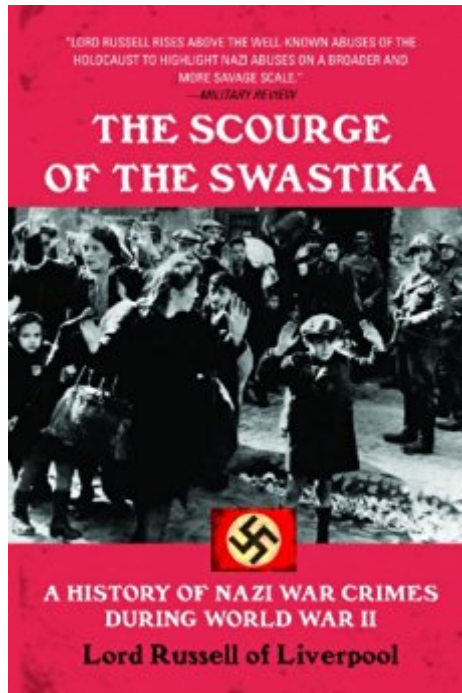


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# The Scourge Of The Swastika: A History Of Nazi War Crimes During World War II



## Synopsis

When discussing the German war crimes of the Second World War, modern histories have focused on the Holocaust. While the Final Solution was a unique and unparalleled horror, German atrocities did not end there. The Nazis terrorized their own citizens, tortured and murdered POWs, and carried out countless executions throughout occupied Europe. Lord Russell of Liverpool was part of the legal team that brought Nazi war criminals to justice, and from this first-hand position, he published the sensational, bestselling *The Scourge of the Swastika* in 1954. Liverpool shows that the actions of the Third Reich, including the Holocaust, were illegal, not merely immoral.

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## Customer Reviews

Lord Russell was not an objective observer, rather he was an active antagonist, a barrister in uniform in the British Army during WW2. He was also a legal adviser to the prosecution during the Nuremberg Trials. As such he had a natural antipathy to the Nazi Regime. What he did in this book is lay out the case for the prosecution like any good attorney would do. He pulled no punches and he made no attempt to appear unbiased. His exposition is well formulated, logical, and thorough. It was not his interest to mitigate his arguments. The evidence presented is damning and well

documented. Most of it has stood the test of time, and deniers notwithstanding is irrefutable. As an historical exposition of the prosecutory evidence that was employed to gain convictions, this book is invaluable. There may be more balanced accounts that describe the countervailing arguments of the defense, but I am not familiar with a better overview of the legal strategy used by the Allies during the early years of the Nazi War Crimes Trials.

For anyone to try to tackle the sheer volume of crimes committed by the Nazis is a massive undertaking. This book attempts to do just that. It lays out, piece by piece, and in riveting detail, most of the crimes committed by the Nazis during World War II. I'm only half-way through but the writing is factual, not dramatized, and just...well..depressing, in a way. Some of the crimes documented seem so far beyond normal humanity that I have trouble believing them. The randomness of other crimes is both scary and unnerving. Can you imagine just walking down the street, being arrested on some trumped up charge, taken to a concentration camp, and shot in less than 24hrs? That exact series of events happened multiple times. Or British airmen who, when shot down, weren't taken into custody by the German civil police until after the townspeople had their chance to inflict punishment? This book sheds some light on some of the worst of humanity.

The stories of Nazi atrocities, during WWII has been an under reported situation. We tend to think that the Germans, with their advanced cultural history would be more sensitive to human rights, but, of course, they were not. Many times German soldiers, not necessarily the SS, killed Americans captured in battle, or those who surrendered. Hitler demanded that fliers who parachuted from crippled aircraft be shot out of the sky, and if they managed to land, and troops were near, they will be killed. The parody of a "fun" prisoner of war camp, as shown on TV, was not at all how it really was.

Anyone who denies the holocaust, must read this book. It is horrifying and so sad. I am a grown man and a veteran, and several sections brought a tear to my eye.

I have read a lot about WWII, so not much new stuff in this book, but worth reading, especially if you have any tendency to doubt how horrible the Nazi regime in Germany was. Should be read by all young people who know nothing about what went on in Germany from 1933 to 1945

This is a must read book for those that have not read on the subject. Lord Russell published this book in 1954, one of the first books on the subject other than the accounts from the Nuremberg

trials. This book tries to analyse, although not in depth, why the Germans went to these extremes, and the ways they used to exterminate a lot of people that they thought of as enemies, sub-humans etc. You have to have a good stomach to read this book, and the writing being without emotions it brings out all the cruelty and horror that were the actions of the Germans. The reader must constantly remember that this book was written in 1954, and many things and stories have become common knowledge since then. But still, it is an interesting read, that you will not put down until you finish it. And it is a good start if you want to start reading on the subject.

good book on the other stuff that the Nazis did. gives you a better account than the quick stories they give you in school. gave out great info on other horrible people and broke down the other camps that we are not familiar with.

Lord Russell of Liverpool (Edward F.L. Russell, Second Baron of Liverpool) was the Deputy Judge Advocate General for the British Army of the Rhine and chief legal advisor for Britain during the post-WWII war crimes trials. He has recounted these horrific deeds in detail, naming names, places, and deeds. Many of the details are difficult to read, and it is hard to accept that "civilized" people can murder entire villages and towns of thousands of citizens and brag about it. More than 3 million were gassed, shot, burned, bludgeoned, and worked to death for the crime of being Jewish or Russian or Polish, or just "in the way". This book can be a difficult read, as the atrocities pile up; however, we should read it so we can remember the dangers of placing too much power in one man's hands. Current circumstances in this country should give us cause to be wary of president-worship.

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