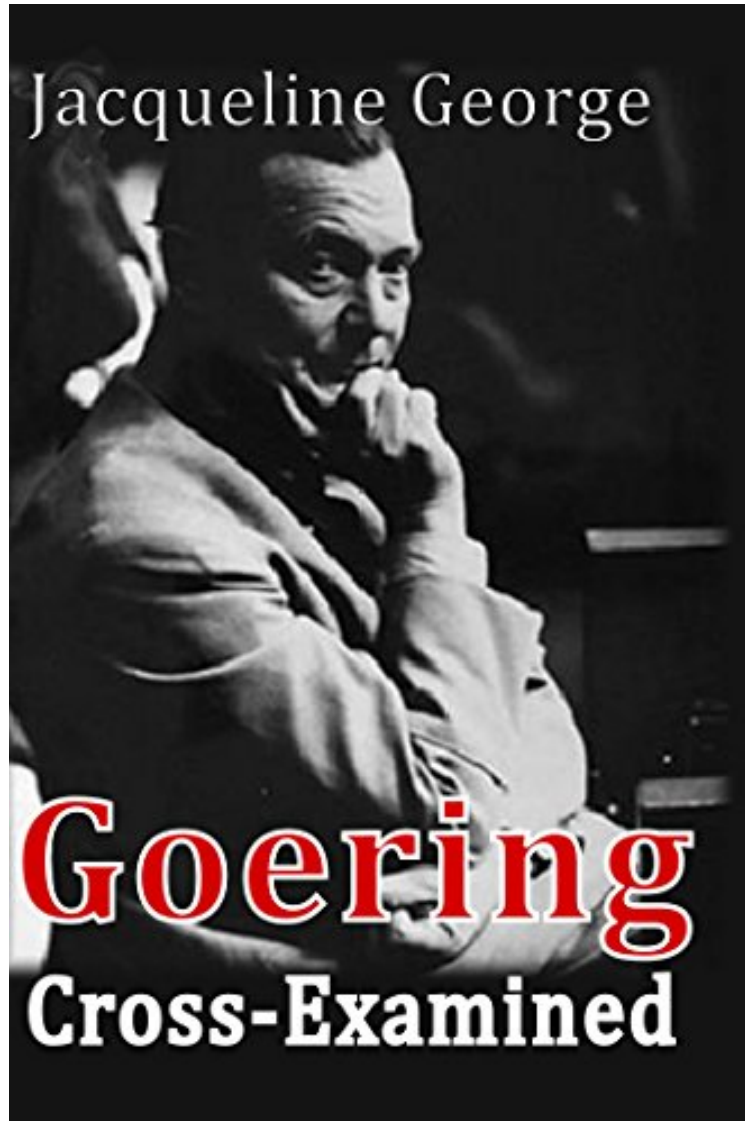


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Von Jacqueline George : Goering Cross-Examined (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Goering Cross-Examined (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Just a hard-working bureaucrat...Von D C HubbardMs George presents the cross-examination of Hermann Goering from the Nuremberg War Trials of 1945 with her own commentary on the proceedings. For some reason an opening disclaimer states that the persons and events are fictitious, but she does go on to tell us that the texts of the cross-examination are

completely the original English translation. Thus, I think one can safely consider this historical rather than fictional. To start with, Ms George offers a brief biography of Goering which gives the reader a context for his place in Hitler's hierarchy and in German society of the time. What struck me most in the court proceedings is Goering's detachment. The reader is told of countless meetings between the Nazi big-wigs and memos exchanged among them. Somehow Goering always manages to make himself appear as your average government bureaucrat, just doing his job, carrying out his duties. For example, it was not he who condemned the Jews to death. He wasn't involved in using them as slave labor. Yeah, right. What comes to mind is Hannah Arendt's *The Banality of Evil*, which she wrote while attending the trial in Israel of Adolf Eichmann. Were these men, who were only doing their jobs, such monsters? Yes, of course they were! Evil wears the face of the good company man. No thinking required. And if thinking does take place, one only thinks about optimizing one's own remuneration, as is evident in the massive and priceless collection of plundered art that Goering accumulated. Of all the Nazi criminals tried at Nuremberg, Goering was the only one condemned to death who managed to cheat the hangman. A cyanide capsule rescued him at the last moment from that humiliating fate. J.E. George concludes with Albert Speer's final statement. Speer was an architect, not a military man, who became the Minister for Armaments and Munitions. He did not try to defend his actions in his statement but rather condemned his one-time friend Adolf Hitler and warned posterity of terrible future wars that would occur, made possible by modern technology. This is a speech that everyone especially the powers-that-now-be would profit from reading at regular intervals.

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