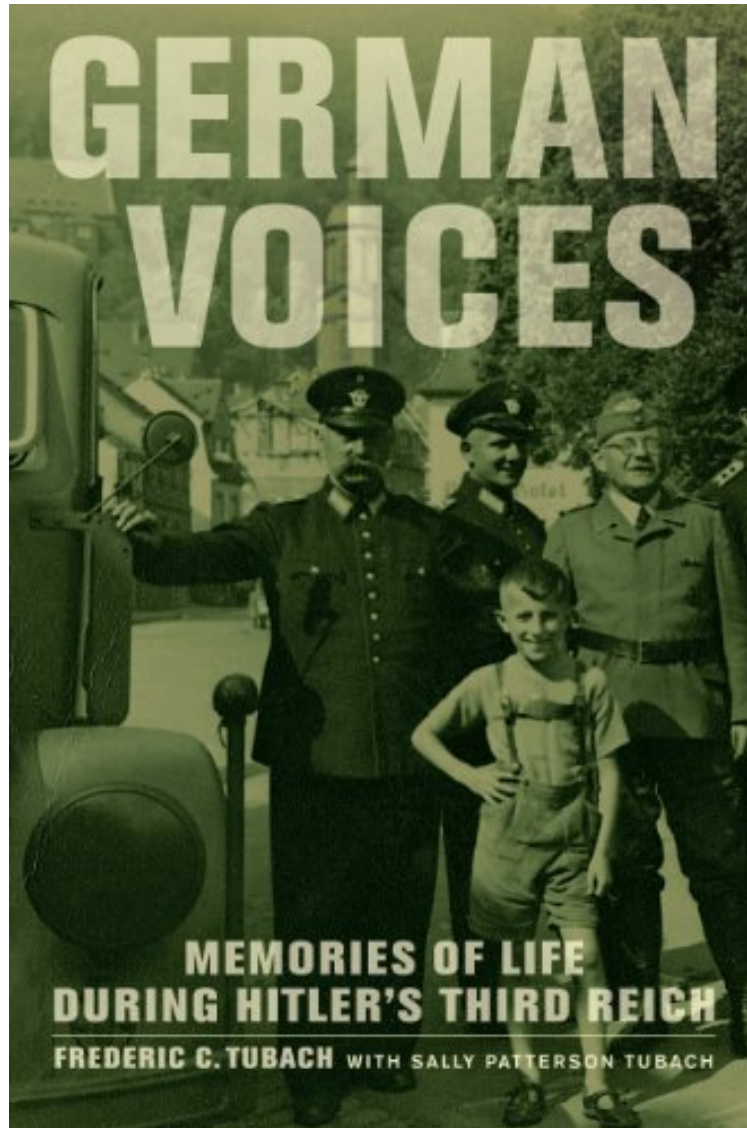


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Nazi Ideologie und die deutsche JugendVon HansjoergWhen taken together, all the known theories do not add up to a critical mass sufficient to explain the Nazis' breathtakingly rapid rise to absolute power over Germany. Because of this

conclusion, Frederic Tubach searches for a new approach to answer this question 'individual biographies' and finds fascinating stories never before told. As an introduction, not as a new theory on Nazism, in the first 100 pages the author reflects on significant dates and their impact on the ideological entanglement of young Germans. In doing so he writes a history of the Nazi movement and its ideology as the stage for the development of individuals, different from all the history books that try to prove a thesis that explains the Nazi movement. The book is based on his research, and last but not least, on his own experience as a boy in a mixed Nazi/non-Nazi environment. This obviously made him sensitive to understanding other biographies. The author found a distinguished group of solidly middle class people (as well as one couple that belongs to the landed aristocracy, and the grandson of a Nazi officer who discovered Jewish relatives after the war) who were open in talking about their experiences in the Nazi Reich. All of their biographies are different from the common standard. Two developments appeared out of all these stories: - the subtle capture of juvenile minds by the Nazis, - the gradual awakening from this youthful enthusiasm, which was, however, in many cases too late for an active opposition. There are the nurse in the Dresden bombing, the bomber pilot, who broke out twice as a prisoner of war and finally studied forestry in a Canadian prison, and the other pilot who had to crash with a bomb aboard and when looking back on his exploding airplane made the decision to become a Protestant minister. In addition, Frederic Tubach analyzes letters sent by soldiers to their family members, to find out how their ideological positions changed, an exercise I have never read before. The book has a second author in Sally Patterson Tubach, a writer herself, who possibly helped to frame the sensitive language and the concise formulation of this small but important volume. This book can make us alert to all kinds of propaganda and mind manipulations once more. It reads like a supplement to Goldhagen 'or, since his thesis is that all Germans were Nazis without exception ' as its antithesis. This book is valuable reading and exciting at the same time. Hansjrg Weitbrecht Prof., Max-Weber-Institut Universitt Heidelberg

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