTH SIDES THOSE KILLED TAKEN PRISONER OR SEVERELY WOUNDED WERE 2.5 MILLION OF WHICH NEARLY 2 MILLION WERE ON THE SOVIET SIDE BUT THE SOVIET CAPITAL NARROWLY SURVIVED AND FOR THE FIRST TIME THE GERMAN BLITZKRIEG ENDED IN FAILURE THIS SHATTERED HITLER'S DREAM OF A SWIFT VICTORY OVER THE SOVIET UNION AND RADICALLY CHANGED THE COURSE OF THE WAR THE FULL STORY OF THIS EPIC BATTLE HAS NEVER BEEN TOLD BECAUSE IT UNDERMINES THE SANITIZED SOVIET ACCOUNTS OF THE WAR WHICH PORTRAY STALIN AS A MILITARY GENIUS AND HIS PEOPLE AS HEROICALLY UNITED AGAINST THE GERMAN INVADER STALIN'S BLUNDERS INCOMPETENCE AND BRUTALITY MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR GERMAN TROOPS TO APPROACH THE OUTSKIRTS OF MOSCOW THIS TRIGGERED PANIC IN THE CITY WITH LOOTING STRIKES AND OUTBREAKS OF PREVIOUSLY UNIMAGINABLE VIOLENCE ABOUT HALF THE CITY'S POPULATION FLED BUT HITLER'S BLUNDERS WOULD SOON LOOM EVEN LARGER SENDING HIS TROOPS TO ATTACK THE SOVIET UNION WITHOUT WINTER UNIFORMS INSISTING ON AN IMMEDIATE GERMAN REIGN OF TERROR AND REFUSING TO HEED HIS GENERALS' PLEAS THAT HE ALLOW THEM TO ATTACK MOSCOW AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IN THE END HITLER'S MISTAKES TRUMPED STALIN'S MISTAKES DRAWING ON RECENTLY DECLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS FROM SOVIET ARCHIVES INCLUDING FILES OF THE DREADED NKVD ON ACCOUNTS OF SURVIVORS AND OF CHILDREN OF TOP SOVIET MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ON REPORTS OF WESTERN DIPLOMATS AND CORRESPONDENTS THE GREATEST BATTLE FINALLY ILLUMINATES THE FULL STORY OF A CLASH BETWEEN TWO SYSTEMS BASED ON SHEER TERROR AND RELENTLESS SLAUGHTER EVEN AS MOSCOW'S FATE HUNG IN THE BALANCE THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN WERE DISCOVERING HOW WILY A PARTNER STALIN WOULD TURN OUT TO BE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HITLER AND HOW EAGER HE WAS TO PUSH HIS DEMANDS FOR A POSTWAR EMPIRE IN EASTERN EUROPE IN ADDITION TO CHRONICLING THE BLOODSHED ANDREW NAGORSKI TAKES THE READER BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE EARLY NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN HITLER AND STALIN AND THEN BETWEEN STALIN ROOSEVELT AND CHURCHILL THIS IS A REMARKABLE ADDITION TO THE HISTORY OF WORLD WAR II

**Stalin's Other War** 2003-04-16 ON JUNE 22 1941 JUST LESS THAN TWO YEARS AFTER SIGNING THE NAZI-SOVIET AGREEMENTS ADOLF HITLER'S GERMAN ARMY INVADED THE SOVIET UNION THE ATTACK HARDLY CAME AS A SURPRISE TO JOSEF STALIN IN FACT HISTORY HAS LONG HELD THAT STALIN SPENT THE TWO INTERVENING YEARS BUILDING UP HIS DEFENSES AGAINST A NAZI ATTACK WITH THE GRADUAL DECLASSIFYING OF FORMER SOVIET DOCUMENTS THOUGH HISTORIANS ARE LEARNING MORE AND MORE ABOUT STALIN'S GRAND PLAN DURING THE YEARS 1939-1941 LONGTIME SOVIET EXPERT ALBERT L. WEEKS HAS STUDIED THE NEWLY RELEASED INFORMATION AND COME TO A DIFFERENT CONCLUSION ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION'S PRE-WAR BUILDUP IT WAS NOT PRECAUTION AGAINST GERMAN



INVASION AT ALL IN FACT WEEKS ARGUES THE EVIDENCE NOW SUGGESTS SOVIET MOBILIZATION WAS AIMED AT AN EVENTUAL INVASION OF NAZI GERMANY THE SOVIETS WERE QUIETLY BIDDING THEIR TIME BETWEEN 1939 AND 1941 ALLOWING THE CAPITALIST POWERS TO DESTROY ONE ANOTHER ALL THE WHILE PREPARING FOR THEIR OWN WESTWARD MARCH STALIN WEEKS SHOWS WASN'T WAITING FOR A NAZI ATTACK HITLER SIMPLY BEAT HIM TO THE PUNCH

*ASSURED VICTORY* 2011-01-19 THIS BOOK DOCUMENTS DICTATOR JOSEPH STALIN'S BRILLIANT TACTICS AS WELL AS MISSTEPS IN TAKING PREEMPTIVE ACTIONS THAT GUARANTEED ULTIMATE VICTORY OVER THE GERMAN INVADERS IT ALSO COVERS THE POLICIES IMPLEMENTED AFTER THE WAR THAT MADE THE SOVIET UNION A MENACE TO WORLD PEACE AND LED TO COLLAPSE OF SOVIET RULE A DETAILED REEXAMINATION OF HISTORICAL FACTS INDICATES THAT STALIN COULD DESERVE TO BE REGARDED AS A GREAT LEADER YET STALIN CLEARLY FAILED AS HIS NATION'S LEADER IN A POST WORLD WAR II MILIEU WHERE HE DELIVERED THE COLD WAR INSTEAD OF RAPID PROGRESS AND GLOBAL COOPERATION IT IS THE PROOF OF BOTH STALIN'S BRILLIANCE AND BLUNDERS THAT MAKES HIM SUCH A FASCINATING FIGURE IN MODERN HISTORY TODAY MOST OF THE RUSSIAN POPULATION ACKNOWLEDGES THAT STALIN ACHIEVED GREATNESS THE SOVIET DICTATOR'S HONORED PLACE IN HISTORY IS LARGELY DUE TO STALIN SUCCESSFULLY ATTENDING TO THE SOVIET UNION'S DEFENSE NEEDS IN THE 1930S AND 1940S AND LEADING THE USSR TO VICTORY IN THE WAR ON THE EASTERN FRONT AGAINST NAZI GERMANY AND ITS ALLIES THIS BOOK PROVIDES AN OVERDUE CRITICAL INVESTIGATION OF HOW THE SOVIET LEADER'S DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES ACTUALLY HELPED PRODUCE THIS VICTORY AND ABOVE ALL HOW STALIN'S TIMELY SUPPORT OF A WARTIME ALLIANCE WITH THE WESTERN CAPITALIST DEMOCRACIES ASSURED THE DEFEAT OF THE AXIS POWERS IN 1945

**THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR OF THE SOVIET UNION** 1945 THE MOST IMPORTANT SPEECHES AND ORDERS OF THE DAY OF MARSHAL STALIN FROM JUNE 22 1941 UNTIL VICTORY OVER NAZI GERMANY EDITOR'S NOTE

JUN-41 2006-01-01 A MASTERFUL ACCOUNT CULMINATING IN THE FATEFUL DAYS BEFORE HITLER'S INVASION OF THE SOVIET UNION JUNE 1941 OFFERS PENETRATING INSIGHTS AND A NEW PORTRAIT OF HITLER AND STALIN

**STALIN'S WAR** 2003 EDWIN HOYT'S THOROUGHLY RESEARCHED TOME IS THE FIRST EVER TO CHRONICLE THE SOVIET GERMAN WAR AS SEEN THROUGH STALIN'S EYES

**STALIN AND THE INEVITABLE WAR** 2002 THIS IS A STUDY OF THE RESPONSES OF THE SOVIET UNION TO THE EUROPEAN CRISES WHICH LED TO WORLD WAR II IT IS BASED ON A SUBSTANTIAL BODY OF POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC DOCUMENTS THAT HAS BECOME ACCESSIBLE TO SCHOLARS SINCE THE OPENING UP OF FORMER SOVIET ARCHIVES IN 1992

**STALIN** 2011-05-18 FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE LAST TSAR THE FIRST FULL SCALE LIFE OF STALIN TO HAVE WHAT NO PREVIOUS BIOGRAPHY HAS FULLY OBTAINED THE FACTS GRANTED PRIVILEGED ACCESS TO RUSSIA'S SECRET ARCHIVES EDVARD RADZINSKY PAINTS A PICTURE OF THE SOVIET STRONGMAN AS MORE CALCULATING RUTHLESS AND BLOOD CRAZED THAN HAS EVER BEEN DESCRIBED OR IMAGINED STALIN WAS A MAN FOR WHOM POWER WAS ALL TERROR A USEFUL WEAPON AND DECEIT A CONSTANT COMPANION AS RADZINSKY NARRATES THE HIGH DRAMA OF STALIN'S EPIC QUEST FOR DOMINATION FIRST WITHIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY THEN OVER THE SOVIET UNION AND THE WORLD HE UNCOVERS THE STARTLING TRUTH ABOUT THIS MOST ENIGMATIC OF HISTORICAL FIGURES ONLY NOW IN THE POST SOVIET ERA CAN WHAT WAS SUPPRESSED BE TOLD STALIN'S LONG DENIED INVOLVEMENT WITH TERRORISM AS A YOUNG REVOLUTIONARY THE CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE OF HIS MISUNDERSTOOD BEHIND THE SCENES ROLE DURING THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION HIS OFTEN HOSTILE RELATIONSHIP WITH LENIN THE DETAILS OF HIS ORGANIZATION OF TERROR CULMINATING IN THE INFAMOUS SHOW TRIALS OF THE 1930S HIS SECRET DEALINGS WITH HITLER AND HOW THEY BACKFIRED AND THE HORRIFYING PLANS HE WAS MAKING BEFORE HIS DEATH TO SEND THE SOVIET UNION'S JEWS TO CONCENTRATION CAMPS TANTAMOUNT TO A POTENTIAL SECOND HOLOCAUST RADZINSKY ALSO TAKES AN INTIMATE LOOK AT STALIN'S PRIVATE LIFE MARKED BY HIS TURBULENT RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS WIFE NADEZHDA AND RECREATES THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED TO HER SUICIDE AS HE DID IN THE LAST TSAR RADZINSKY THRILLINGLY BRINGS THE PAST TO LIFE THE KREMLIN INTRIGUES THE CEASELESS ROUND OF DOUBLE DEALING AND BACK STABBING THE PRIVATE WORLDS OF THE SOVIET EMPIRE'S RULING CLASS ALL BECOME IN RADZINSKY'S HANDS AS GRIPPING AND POWERFUL AS THE GREAT RUSSIAN SAGAS AND THE RIDDLE OF THAT MOST COLD BLOODED OF LEADERS A MAN FOR WHOM NOTHING WAS SACRED IN HIS PURSUIT OF ABSOLUTE MIGHT AND PERHAPS THE GREATEST MASS MURDERER IN WESTERN HISTORY IS SOLVED

STALIN AND HIS GENERALS 1970 A DETAILED STUDY OF THE OPERATIONS POLITICS CULTURE AND AUTONOMY OF SOVIET PARTISANS OR GUERRILLAS WHO FOUGHT THE GERMAN ARMY IN WWII BLENDING MILITARY POLITICAL SOCIAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY SLEPYAN ALSO PROVIDES A PRISM FOR VIEWING RELATIONS

BETWEEN THE SUFFOCATING STALINIST STATE AND ITS INDEPENDENT PARTISAN WARRIORS

**STALIN'S GUERRILLAS** 2006 EXPLOITING NEW FINDINGS FROM FORMER EAST BLOC ARCHIVES AND FROM LONG IGNORED WESTERN SOURCES THIS BOOK PRESENTS A WHOLLY NEW PICTURE OF THE COMING OF WORLD WAR II ALLIED WARTIME DIPLOMACY AND THE ORIGINS OF THE COLD WAR THE AUTHOR REVEALS THAT THE STORY WIDELY BELIEVED BY HISTORIANS AND WESTERN WARTIME LEADERS ALIKE THAT STALIN'S PURPOSES IN EUROPEAN DIPLOMACY FROM 1938 ON WERE MAINLY DEFENSIVE IS A FANTASY INDEED THIS IS ONE OF THE LONGEST ENDURING PRODUCTS OF STALIN'S PROPAGANDA OF LONG TERM POLITICAL CONTROL OF ARCHIVAL MATERIALS AND OF THE GULLIBILITY OF WESTERN OBSERVERS THE AUTHOR ARGUES THAT STALIN HAD CONCOCTED A PLAN FOR BRINGING ABOUT A GENERAL EUROPEAN WAR WELL BEFORE HITLER LAUNCHED HIS EXPANSIONIST PROGRAM FOR THE THIRD REICH STALIN EXPECTED THAT HITLER'S WAR WHEN IT CAME WOULD LEAD TO THE INTERNAL COLLAPSE OF THE WARRING NATIONS AND THAT MILITARY REVOLTS AND PROLETARIAN REVOLUTIONS LIKE THOSE OF WORLD WAR I WOULD BREAK OUT IN THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES THIS SCENARIO FORESAW THE EMBATTLED PROLETARIANS CALLING FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF THE RED ARMY WHICH WOULD SWEEP ACROSS EUROPE THE BOOK FURTHER SHOWS THAT THE WARTIME DISPUTES BETWEEN STALIN AND HIS WESTERN ALLIES ORIGINATED OVER THE POSTWAR REDISPOSITION OF THE TERRITORIES STALIN HAD GAINED FROM HIS PACT WITH HITLER THE SITUATION WAS COMPLICATED BY THE INCAUTIOUS UNRESTRICTED COMMITMENT OF SUPPORT TO THE SOVIET UNION FIRST BY CHURCHILL AND THEN BY ROOSEVELT AND WARTIME CIRCUMSTANCES PROVIDED COVER TO OBSCURE THESE DIPLOMATIC FAILURES THE EARLY ORIGINS OF THE COLD WAR DESCRIBED IN THIS BOOK DIFFER DRAMATICALLY FROM THE USUAL ACCOUNTS THAT SEE A SUDDEN AND SURPRISING UPWELLING OF COLD WAR ANTAGONISMS LATE IN THE WAR OR EARLY IN THE POSTWAR PERIOD

