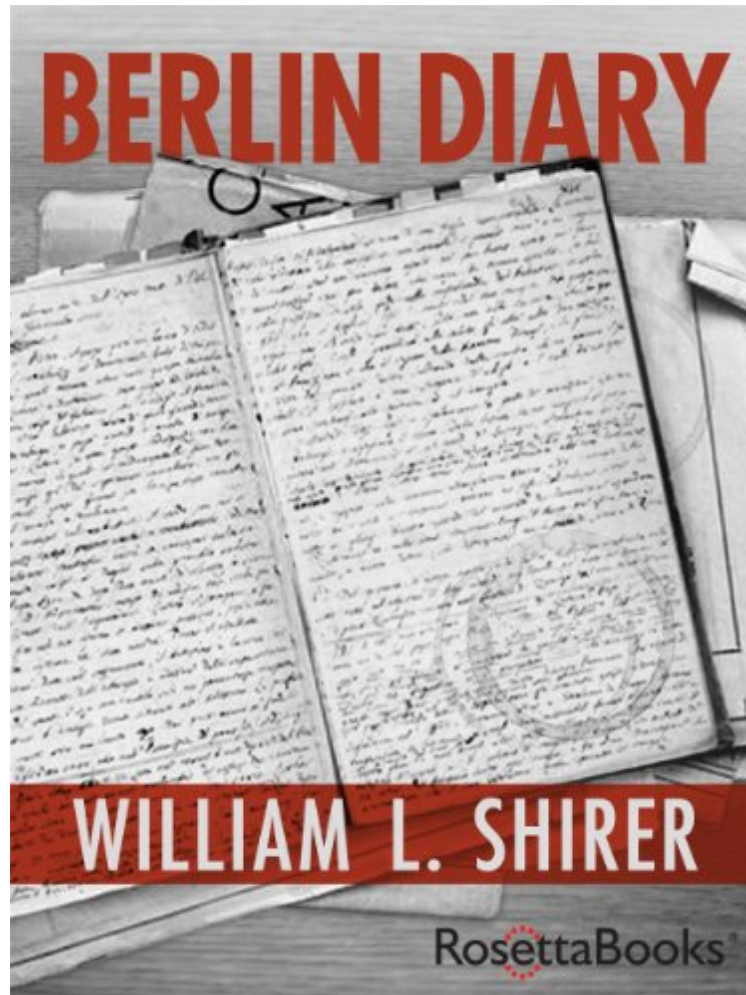


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before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Berlin Diary: The Journal of a Foreign Correspondent 1934-1941 (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A very personal storyVon CustomerAs of course every diary should be. But in this case it is also written by sb who was very close to the actors of this great tragedy. W. Shirer is an US correspondent in Nazi-germany from 1934 until the beginning of 1941. He is also a pioneer in the transcontinental broadcast via shortwave, bringing the european news into the homes of a growing american audience. Although censored, he is able to give some hints between the lines, telling stories about atrocities, propaganda lies and what really happend.But his real uncensored story is written in this

book. About the Germans blindly following the Fuehrer, about nights in darkened Berlin, Air Raids and bombings during broadcasts, which he was not allowed to mention, and his growing disgust against everything connected with the Nazis. 4 Stars only, because he has got some prejudices as well, while he is writing about the "Berliner" or the Austrians, he is generalizing a lot. But in the end it's still a diary...It was for me an additional angle from which to look on this part of our history. One which is more personal, much closer to the actual events and therefore more emotional than anything I have read before.

Von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This review corrects the one directly below it... Von Ein Kunde

I'm the chap from Christchurch, New Zealand who wrote an admonition directed towards one of the other customer reviewers. My one-line summary of the review reads something like "Don't be like the reviewer above..." or some such rot but actually what I meant to say was "Don't be like the reviewer BELOW..." and by below I meant the bloke who couldn't quite conceal his distasteful sympathies by referring to the book as "a childish work". Anyway, I didn't realize that these reviews appear in descending order (my only excuse is that by living in the southern hemisphere, everything is naturally upside down thus accounting for my appalling lack of a sense of direction). I do feel like just the most priceless *** imaginable and I do apologize for the confusion that may have ensued, although every word I wrote is as true now as it was then. I'm a wee bit red-faced about my mistake but the reviewer way down BELOW should weep in shame for harbouring such thoughts. G'day!

Von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Incredibly prescient

Von Ein Kunde

As an example of you-are-there journalism, Shirer's work is as good as it gets, and that's why Columbia University ranked it as one of the century's top 100 works of reportage recently. But Shirer, writing before the U.S. even entered the war, shows himself to be an incredibly prescient analyst of why Hitler decided against invading Britain, for example, as well as how the German-Russian alliance would end and how the U.S. would get involved in the war. All around, this is an excellent book. After finishing it this past weekend, I wanted to drop Shirer a note to say how much I enjoyed it; unfortunately, he died in 1993. All journalists should read this book.

Kurzbeschreibung

A radio broadcaster and journalist for Edward R. Murrow at CBS, William Shirer was new to the world of broadcast journalism when he began keeping a diary while in Europe during the 1930s. It was in 1940, still a virtual unknown, that Shirer wondered whether his reminiscences of the collapse of the world around Nazi Germany could be of any interest or value as a book.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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