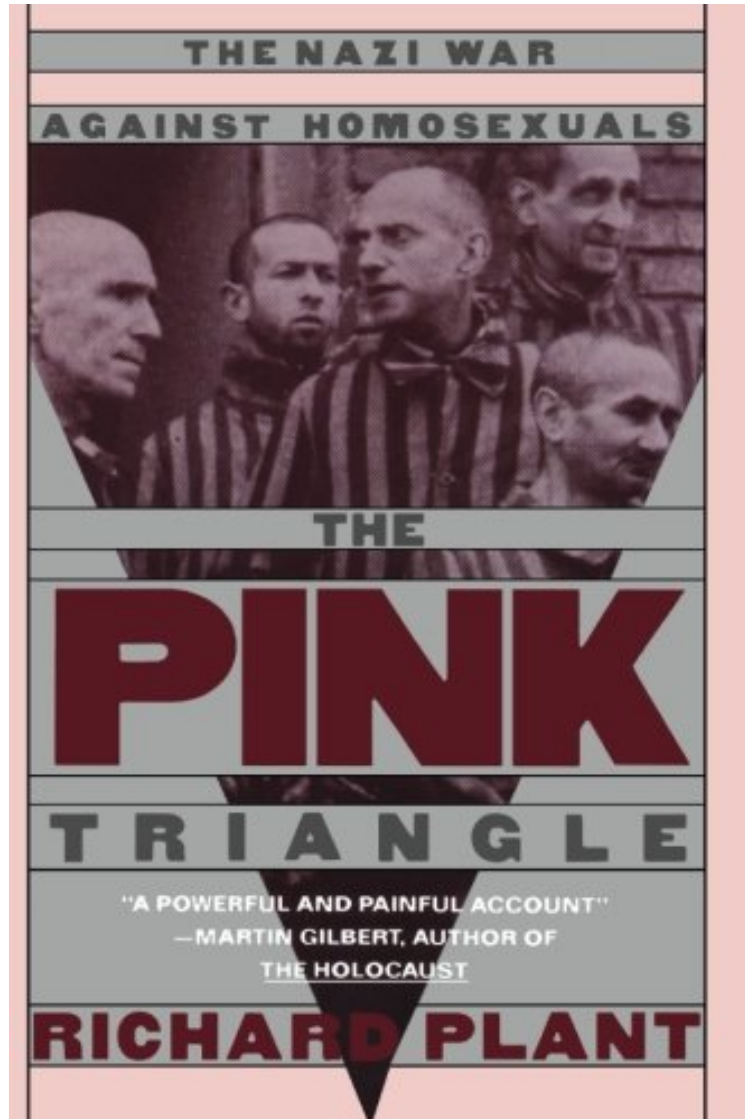


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Richard Plant : The Pink Triangle: The Nazi War Against Homosexuals before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Pink Triangle: The Nazi War Against Homosexuals:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. The Pink Triangle Revisited By MLR13000 It has been many years since I had read this book for the first time and I found it very interesting and very sad as I did the first time I had read it. I had read this book in the late 1980's when it first came out, it had been a ground breaking book about a forgotten group of people that were persecuted in the concentration camps of Germany, and in some ways the general public in

the conquered territories of the Third Reich. This group was of course, the wearer of the pink triangle, in other words, the homosexual population of Germany. What had struck me this time while reading it was how little things have changed. The author had written back then how little is said about the plight of people who were branded homosexual, and it seems that this is still a subject rarely broached today in books written about World War II. While there is a handful of books written about this subject, it obviously comes nowhere close to the amount of material written about the atrocities committed against the Jews, gypsies, clericals, and Jehovah Witnesses. These atrocities at the hands of the SS and other police agencies were horrific and widespread in all captured Nazi territories. No one seemed to come to the defense of homosexuals, not even their families. This was a tragedy to read about. While this is a complex social issue to this day, it seems that society has forgotten the people who suffered horribly, and the subject needs more in-depth coverage than this rather brief book. This is a good start, but I am sure there are many stories that are yet to be told. The fact that the author could only find a few people that would speak on the record about what they experienced, (with changed names), speaks volumes about how homosexuality was viewed in the post-war period. You could still be "branded with the pink star" in society, and lose your job, lose your friends, and lose face if people found out you were a homosexual. There were people who had very little sympathy for gays then, and even today, it's a touchy subject in 2013 for some. The last chapter of this book was interesting, the author talks about his personal experience seeking out friends who were either Jews or homosexuals in Germany after the war. This book seemed like a personal writing assignment for him in every way. In some ways, it's refreshing to see such emotions written into a book that's supposed to be a historical writing, and on the other hand, some might find the author a little too emotional for a historian. Historians are taught to write without personal feelings, and to look at every thing from a detached point of view, while capturing and reporting truths, no matter where your research takes you. This historian admits that this is a very personal issue for him to do that, and I admire his tenacity to defend why he wrote this book in this manner. Finally, very interesting and enlightening if you are not familiar with the plight of the homosexual in the war. I think you will find it worth reading.

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By George Quilesthis book gave a sense of pride to know that those that came before me suffered the injustice of murder and slave labor in the camps. the memorial that was built for those that were murdered in the camps im proud to be a gay man today and I thank them that suffered so I can be free of persecution and live in the land of the free and home of the brave may they rest in peace and may god bless all who die in the camps and at the hands of the Nazis.
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