STALIN'S DRIVE TO THE WEST, 1938-1945 1995-09-01 UNTIL THE ADVENT OF GLASNOST BEGAN TO LIFT CENSORSHIP IN THE SOVIET UNION IN THE MID 1980S IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR RUSSIANS IN RUSSIA TO TRUTHFULLY DEPICT THEIR OWN STRUGGLE AGAINST NAZI GERMANY EVEN BEFORE WORLD WAR II WAS OVER THE SOVIET PROPAGANDA MACHINE BEGAN TO CONSTRUCT AN OFFICIAL STORY THROUGH ENORMOUS SACRIFICE THE SOVIET PEOPLE HAD GLORIOUSLY FREED THEMSELVES AND THE WORLD FROM FASCISM RAISING THE HAMMER AND SICKLE HIGHER THAN EVER ON THE RUINS OF HITLER'S IMPERIALIST DREAMS IN STALIN THE RUSSIANS AND THEIR WAR HOWEVER MARIUS BROEKMEYER PRESENTS THE TESTIMONY OF RUSSIAN PARTICIPANTS EYEWITNESSES AND HISTORIANS OF WORLD WAR II TO REVEAL NOT A HEROIC STRUGGLE BUT A WAR MARRED BY CATASTROPHES ERRORS AND LIES THESE TESTIMONIES OPENLY DISCUSS SUBJECTS OMITTED FROM OFFICIAL SOVIET PROPAGANDA OR GLOSSED OVER IN POPULAR WESTERN HISTORIES OF THE ALLIED VICTORY IN WWII FROM PURGES WITHIN THE RED ARMY AND SOVIET USE OF PUNITIVE BRIGADES TO THE DEPLOYMENT OF MILLIONS OF POORLY EQUIPPED SOLDIERS TO THE FRONT LINES THESE ARE AUTHENTIC AND OFTEN SHOCKING FIRST HAND ACCOUNTS SUCH A VIVID REPORT ON THE DAY TO DAY LIVES OF RUSSIAN SOLDIERS OFFICERS AND CITIZENS DURING WORLD WAR II DOES NOT EXIST ANYWHERE ELSE IN ENGLISH

**STALIN, THE RUSSIANS, AND THEIR WAR** 2004 BESTSELLING AUTHOR VICTOR SUVOROV PROBES NEWLY RELEASED SOVIET DOCUMENTS AND REEVALUATES EXISTING MATERIAL TO ANALYZE STALIN'S STRATEGIC DESIGN TO CONQUER EUROPE AND THE REASONS BEHIND HIS CONTROVERSIAL SUPPORT FOR NAZI GERMANY A FORMER SOVIET ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER THE AUTHOR EXPLAINS THAT STALIN'S STRATEGY LEADING UP TO WORLD WAR II GREW FROM VLADIMIR LENIN'S BELIEF THAT IF WORLD WAR I DID NOT IGNITE THE WORLDWIDE COMMUNIST REVOLUTION THEN A SECOND WORLD WAR WOULD BE NEEDED TO ACHIEVE IT STALIN SAW NAZI GERMANY AS THE POWER THAT WOULD FIGHT AND WEAKEN CAPITALIST COUNTRIES SO THAT SOVIET ARMIES COULD THEN SWEEP ACROSS EUROPE SUVOROV REVEALS HOW STALIN CONSPIRED WITH GERMAN LEADERS TO BYPASS THE VERSAILLES TREATY WHICH FORBADE GERMAN REARMAMENT AND SECRETLY TRAINED GERMAN ENGINEERS AND OFFICERS AND PROVIDED BASES AND FACTORIES FOR WAR HE ALSO CALLS ATTENTION TO THE 1939 NONAGGRESSION PACT BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND GERMANY THAT ALLOWED HITLER TO PROCEED WITH HIS PLANS TO INVADe POLAND FOMENTING WAR IN EUROPE SUVOROV DEBUNKS THE THEORY THAT STALIN WAS DUPED BY HITLER AND THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS A VICTIM OF NAZI AGGRESSION INSTEAD HE MAKES THE CASE THAT STALIN NEITHER FEARED HITLER NOR MISTAKENLY TRUSTED HIM SUVOROV MAINTAINS THAT AFTER GERMANY OCCUPIED POLAND DEFEATED FRANCE AND STARTED TO PREPARE FOR AN INVASION OF GREAT BRITAIN HITLER'S INTELLIGENCE SERVICES DETECTED THE SOVIET UNION'S PREPARATIONS FOR A MAJOR WAR AGAINST GERMANY THIS DETECTION HE ARGUES LED TO GERMANY'S PREEMPTIVE WAR PLAN AND THE LAUNCH OF AN INVASION OF THE USSR STALIN EMERGES FROM THE PAGES OF THIS BOOK AS A DIABOLICAL GENIUS CONSUMED BY VISIONS OF A WORLDWIDE COMMUNIST REVOLUTION AT ANY COST A LEADER WHO WOODED HITLER AND GERMANY IN HIS OWN EFFORT TO CONQUER THE WORLD IN CONTRADICTING TRADITIONAL THEORIES ABOUT SOVIET PLANNING THE BOOK IS CERTAIN TO PROVOKE DEBATE AMONG

