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Editorial Review

From Library Journal
Landau (humanities, City Literary Inst., London) has undertaken a massive project in writing this work. He summarizes Jewish history from 300 B.C.E. to the Holocaust, leading the reader to the horrific consequences of the Nazi decimation of the European Jewish community. The statistics of Hitler's "final solution" are staggering but do not tell the whole story. We learn how Hitler's foreign policy was driven by his racial views and about the process that led from the dehumanization to the annihilation of the Jews. A concluding chapter assesses the aftermath of the Holocaust along with the lessons it has for us today. An extensive bibliography and appendixes add to the value of Landau's work. There will be a great deal of interest in the Holocaust as the world observes the 50th anniversary of D-Day. This would be an excellent choice for both high school and public libraries.
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From Booklist
In this authoritative and indispensable work, the author, a founding director of the British Holocaust Educational Project, approaches the Holocaust experience by attempting to identify the right questions and then working toward the answers and the lessons to be inferred. Here are some of his probing queries: How, why, and when did the Nazis determine a policy of total annihilation of the Jews of Europe? How are we to judge the behavior and responsibility of other groups? Why do the Jews appear to have offered so little resistance? How was it possible for such a supposedly civilized society to produce such barbarity? And is this catastrophe an incomparable and unique historical phenomenon, or is it just one case in the large category of genocide? In his answers, Landau examines the entire complex of moral, psychological, and ethical issues raised by the Holocaust. This book is essential for both Jews and non-Jews, laypersons and scholars seeking to penetrate a deeper level of meaning to this monstrous and grotesque chapter in human history. *George Cohen*

Review
An achievement . . . without sacrificing its uniqueness or its universal implications. It is likely to become the model textbook. (*The American Spectator*)

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Landau comes as near as it is possible to making the Holocaust comprehensible. . . . Essential. (*Jewish Quarterly*)

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An outstanding introduction, clearly and intelligently written, to the historical events of the Holocaust, and to the moral and psychological questions raised by it. In considering the painfully particular as well as the universal aspects of this enormous event, Landau helps the reader to confront it within the frame of human

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