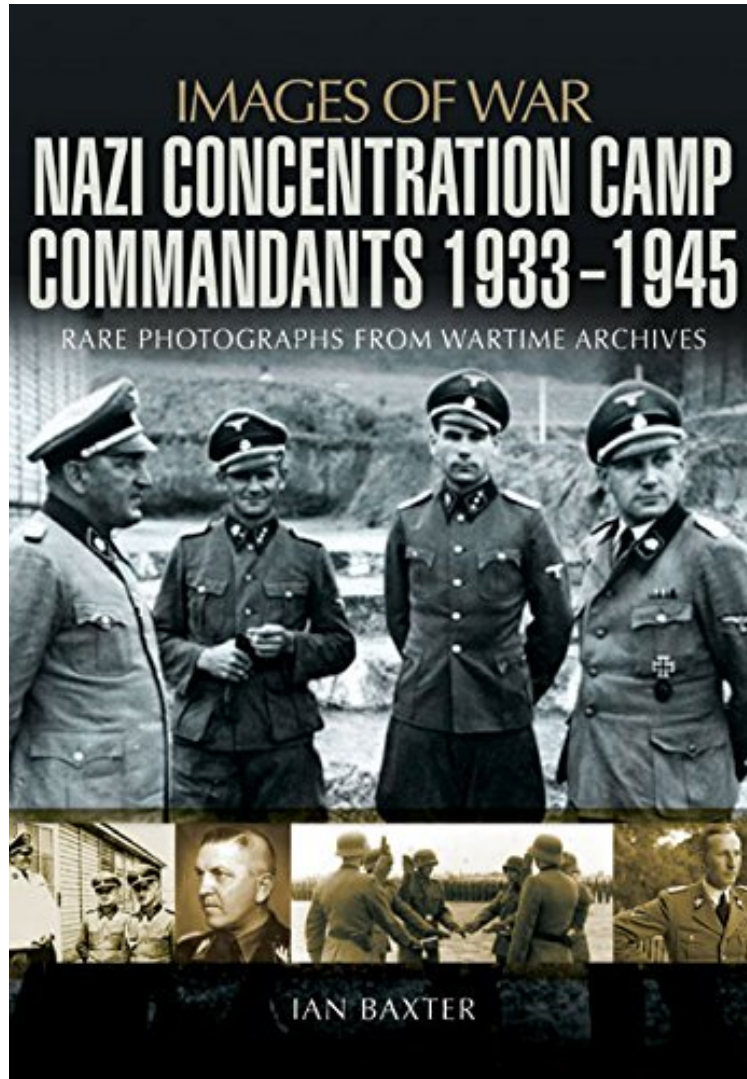


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Ian Baxter : Nazi Concentration Camp Commandants 19331945 (Images of War) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Nazi Concentration Camp Commandants 19331945 (Images of War):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Informative but chaotic
By Coldmac
The book is informative, but especially in the pictures it jumps to much between subjects. I use it as a reference for doublechecking research
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It's OK.
By Parkaman Magazine
This book accurately reflects its title. Short on words and filled with pictures it shows the SS Commandants and, sometimes, men who manned the concentration camps from 1933-1945. It gives a brief overview of the development of the GERMAN concentration camp system and

how it evolved from a single prison for dissidents and political enemies of the Third Reich to a wide spread system of death and labour camps throughout Nazi occupied Europe. Great emphasis, in the few written words in this book, is placed on the selection and retention of the guards and their enforcement of the rules of the camps and the fact that they were propagandized and, for lack of a better word, brainwashed into hating the inmates of the camp. If you did not fit or behave according to the mold you didn't last as a guard or Commandant in the camp and it was off to the Eastern Front. The mold was fashioned by Theodore Eicke who Himmler got released from a mental institution to become Commandant at Dachau. He set down rigid rules for both guards and prisoners and came up with the well known slogan Arbeit Macht Frei meaning you will find spiritual freedom in work not that you would work towards your freedom from the camp. Nazi Concentration Camp Commandants Emphasis is also placed on the fact that the camp Commandants had their only little fiefdoms and that both they and their subordinates enjoyed a life of safety away from any fighting and received extra rations, free housing and other perks. It is no wonder that the German Wehrmacht and even the Waffen-SS viewed the concentration camp guards with contempt. Mostly the book is comprised of black and white photographs of various concentration camp commandants some posed some candid and some of parts of the camp themselves. If you are interested in such photography you might consider purchasing this book. On the downside, Appendix 1 lists the Concentration Camp Commandants in alphabetical order giving their names, date of birth, date of death and a brief synopsis of where they commanded. It does not tell you if they were captured, tried and/or executed. You can kind of piece that together by looking at their dates of death (the closer to 8 May 1945) the more likely they were executed but you shouldn't have to play that game. Unfortunately even that list starting with Max Pauly and ending with Egon Zill omits the dates of birth and death. Finally, and this is of some note, the pictures of the commandants and guards show men in uniform that look perfectly normal and if one had to pick them out of a photo array to identify the concentration camp commandants one would be hard pressed to do it. This, however, is a book consisting mainly of photographs and not a how could they do it narrative. I of 1 people found the following review helpful. A straightforward and smooth read By Skittler This book offers a brief overview and provides historical imagery of some of the Nazi extermination camps, labour camps, and offers a look into the minds of various camp commanders and Death-Head Units. I was able to finish it within a night's sitting. The images are of good quality and footnotes are provided with each photograph. Some camps touched upon are Dachau (first Nazi camp erected in Germany), Auschwitz-Birkenau and Gross-Rosen. Jewish Women, children, elderly, or anyone unfit to work were either shot or gassed by hydrogen cyanide and carbon monoxide. Before crematoriums were built inside the camps, thousands of bodies were often buried in a pit or stacked inside any available space. It was cruel and no respectable way to suffer and die. The book is fairly short but a great rundown of camp life and the physiological makeup of the SS. Always nice to have more historical evidence to the genocide caused by Hitler.

Using many rare and unpublished images this book identifies and delves into the characters of the notorious men who were instrumental in one of the greatest crimes against humanity in World history. Through words and pictures the chilling truth emerges. In many respects these monsters were all too normal. Rudolf Hess, the Commandant of Auschwitz, was a family man and hospitable host and yet while there is no record of his committing acts of violence personally he presided over a regime that accounted for over a million deaths. Others such as Amon Goeth and Josef Kramer personally promoted violence and terror and took pleasure from ever more brutal practices. They were competitive in obtaining results. While following orders from above they did not hesitate to use their own initiative in pursuit of their barbaric objectives. Every occupied country in Europe was touched by the Final Solution and despite the capture, trials and punishment of these leading perpetrators the stain of man's inhumanity to man, woman and child remains ineradicable. Justice came too late for millions but the lessons learnt must never be forgotten and this book throws new light on the managers of the murderous Holocaust process.

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