HISTORIANS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

**THE CHIEF CULPRIT** 2013-03-15 IN THE SUMMER OF 1941 A COLLECTIVE MADNESS OVERTOOK ADOLF HITLER AND HIS SENIOR GENERALS THEY CONVINCED THEMSELVES THAT THEY COULD TAKE ON AND DEFEAT A SUPERPOWER IN THE MAKING THE SOVIET UNION FOOLISHLY THEY THOUGHT IN A SWIFT CAMPAIGN THEY COULD SMASH THE RED ARMY AND FORCE STALIN TO SUE FOR PEACE DESPITE DIRE WARNINGS THAT STALIN WAS AMASSING A RESERVE ARMY OF MORE THAN 1 MILLION MEN ON THE VOLGA THE END RESULT WOULD BE SUCH CARNAGE THAT IT WOULD TEAR THE GERMAN FORCES APART IN HIS MAJOR REASSESSMENT OF THE WAR ON THE EASTERN FRONT ANTHONY TUCKER JONES CASTS NEW LIGHT ON THE BRUTAL FIGHTING INCLUDING SUCH ASTOUNDING GERMAN DEFEATS AS AT STALINGRAD KURSK MINSK AND FINALLY BERLIN HE CONTROVERSIALLY CONTENDS THAT FROM THE VERY START INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS ON BOTH SIDES FAILED TO INFLUENCE THEIR LEADERSHIP RESULTING IN UNTOLD SLAUGHTER HE ALSO REVEALS THE SHOCKING BLUNDERS BY HITLER STALIN AND EVEN CHURCHILL THAT LED TO THE APPALLING NEEDLESS DESTRUCTION OF HITLER S ARMED FORCES AS EARLY AS THE WINTER OF 1941 42 STEP BY STEP TUCKER JONES DESCRIBES HOW THE GERMAN WAR MACHINE FOUGHT TO ITS VERY LAST AGAINST A RELENTLESS ENEMY FULLY AWARE THAT DEFEAT WAS INEVITABLE

**SLAUGHTER ON THE EASTERN FRONT** 2017-05-01 A CHILLING RIVETING ACCOUNT BASED ON NEWLY RELEASED RUSSIAN DOCUMENTATION THAT REVEALS JOSEPH STALIN S TRUE MOTIVES AND THE EXTENT OF HIS ENDURING COMMITMENT TO EXPANDING THE SOVIET EMPIRE DURING THE YEARS IN WHICH HE SEEMINGLY COLLABORATED WITH FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT WINSTON CHURCHILL AND THE CAPITALIST WEST AT THE BIG THREE CONFERENCES OF WORLD WAR II JOSEPH STALIN PERSUASIVELY PLAYED THE ROLE OF A GREAT WORLD LEADER WHOSE PRIMARY CONCERNS LAY IN INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY AND POWER POLITICS AND NOT COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY NOW USING RECENTLY UNCOVERED DOCUMENTS ROBERT GELLATELY CONCLUSIVELY SHOWS THAT IN FACT THE DICTATOR WAS BIDDING HIS TIME DETERMINED TO ESTABLISH COMMUNIST REGIMES ACROSS EUROPE AND BEYOND HIS ACTIONS DURING THOSE YEARS AND THE POORLY CALCULATED RESPONSES TO THEM FROM THE WEST SET IN MOTION WHAT WOULD EVENTUALLY BECOME THE COLD WAR EXCITING DEEPLY ENGAGING AND SHREWDLY PERCEPTIVE STALIN S CURSE IS AN UNPRECEDENTED REVELATION OF THE SINISTER MACHINATIONS OF STALIN S KREMLIN

STALIN'S CURSE 2013-03-05 OVERTHROWING THE CONVENTIONAL IMAGE OF STALIN AS AN UNEDUCATED POLITICAL ADMINISTRATOR INEXPLICABLY TRANSFORMED INTO A PATHOLOGICAL KILLER SERVICE REVEALS A MORE COMPLEX AND FASCINATING STORY BEHIND THIS NOTORIOUS TWENTIETH CENTURY FIGURE DRAWING ON UNEXPLORED ARCHIVES AND PERSONAL TESTIMONIES GATHERED FROM ACROSS RUSSIA AND GEORGIA THIS IS THE FIRST FULL SCALE BIOGRAPHY OF THE SOVIET DICTATOR IN TWENTY YEARS

**STALIN** 2005 WHILE JOSEPH STALIN IS COMMONLY REVELED IN THE WEST AS A MURDEROUS TYRANT WHO COMMITTED EGREGIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AGAINST HIS OWN PEOPLE IN RUSSIA HE IS OFTEN POSITIVELY VIEWED AS THE SYMBOL OF SOVIET ERA STABILITY AND STATE POWER HOW CAN THERE BE SUCH A DISPARITY IN PERSPECTIVES UTILIZING AN ETHNOGRAPHIC APPROACH EXTENSIVE INTERVIEW DATA AND CRITICAL DISCOURSE ANALYSIS THIS BOOK EXAMINES THE WAYS THAT THE POLITICAL ELITE IN RUSSIA ARE ABLE TO CONTROL AND MANIPULATE HISTORICAL DISCOURSE ABOUT THE STALIN PERIOD IN ORDER TO ADVANCE THEIR OWN POLITICAL OBJECTIVES APPROPRIATING THE STALINIST DISCOURSE THEY MINIMIZE OR IGNORE OUTRIGHT CRIMES OF THE SOVIET PERIOD AND INSTEAD FOCUS ON POSITIVE ASPECTS OF STALIN S RULE ESPECIALLY HIS ROLE IN LEADING THE SOVIET UNION TO VICTORY IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR ADVANCING THE CONCEPTS OF PREVENTIVE AND COMPLEX CO OPTATION THIS BOOK ANALYZES HOW ELITES IN RUSSIA INHIBIT THE EMERGENCE OF GROUPS THAT ESPOUSE ALTERNATIVE NARRATIVES WHILE PROMOTING MESSAGE FRIENDLY GROUPS THAT ARE IN LINE WITH THE KREMLIN S AGENDA BRINGING THE RESOURCES OF THE STATE TO BEAR THE RUSSIAN ELITE ARE ABLE TO CO OPT MULTIPLE AVENUES OF DISCOURSE FORMULATION AND DISSEMINATION ELITE SPONSORED DISCOURSE POSITIONS STALIN AS THE SYMBOL OF A STRONG CENTRALIZED STATE THAT WAS CAPABLE OF GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS DESPITE GREAT COST ENABLING FAVORABLY PORTRAYALS OF STALIN AS PART OF A TRADITION OF HARSH BUT EFFECTIVE RULERS IN RUSSIAN HISTORY SUCH AS PETER THE GREAT THIS STRONG STATE DISCOURSE IS USED TO LEGITIMIZE THE RETURN OF AUTHORITARIANISM IN RUSSIA TODAY

