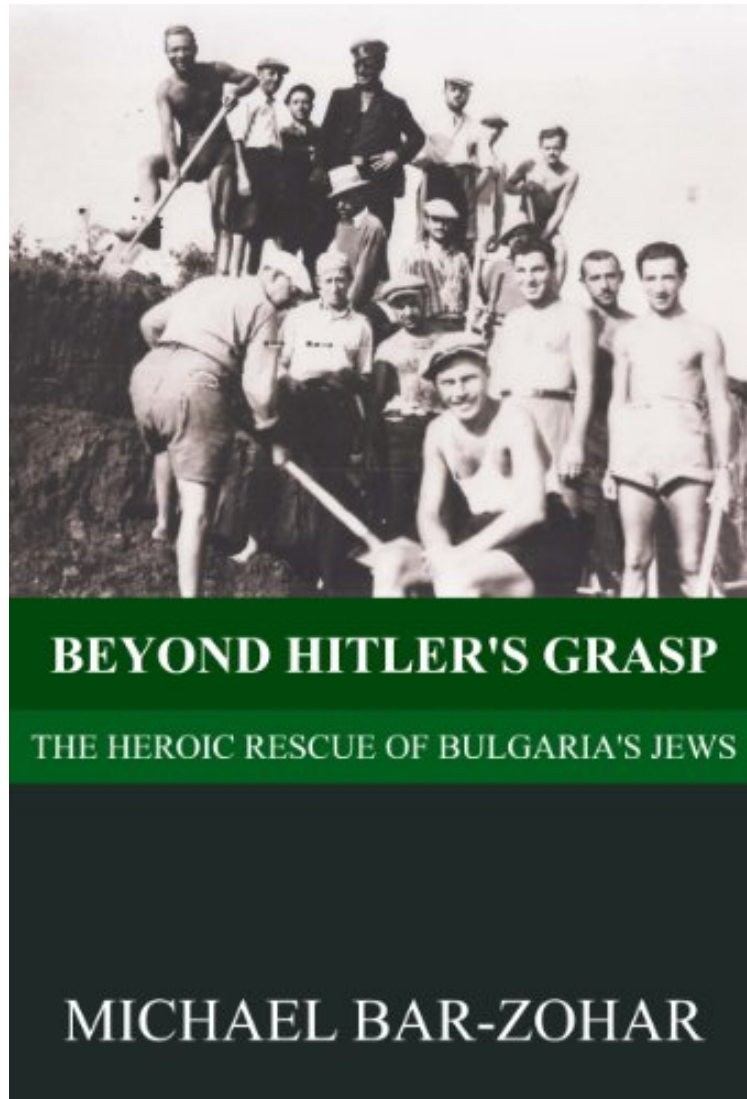


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**Von Michael Bar-Zohar : Beyond Hitler's Grasp (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Beyond Hitler's Grasp (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. I Can't Believe This..Holocaust Revisionism!Von Jehud KohbanovThe most shocking aspect of this book is that author,probably to make his subject more coherent,skiped the fact that Bulgarian police arested several thousand jews in Macedonia,and send them promptly to Treblinka.How could Jewish author possibly miss this war episode?This is most horiffic aspect of this book,regardless of the fact that it contains (half)truth about events in Bulgaria during the

war. This is Revisionism reminiscent of recent statement by David Irving that "Auschwitz was Disneyland builded by Poland in order to attract tourists." This book is correct if one thinks that arrest of 7,000 Jews by Bulgarians, giving them salty food and packing them into train, is act of heroic rescue! This fact is too well known to be accidentally neglected, and that is indeed strange aspect of author's presentation of WW II Bulgaria. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Foiling Hitler Von Ein Kunde It is very difficult to read about the horrors of the Holocaust. But this is a fascinating and uplifting story that gives one hope about human nature. The King and some brave leaders of the Bulgarian legislature and Christian Church successfully resisted the attempts of Hitler and his deputies to deport and exterminate the Jews of Bulgaria. The deportation of the Jews from Thrace and Macedonia is chillingly described and is a vivid reminder of what happened to most of the Jews in Europe because no one had the courage to question or resist the actions of the state. The fact that the common citizens and leaders of Bulgaria refused to buy into the antisemitic rhetoric and legislation of the Nazi's will accrue to their credit because of the true story recounted in this well researched and well documented book. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A must read for any serious Holocaust student. Von Ein Kunde This book takes the reader beyond the usual Poland-Western Russia Holocaust to a German ally, Bulgaria, and the actions of the citizens of Bulgaria in saving all the Jews in their country. Mr. Bar-Zohar details how an entire country from King Boris III to the various Metropolitans, working in unison, were able to stop Hitler's demand for the deportation of Bulgarian Jewry. This book is well written, well researched, and ranks as one of the very best stories dealing with the Holocaust. The heroic deeds presented in this book are a turn from the usual Holocaust writings in that they present the difference a people can make in preventing what so many other countries failed to do. The reader is left with a strong feel for the Bulgarian people, and with questions for the countries where large segments of the population cooperated with the Nazi plan for the extermination of the Jews. I strongly recommend this complete story of the Holocaust in Bulgaria as must reading for anyone with an interest in the Holocaust, as a comparison of where prejudice can lead or not lead if absent, and where real heroes take their actions for granted.

Kurzbeschreibung The heroic rescue of 50,000 Bulgarian Jews from the Holocaust. The book describes the amazing alliance of ordinary citizens, the Church, Parliament members, the King, and a bold young woman entangled in an impossible love who stood up to Hitler and saved their Jewish community from certain death. de During World War II, hundreds of thousands of Jews were deported from the Balkan states to labor and extermination camps in Germany and Poland. Bulgaria, with a Jewish population of only 50,000, sided with Hitler's government early on, its king having become convinced that only with German aid could he successfully press his territorial claims to land lost to Greece and Romania. Yet, in the face of constant German demands, Bulgaria's government refused to deport the nation's Jewish citizens. Instead, as the Bulgarian-born Israeli politician Michael Bar-Zohar writes in this fine contribution to Holocaust studies, "the Bulgarian Jews became the only Jewish community in the Nazi sphere of influence whose number increased during World War II." Bar-Zohar attributes the Bulgarian government's successful resistance to a general absence of anti-Semitism among the populace: most Bulgarian Jews were of the working class and had long since been culturally assimilated; even many of the ardent fascists in the government opposed their being murdered. To be sure, Bar-Zohar writes, the Jews of Bulgaria were persecuted--yet thanks to the efforts of leaders like the parliamentarian Dimiter Peshev and the cleric Metropolitan Stefan, they were spared the terrible fate of so many other Jews in the region. Bar-Zohar's book recounts an almost unknown episode of World War II history through a well-told, fast-paced narrative. --Gregory McNamee Pressestimmen "A complex story of heroism... a moving history." - Publishers Weekly; "Well researched and clearly written; imparts the surrealistic horror of the times and the courage of a few." - Booklist