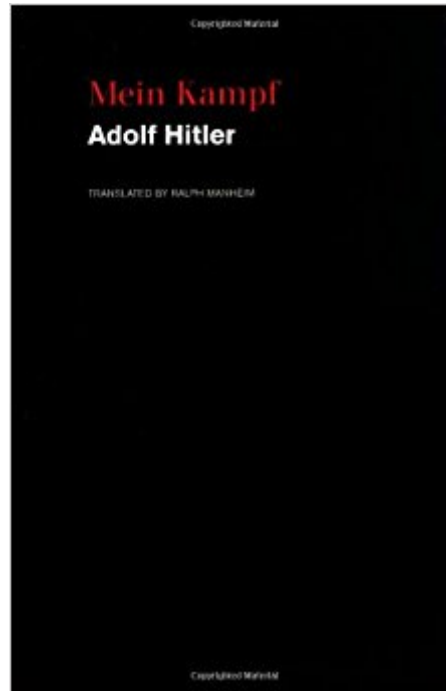




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Mein Kampf



Synopsis

In 1922, just four years after the war to end all wars, an unknown Austrian then living in Bavaria planned a pamphlet to be called *Settling Accounts*. In it he intended to attack the ineffectiveness of the dominant political parties in Germany which were opposed to the new National Socialists (Nazis). In November 1923, Adolf Hitler was jailed for the abortive Munich Beer Hall putsch along with men willing and able to assist him with his writing. With the help of these collaborators, chief among them Rudolf Hess, the pamphlet became a book. *Settling Accounts* became *Mein Kampf*, an unparalleled example of muddled economics and history, appalling bigotry, and an intense self-glorification of Adolf Hitler as the true founder and builder of the National Socialist movement. It was written in hate and it contained a blueprint for violent bloodshed. When *Mein Kampf* was published in 1925, it was a failure. In 1926 a second volume appeared - it was no more successful than the first. People either laughed at it or ignored it. They were wrong to do so. As Hitler's power increased, pressure was put on all party members to buy the book. Gradually this pressure was extended to all elements of the German population. Soon *Mein Kampf* was even being passed out to newlywed couples as a gift. Ironically, and frighteningly, by the time Hitler came to power on January 30, 1933, what has been considered by many to be the most satanic book ever written was running neck and neck with the Bible at the top of the German bestseller lists. In his excellent introduction to this definitive American translation of *Mein Kampf*, Konrad Heiden writes: "For years *Mein Kampf* stood as proof of the blindness and complacency of the world. For in its pages Hitler announced -- long before he came to power -- a program of blood and terror in a self-revelation of such overwhelming frankness that few among its readers had the courage to believe it ... That such a man could go so far toward realizing his ambitions, and -- above all -- could find millions of willing tools and helpers; that is a phenomenon the world will ponder for centuries to come." We would be wrong in thinking that such a program, such a man, and such appalling consequences could not reappear in our world of the present. We cannot permit our selves the luxury of forgetting the tragedy of World War II or the man who, more than any other, fostered it. *Mein Kampf* must be read and constantly remembered as a specimen of evil demagoguery that people whenever men grow tired of thinking and acting for themselves. *Mein Kampf* is a blueprint for the age of chaos. It transcends in historical importance any other book of the present generation. In his translation Ralph Manheim has taken particular care to give an exact English equivalent of Hitler's highly individual, and often awkward style, including his occasional grammatical errors. We believe this book should stand as the complete, final, and definitive English version of Hitler's own story of his life, his political philosophy, and his thwarted plans for world domination. Translated by Ralph

Manheim with an introduction by Konrad Heiden. A compilation of Hitler's most famous prison writings of 1923--the bible of National Socialism and the blueprint for the Third Reich.

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I am not here to criticize or defend Hitler, but as a historian, professor, author and a journalist, I am here to release a factual, fair, unbiased and objective analysis of this book, yet first to make a few points:

- I. In America we don't ban or censor information (like this book is banned in Germany), on the contrary we allow public to read Communist, Fascist, Islamic, Nazi and all other ideologies' texts, and then judge for themselves about these texts. This is called freedom of information in a democracy.
- II. If you avoid the public to read something, they will go to great extent to discover what it is that you avoid them to read. Every action causes a reaction, equal and to the same power, yet in the opposite direction.
- III. As much as Hitler is criticized and hated in the West, yet he is admired and adored in many parts of the world such as East Europe (Romania, Bulgaria, and Hungary), Middle East (Turkey, Iran, and many Arab nations) and other areas. So it all depends who you speak to!
- IV. Like it or not, Hitler is the architect and creator of a global political and economical ideology named National Socialism (Nazism) which any free thinker or curious person must study like he studies any other ideology.
- V. To study and comprehend Nazism you must study and comprehend Mein Kampf (My Struggle) which is basically the Nazi Doctrine written by Adolf Hitler. This book is the best source of information to do this task. I speak 5 languages. I first read Mein Kampf in Persian (back in Iran) and I last read it in English (this book). I am here to tell you that this book is the original English translation, the best translation and the most accurate translation of Mein Kampf available. If you are a history buff, student of history, political junkie, information junkie, scholar or just a enthusiastic reader, then this is the most accurate and unbiased (pro or against) version of Mein Kampf to read. This is the original (1939 version) of Mein Kampf in English translated by James Murphy (distinguished Irish translator) to be distributed in the Britain and the Western World. The translation is extremely well done. There is also a fine introduction by Bob Carruthers (Scottish historian, scholar, filmmaker and author) included. In addition it is illustrated with tons of original photos (some rare) from the 1939 publication. If you want to read Mein Kampf for the first time, brush up on it or read the accurate version, then this is for you. It is the republished copy of the best version available. This book is historically and philosophically valuable and worthy to study and to read. I recommend this book to all.

If you read this book with focus, objectivity, and equip yourself with the tools for critical thinking, you will gain much insight into the causes of these endless wars and social upheavals that plague the planet today. Good luck,

When this book was written, it was a one of a kind in attempting to coalesce contemporarily divergent political views effectively into a single movement. The result of the new political view/effort resulted in the Nazi party. You know what happened after that. Similarly, Saul Alinsky, has paraphrased Hitler's ideas into a new view that nominally distances itself from Mein Kampf, but drives for an exactly similar result in this day and time. I think that it is a "Must Read" for modern peoples.

Well. I read for recreational purposes . The author of course is hated by all but it's still an important piece of literature for us to read . It's very interesting how he viewed the world.

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