**BRINGING STALIN BACK IN** 2019-10-16 MUCH OF THE STORY ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION S VICTORY OVER NAZI GERMANY HAS YET TO BE TOLD IN MOTHERLAND IN DANGER KAREL BERKHOFF ADDRESSES ONE OF THE MOST NEGLECTED QUESTIONS FACING HISTORIANS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR HOW DID THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP SELL THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE GERMANS TO THE PEOPLE ON THE HOME FRONT FOR STALIN THE OBSTACLES WERE MANIFOLD REPELLING THE GERMAN INVASION WOULD REQUIRE A MOBILIZATION SO LARGE THAT IT WOULD TEST THE LIMITS OF THE SOVIET STATE COULD THE USSR MARSHAL THE MANPOWER

NECESSARY TO FACE THE THREAT HOW COULD THE AUTHORITIES OVERCOME INADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUPPLIES MIGHT STALIN'S REGIME FAIL TO SURVIVE A SUSTAINED CONFLICT WITH THE GERMANS MOTHERLAND IN DANGER TAKES US INSIDE THE STALINIST STATE TO WITNESS FROM UP CLOSE ITS PROPAGANDA MACHINE USING SOURCES IN MANY LANGUAGES INCLUDING MEMOIRS AND DOCUMENTS OF THE SOVIET CENSOR BERKHOFF EXPLORES HOW THE SOVIET MEDIA REFLECTED AND DISTORTED EVERY ASPECT OF THE WAR FROM THE SUCCESSES AND BLUNDERS ON THE FRONT LINES TO THE INSTITUTION OF FORCED LABOR ON FARM FIELDS AND FACTORY FLOORS HE ALSO DETAILS THE MEDIA'S HANDLING OF NAZI ATROCITIES AND THE HOLOCAUST AS WELL AS ITS STINTING TREATMENT OF THE ALLIES PARTICULARLY THE UNITED STATES THE UK AND POLAND BERKHOFF DEMONSTRATES NOT ONLY THAT PROPAGANDA WAS CRITICAL TO THE SOVIET WAR EFFORT BUT ALSO THAT IT HAS COLORED PERCEPTIONS OF THE WAR TO THE PRESENT DAY BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF RUSSIA

MOTHERLAND IN DANGER 2012-04-25 ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL DICTATORS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY STALIN BELIEVED THAT FASHIONING A BETTER TOMORROW WAS WORTH SACRIFICING THE LIVES OF MILLIONS TODAY HE BUILT A MODERN RUSSIA ON THE CORPSES OF MILLIONS OF ITS CITIZENS FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1983 STALIN AND STALINISM HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR TEXTBOOKS FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE STALIN PHENOMENON WRITTEN IN A CLEAR AND ACCESSIBLE MANNER AND FULLY UPDATED THROUGHOUT TO INCORPORATE RECENT RESEARCH FINDINGS THE BOOK ALSO CONTAINS A CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS WHO'S WHO AND GUIDE TO FURTHER READING THIS CONCISE ASSESSMENT OF ONE OF THE MAJOR FIGURES OF TWENTIETH CENTURY WORLD HISTORY REMAINS AN ESSENTIAL PURCHASE FOR STUDENTS STUDYING THE SUBJECT

*STALIN AND STALINISM* 2013-09-13 THE THIRD VOLUME IN NIK CORNISH'S PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR ON THE EASTERN FRONT RECORDS IN VIVID VISUAL DETAIL THE SEQUENCE OF RED ARMY OFFENSIVES THAT PUSHED THE WEHRMACHT BACK ACROSS RUSSIA AFTER THE FAILURE OF OPERATION CITADEL THE GERMAN ATTACK AT KURSK PREVIOUSLY UNPUBLISHED IMAGES SHOW THE EPIC SCALE OF THE BUILD UP TO THE KURSK BATTLE AND THE ENORMOUS COST IN TERMS OF LIVES AND MATERIAL OF THE BATTLE ITSELF THEY ALSO SHOW THAT THE MILITARY INITIATIVE WAS NOW FIRMLY IN SOVIET HANDS FOR THE BALANCE OF POWER ON THE EASTERN FRONT HAD SHIFTED AND THE GERMANS WERE ON THE DEFENSIVE AND IN RETREAT SUBSEQUENT CHAPTERS CHRONICLE THE HARD FOUGHT AND BLOODY GERMAN WITHDRAWAL ACROSS WESTERN RUSSIA AND THE UKRAINE RECORDING THE RED ARMY'S LIBERATION OF OCCUPIED SOVIET TERRITORY THE RECOVERY OF KEY CITIES LIKE OREL KHARKOV AND KIEV THE RAISING OF THE SIEGE OF LENINGRAD AND THE ADVANCE TO THE BORDERS OF THE BALTIC STATES NOT ONLY DO THE PHOTOGRAPHS TRACK THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS ON THE GROUND THEY ALSO SHOW THE EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS USED BY BOTH SIDES THE LIVING CONDITIONS EXPERIENCED BY THE TROOPS THE ACTIONS OF THE SOVIET PARTISANS THE FIGHT AGAINST THE FINNS IN THE NORTH THE MASSIVE LOGISTICAL ORGANIZATION BEHIND THE FRONT LINES AND THE DEVASTATION THE WAR LEFT IN ITS WAKE

*HITLER VERSUS STALIN: THE EASTERN FRONT, 1943-1944* 2017-03-30 THE SECOND WORLD WAR WAS CAUSED BY ONE MAN ADOLF HITLER WINSTON CHURCHILL FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT AND JOSEPH STALIN WERE CALLED ON BY HISTORY TO STOP THIS MENACE IN THIS BOOK WHICH INCLUDES NEW MATERIAL THE BACKGROUND ATTITUDE AND PERSONALITIES OF THESE MEN ARE EXPLORED IN DETAIL

THREE AGAINST ONE 2002 LAURENCE REES BRILLIANTLY COMBINES POWERFUL EYE WITNESS TESTIMONY VIVID NARRATIVE AND COMPELLING ANALYSIS IN THIS SUPERB ACCOUNT PROFESSOR SIR IAN KERSHAW AUTHOR OF HITLER HUBRIS AND HITLER NEMESIS IN THIS FASCINATING STUDY OF TWO MONSTERS REES IS EXTRAORDINARILY PERCEPTIVE AND ORIGINAL ANTONY BEEVOR TWO TYRANTS EACH RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF MILLIONS THIS COMPELLING BOOK ON HITLER AND STALIN THE CULMINATION OF THIRTY YEARS WORK EXAMINES THE TWO LEADERS DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR WHEN GERMANY AND THE SOVIET UNION FOUGHT THE BIGGEST AND BLOODIEST WAR IN HISTORY HITLER'S CHARISMATIC LEADERSHIP MAY CONTRAST WITH STALIN'S REGIMENTED RULE BY FEAR AND HIS INTRANSIGENCE LATER IN THE WAR MAY CONTRAST WITH STALIN'S CHANGE IN BEHAVIOUR IN RESPONSE TO EVENTS BUT AS BESTSELLING HISTORIAN LAURENCE REES SHOWS AT A MACRO LEVEL BOTH WERE PREPARED TO CREATE UNDEAMT OF SUFFERING IN HITLER'S CASE MOST INFAMOUSLY THE HOLOCAUST IN ORDER TO BUILD THE UTOPIAS THEY WANTED USING PREVIOUSLY UNPUBLISHED STARTLING EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY FROM SOLDIERS CIVILIANS AND THOSE WHO KNEW BOTH MEN PERSONALLY LAURENCE REES PROBABLY THE ONLY PERSON ALIVE WHO HAS MET GERMANS WHO WORKED FOR HITLER AND RUSSIANS WHO WORKED FOR STALIN CHALLENGES LONG HELD POPULAR MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT TWO OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FIGURES IN HISTORY THIS IS A MASTER WORK FROM ONE OF OUR FINEST HISTORIANS COMING FROM ONE OF THE WORLD'S EXPERTS ON THE SECOND WORLD WAR THIS IS AN IMPORTANT AND ORIGINAL AND DEVASTATING ACCOUNT OF HITLER AND STALIN AS DICTATORS A MUST READ PROFESSOR ROBERT SERVICE AUTHOR OF STALIN A BIOGRAPHY IMPRESSIVE WELL PACED AND WELL INFORMED

WITH AN EYE FOR TELLING ANECDOTES AND COLOURFUL CHARACTER SKETCHES REES DECISION TO ADD PERSONAL STORIES TO HIS NARRATIVE ADDS AN IMPORTANT LAYER TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF BOTH THE DICTATORS THEMSELVES AND THEIR VICTIMS ROBERT GERWARTH THE DAILY TELEGRAPH

*HITLER AND STALIN* 2020-10-29 STALIN HAD NEVER BEEN ABLE TO SHAKE OFF THE NIGHTMARE OF ADOLF HITLER JUST AS IN 1941 HE REFUSED TO UNDERSTAND THAT HITLER HAD BROKEN THEIR NON AGGRESSION PACT HE WAS IN 1945 UNWILLING TO BELIEVE THAT THE DICTATOR HAD COMMITTED SUICIDE IN THE DEBRIS OF THE BERLIN BUNKER IN HIS PARANOIA STALIN ORDERED HIS SECRET POLICE THE NKVD PRECURSOR TO THE KGB TO EXPLORE IN DETAIL EVERY LAST VESTIGE OF THE PRIVATE LIFE OF THE ONLY MAN HE CONSIDERED A WORTHY OPPONENT AND TO CLARIFY BEYOND DOUBT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS DEATH FOR MONTHS TWO CAPTIVES OF THE SOVIET ARMY OTTO GUENSCHKE HITLER S ADJUTANT AND HEINZ LINGE HIS PERSONAL VALET WERE INTERROGATED DAILY THEIR STORIES CROSSCHECKED UNTIL THE NKVD WERE CONVINCED THAT THEY HAD THE FULLEST POSSIBLE ACCOUNT OF THE LIFE OF THE F? IN 1949 THEY PRESENTED THEIR WORK IN A SINGLE COPY TO STALIN IT IS AS REMARKABLE FOR THE DEPTH OF ITS INSIGHT INTO ADOLF HITLER FROM HIS SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS TO LINGE AS TO HOW HIS BODY WAS TO BE BURNED TO HIS SENSE OF HUMOR AS FOR WHAT IT DOES NOT SAY REFLECTING THE PREJUDICES OF THE INTENDED READER JOSEPH STALIN NOWHERE FOR INSTANCE DOES THE DOSSIER CRITICIZE HITLER S TREATMENT OF THE JEWS TODAY THE 413 PAGE ORIGINAL OF STALIN S PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY OF HITLER IS A KREMLIN TREASURE AND IT IS SAID TO BE HELD IN PRESIDENT PUTIN S SAFE THE ONLY OTHER COPY MADE BY ORDER OF STALIN S SUCCESSOR NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV IN 1959 WAS DEPOSITED IN MOSCOW PARTY ARCHIVES UNDER THE CODE NUMBER 462A IT WAS THERE THAT HENRIK EBERLE AND MATTHIAS UHL TWO GERMAN HISTORIANS FOUND IT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IN FULL FOR THE FIRST TIME THE HITLER BOOK PRESENTS A CAPTIVATING ASTONISHING AND DEEPLY REVEALING PORTRAIT OF HITLER STALIN AND THE MUTUAL ANTAGONISM OF THESE TWO DICTATORS WHO BETWEEN THEM WROUGHT DEVASTATION ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT

*THE HITLER BOOK* 2009-03-25 BEING A GOOD CITIZEN UNDER STALIN MEANT TAKING AN ACTIVE PART IN POLITICAL RITUALS SUCH AS ELECTIONS PARADES FESTIVE MEETINGS POLITICAL INFORMATION SESSIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS TO STATE BONDS IN STALIN S CITIZENS SERHY YEKELCHYK EXAMINES HOW ORDINARY CITIZENS CAME TO EMBRACE SOME PARTS OF THIS EVERYDAY STALINIST POLITICS AND RESIST OTHERS THE FIRST STUDY OF THE EVERYDAY POLITICAL LIFE UNDER STALIN THIS BOOK EXAMINES CITIZENSHIP THROUGH COMMON PRACTICES OF EXPRESSING SOVIET IDENTITY IN THE PUBLIC SPACE THE STALINIST STATE UNDERSTOOD CITIZENSHIP AS PRACTICE WITH PARTICIPATION IN A SET OF POLITICAL RITUALS AND PUBLIC DISPLAY OF CERTAIN CIVIC EMOTIONS SERVING AS THE MARKER OF A PERSON S INCLUSION IN THE POLITICAL WORLD THE STATE S RELATIONS WITH ITS CITIZENS WERE STRUCTURED BY RITUALS OF CELEBRATION THANKING AND HATRED RITES THAT REQUIRED BOTH POLITICAL AWARENESS AND A DEMONSTRABLE EMOTIONAL RESPONSE SOVIET FUNCTIONARIES TRANSMITTED THIS OBLIGATION TO ORDINARY CITIZENS THROUGH THE MECHANISMS OF COMMUNAL AUTHORITY INCLUDING WORKPLACE COMMITTEES VOLUNTEER AGITATORS AND OTHER FORMS OF PEER PRESSURE AS MUCH AS THROUGH BRUTAL STATE COERCION YET THE POPULACE ALSO OFTEN IMBUED THESE CEREMONIES WITH DIFFERENT MEANINGS AS A POPULAR F? TE AN OCCASION TO GET TOGETHER AFTER WORK A CHANCE TO PURCHASE GOODS NOT AVAILABLE ON OTHER DAYS AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO INDULGE IN SOME DRINKING THE PEOPLE ALSO UNDERSTOOD THESE POLITICAL RITUALS AS MOMENTS OF NEGOTIATION WHEREBY THEY WOULD FULFILL THEIR PATRIOTIC DUTY BUT EXPECTED THE STATE TO RECIPROCATATE BY PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND BASIC SOCIAL WELFARE NEARLY UNIVERSAL PASSIVE RESISTANCE TO REQUIRED ATTENDANCE CHALLENGES THEORIES ABOUT THE MASS INTERNALIZATION OF COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY FOCUSING ON THE LAST YEARS OF WORLD WAR II AND IMMEDIATE POSTWAR YEARS YEKELCHYK SHOWS HOW FORMULAIC RITUALS UNDER STALIN COULD CREATE SPACE FOR THE PEOPLE TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS FEARS AND PREJUDICES AS WELL AS THEIR EAGERNESS TO BE VIEWED AS CITIZENS IN GOOD STANDING

STALIN S CITIZENS 2014-08-04 THE SOVIET GERMAN WAR OF 1941 45 IS NOT ONLY THE UNKNOWN WAR BUT IT WAS A COMPLEX OF WARS A BATTLEFIELD ENCOUNTER A RACIAL WAR A CIVIL WAR AN IDEOLOGICAL WAR AND A COALITION WAR HITLER VERSUS STALIN ILLUSTRATES EVERY ASPECT OF THE EASTERN FRONT CAMPAIGNS FROM THE NAZIS EARLY BLITZKRIEG SUCCESSES THROUGH THE TURNING POINT OF STALINGRAD TO THE CLIMACTIC FALL OF BERLIN IT PRESENTS A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THIS WAR USING MANY IMAGES FROM RUSSIAN COLLECTIONS THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE WEST BEFORE AUGMENTED BY IMAGES FROM GERMAN AND BRITISH SOURCES

*HITLER VERSUS STALIN* 2004-02 ROUGHLY TEN MILLION CHILDREN WERE VICTIMS OF POLITICAL REPRESSION IN THE SOVIET UNION DURING THE STALINIST ERA THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF PEASANTS WORKERS SCIENTISTS PHYSICIANS AND POLITICAL LEADERS CONSIDERED BY THE REGIME TO BE DANGEROUS TO THE POLITICAL

ORDER TEN GROWN VICTIMS WHO AS CHILDREN SUFFERED BANISHMENT STARVATION DISEASE ANTI SEMITISM AND TRAUMA RESULTING FROM THEIR PARENTS CONDEMNATION AND ARREST NOW FREELY SHARE THEIR STORIES THE RESULT IS A POWERFUL AND MOVING ORAL HISTORY THAT WILL PROFOUNDLY DEEPEN THE READER S UNDERSTANDING OF LIFE IN THE U S S R UNDER THE DESPOTIC REIGN OF JOSEPH STALIN

**SILENCE WAS SALVATION** 2015-01-27 WITH STARTLING REVELATIONS TSUYOSHI HASEGAWA REWRITES THE STANDARD HISTORY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II IN THE PACIFIC BY FULLY INTEGRATING THE THREE KEY ACTORS IN THE STORY THE UNITED STATES THE SOVIET UNION AND JAPAN HASEGAWA FOR THE FIRST TIME PUTS THE LAST MONTHS OF THE WAR INTO INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE FROM APRIL 1945 WHEN STALIN BROKE THE SOVIET JAPANESE NEUTRALITY PACT AND HARRY TRUMAN ASSUMED THE PRESIDENCY TO THE FINAL SOVIET MILITARY ACTIONS AGAINST JAPAN HASEGAWA BRINGS TO LIGHT THE REAL REASONS JAPAN SURRENDERED FROM WASHINGTON TO MOSCOW TO TOKYO AND BACK AGAIN HE SHOWS US A HIGH STAKES DIPLOMATIC GAME AS TRUMAN AND STALIN SOUGHT TO OUTMANEUVER EACH OTHER IN FORCING JAPAN S SURRENDER AS STALIN DANGLED MEDIATION OFFERS TO JAPAN WHILE SECRETLY PREPARING TO FIGHT IN THE PACIFIC AS TOKYO PEACE ADVOCATES DESPERATELY TRIED TO STAVE OFF A WAR PARTY DETERMINED TO MOUNT A LAST DITCH DEFENSE AND AS THE AMERICANS STRUGGLED TO BALANCE THEIR COMPETING INTERESTS OF ENDING THE WAR WITH JAPAN AND PREVENTING THE SOVIETS FROM EXPANDING INTO THE PACIFIC AUTHORITATIVE AND ENGROSSING RACING THE ENEMY PUTS THE FINAL DAYS OF WORLD WAR II INTO A WHOLE NEW LIGHT

*RACING THE ENEMY* 2006-09-30 A KEY ADDITION TO THE SOCIETIES AT WAR SERIES THIS BOOK FILLS A GAP IN THE EXISTING LITERATURE ON THE SECOND WORLD WAR BY COVERING THE RANGE OF CHALLENGES THREATS ISSUES DILEMMAS AND CHANGES FACED AND DEALT WITH BY SWEDEN DURING THE CONFLICT

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**STALIN'S WAR OF EXTERMINATION, 1941-1945** 2001 FORTY YEARS AFTER HIS HITLER A STUDY IN TYRANNY SET A STANDARD FOR SCHOLARSHIP OF THE NAZI ERA LORD ALAN BULLOCK GIVES READERS A BREATHTAKINGLY ACCOMPLISHED DUAL BIOGRAPHY THAT PLACES ADOLF HITLER S ORIGINS PERSONALITY CAREER AND LEGACY ALONGSIDE THOSE OF JOSEPH STALIN HIS IMPLACABLE ANTAGONIST AND MORAL MIRROR IMAGE

**HITLER AND STALIN** 2019-12-11 HITLER WAS THE STOOGE STALIN USED TO START WORLD WAR II STALIN WAS THE EMINENCE GRIS BEHIND THE RISE OF HITLER AND THE NAZIS TO POWER STALIN ENVISIONED WORLD WAR II AS A REPLAY OF WORLD WAR I IN WHICH THE EUROPEANS WOULD DESTROY EACH OTHER AND BE RIPE FOR CONQUEST STALIN FORGED THE MIGHTIEST POLITICAL CONTROL APPARATUS AND LARGEST MILITARY MACHINE IN THE WORLD IN THE PROCESS TENS OF MILLIONS WERE EXECUTED OR PERISHED IN THE VAST GULAG STALIN PLANNED TO USE THIS NIGHTMARE MECHANISM TO CONQUER AND CONTROL A WAR RAVAGED EUROPE STALIN PLANNED TO DEFEAT HITLER IN A MASSIVE SURPRISE ATTACK HITLER PREEMPTED HIM BY TWO WEEKS

HITLER, STALIN'S STOOGE 2004 A PANORAMIC NARRATIVE OF THE YEARS LEADING UP TO THE SECOND WORLD WAR A TALE OF DEMOCRATIC CRISIS RACIAL CONFLICT AND A BELATED RECOGNITION OF EVIL WITH PROFOUND RESONANCE FOR OUR OWN TIME BERLIN NOVEMBER 1937 ADOLF HITLER MEETS WITH HIS MILITARY COMMANDERS TO IMPRESS UPON THEM THE URGENT NECESSITY FOR A WAR OF AGGRESSION IN EASTERN EUROPE SOME GENERALS ARE UNNERVED BY THE F[?] HRER S GRANDIOSE PLAN BUT THESE DISSENTERS ARE SILENCED ONE BY ONE SETTING IN MOTION EVENTS THAT WILL CULMINATE IN THE MOST CALAMITOUS WAR IN HISTORY BENJAMIN CARTER HETT TAKES US BEHIND THE SCENES IN BERLIN LONDON MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON REVEALING THE UNSETTLED POLITICS WITHIN EACH COUNTRY IN THE WAKE OF THE GERMAN DICTATOR S GROWING PROVOCATIONS HE REVEALS THE FITFUL PATH BY WHICH ANTI NAZI FORCES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE GERMANY CAME TO UNDERSTAND HITLER S TRUE MENACE TO EUROPEAN CIVILIZATION AND LEARNED TO OPPOSE HIM PAINTING A SWEEPING PORTRAIT OF GOVERNMENTS UNDER SIEGE AS LARGER THAN LIFE FIGURES STRUGGLED TO TURN EVENTS TO THEIR ADVANTAGE AS IN THE DEATH OF DEMOCRACY HIS ACCLAIMED HISTORY OF THE FALL OF THE WEIMAR REPUBLIC HETT DRAWS ON ORIGINAL SOURCES AND NEWLY RELEASED DOCUMENTS TO SHOW HOW THESE LONG AGO CONFLICTS HAVE UNEXPECTED RESONANCES IN OUR OWN TIME TO READ THE NAZI MENACE IS TO SEE PAST AND PRESENT IN A NEW AND UNNERVING LIGHT

*THE NAZI MENACE* 2020-08-04 KRIGEN SOM STALIN VANDT FRA TEHERANKONFERENCEN 1943 TIL KAMPEN OM BERLIN 1945

**THE WAR THAT STALIN WON** 1983 FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER ON TYRANNY THE DEFINITIVE HISTORY OF HITLER S AND STALIN S POLITICS OF MASS KILLING EXPLAINING WHY UKRAINE HAS BEEN AT THE CENTER OF WESTERN HISTORY FOR THE LAST CENTURY AMERICANS CALL THE SECOND WORLD WAR THE GOOD WAR BUT BEFORE IT EVEN BEGAN AMERICA S ALLY STALIN HAD KILLED MILLIONS OF HIS OWN CITIZENS AND KEPT KILLING THEM DURING AND AFTER THE WAR BEFORE HITLER WAS DEFEATED HE HAD MURDERED SIX MILLION JEWS AND NEARLY AS MANY OTHER EUROPEANS AT WAR S END GERMAN AND SOVIET KILLING

SITES FELL BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN LEAVING THE HISTORY OF MASS KILLING IN DARKNESS ASSIDUOUSLY RESEARCHED DEEPLY HUMANE AND UTTERLY DEFINITIVE BLOODLANDS IS A NEW KIND OF EUROPEAN HISTORY PRESENTING THE MASS MURDERS COMMITTED BY THE NAZI AND STALINIST REGIMES AS TWO ASPECTS OF A SINGLE STORY WITH A NEW AFTERWORD ADDRESSING THE RELEVANCE OF THESE EVENTS TO THE CONTEMPORARY DECLINE OF DEMOCRACY BLOODLANDS IS REQUIRED READING FOR ANYONE SEEKING TO UNDERSTAND THE CENTRAL TRAGEDY OF MODERN HISTORY AND ITS MEANING TODAY

STALIN 2013-01 A MESMERISING CHILLING CLOSE UP PORTRAYAL OF STALIN FROM MILOVAN DJILAS A COMMUNIST INSIDER WITH AN INTRODUCTION FROM ANNE APPLEBAUM AUTHOR OF GULAG AND IRON CURTAIN THIS EXTRAORDINARILY VIVID AND UNNERVING BOOK THREE MEETINGS HELD WITH STALIN DURING AND AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR DJILAS BRILLIANTLY DESCRIBES THE DICTATOR IN HIS LAIR CUNNING CRUEL ENORMOUSLY TALENTED FEW BOOKS GIVE AS CLEAR A SENSE OF WHAT MADE STALIN SUCH A COMPELLING FIGURE AND HOW HE WAS ABLE TO HYPNOTISE AND TERRIFY THOSE AROUND HIM DJILAS ALSO DESCRIBES THE KEY MEMBERS OF STALIN S COURT BERIA MALENKOV ZHUKOV MOLOTOV AND KHRUSHCHEV THE RESULT IS A GRIPPING ACCOUNT OF THE RULER AT THE HEIGHT OF HIS FAME AND POWER

*BLOODLANDS* 2012-10-02 THE USE OF TERROR HAS BEEN A CHARACTERISTIC OF RUSSIA FROM THE DAYS OF THE TSARS DURING THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR SOVIET SOLDIERS AND CITIZENS FEARED NOT ONLY THE GERMANS BUT THE SECRET POLICE THE AGENTS OF THE NKVD WAGED A MERCILESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THEIR OWN PEOPLE THE FULL EXTENT OF THIS OPERATION IS TOLD IN THIS COMPELLING STUDY

**STALIN'S SECRET WAR** 1982 THE FIRST SYSTEMATIC STUDY OF THE PHENOMENON OF FRONTLINE SURRENDER TO THE GERMANS IN THE SOVIET UNION S GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR AGAINST THE NAZIS IN 1941 1945 SHOWING THAT WHILE PEOPLE WERE DISGRUNTLED WITH STALIN S RULE MOST ATTEMPTS TO CROSS THE FRONTLINE STEMMED FROM A WISH TO SURVIVE THIS WAR RATHER THAN A DESIRE TO SUPPORT HITLER S REGIME

*CONVERSATIONS WITH STALIN* 2014-01-02

**STALIN'S SECRET WAR** 2010

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