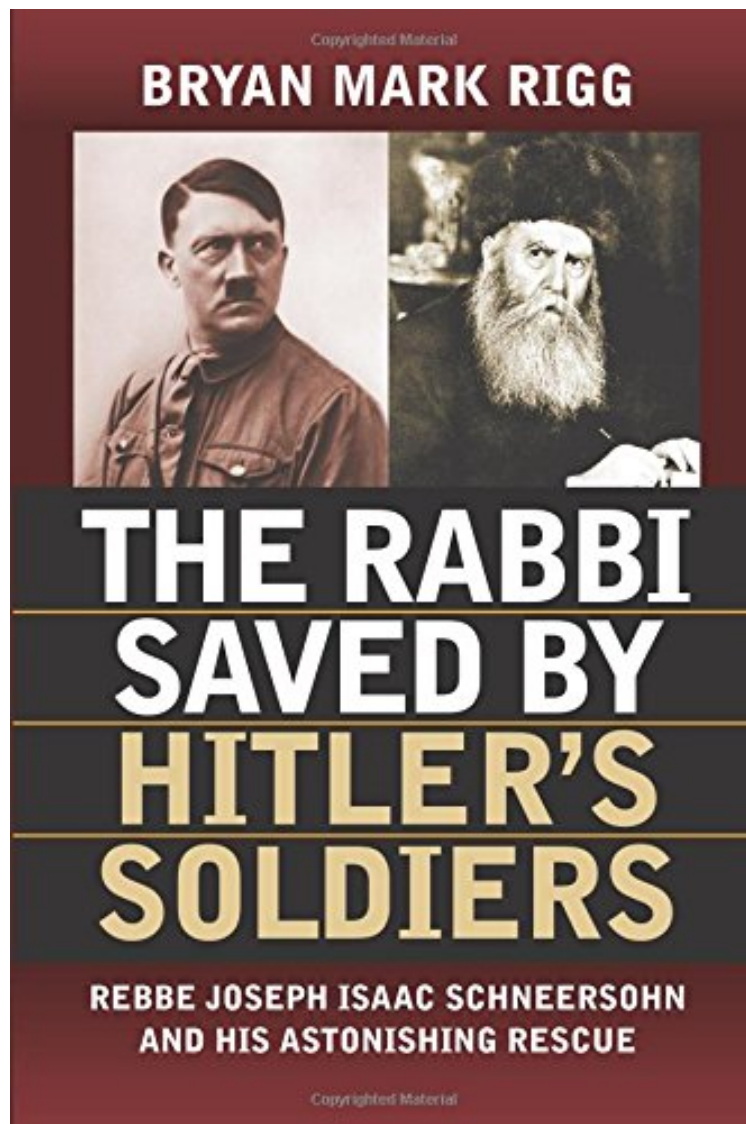


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**Bryan Mark Rigg : The Rabbi Saved by Hitler's Soldiers: Rebbe Joseph Isaac Schneersohn and His Astonishing Rescue (Modern War Studies (Paperback))** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Rabbi Saved by Hitler's Soldiers: Rebbe Joseph Isaac Schneersohn and

His Astonishing Rescue (Modern War Studies (Paperback)):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Rabbi Saved by the Bell..By PeterHaving read two of Bryan's previous books, I was anxious to dig into this one. I must admit this one was the most difficult read, and required perseverance to soldier on at many points. It also evoked a myriad of conflicting emotional responses as I dealt with the complex moral and ethical issues that each of the participants brought to the table. In the final analysis, I was glad that Bryan expressed how he viewed the importance of this historical event. It forced me to make up my own mind after digesting his very thorough research. I would have welcomed additional commentary on the role and motives of Admiral Wilhelm Canaris which prompted him to take on this unusual task. Also I think it would have been fitting for Bryan to have included a post script on what has transpired with the Chabad movement as it relates to some of the issues he concluded could have been handled differently.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Sobering read.By Sharon ClousingGood book. Hard to read in parts, because it is so dense. I appreciate having it in my library and plan to go back to it. WWII is so hard to understand I think for Americans because we have not lived through a war in our country for so long. To read about how soldiers behave when they have been away from home for years, and how they hurt other humans because they have seen friends hurt or die, is truly frightening and sobering. The book is worth having just for the last two chapters, which I appreciated the most.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. ... has done it again--a thoroughly researched book that reads like a novelBy Raymond TerminiBryan Rigg has done it again--a thoroughly researched book that reads like a novel. As usual, he adds twists and turns that challenge our conception as to how Nazi Germany actually operated. In addition, he is not hesitant to give his opinions on the main characters based upon his extensive primary research. You are in for a treat.

Were this story a novel, it would have the character of an implausible fable, but as often occurred in the Holocaust, reality exceeds the imagination.Michael Berenbaum, from the ForewordWhen Hitler invaded Warsaw in the fall of 1939, hundreds of thousands of civilians were trapped in the besieged city. The Rebbe Joseph Schneersohn, the leader of the ultra-orthodox Lubavitcher Jews, was among them. When word of his plight went out, a group of American Jews initiated what would ultimately become one of the strangest and most miraculous rescues of World War II. And this is the incredible but true story that Bryan Mark Rigg tells in *The Rabbi Saved by Hitler's Soldiers*. Amid the chaos and hell of the emerging Holocaust, a small group of German soldiers shepherded Rebbe Schneersohn and his Hasidic followers out of Poland. In the course of the daring escape traveling by train to Berlin, rerouted to Latvia and Sweden, and carried by ship through U-boat-infested waters to America the Rebbe would learn a shocking truth. The leader of the rescue operation, the decorated Wehrmacht soldier Ernst Bloch, was himself half-Jewish, and a victim of the rising tide of German anti-Semitism. Perhaps even more remarkable were the central roles of Admiral Wilhelm Canaris, head of the Nazi military intelligence service, and of Helmuth Wohlthat, chief administrator of Grings Four Year Plan. Pursuing every lead, amassing critical evidence, pulling together all the pieces of what could well be a political thriller, Rigg reconstructs the Rebbes improbable escape, and tells a harrowing story about identity and moral responsibility. His book is the definitive account of an extraordinary episode in the history of World War II.

Rigg has written another compelling book on the Holocaust. Part action thriller and part indictment, Rigg not only narrates the incredible story of the rescue of the Lubavitcher Rebbe from almost certain death in wartime Poland, he probes the Rebbes much more problematic post-rescue role. Certain to generate controversy, his work demands to be read.Robert M. Citino, author of *The Wehrmacht Retreats: Fighting a Lost War, 1943*"Riggs meticulously researched account of the wartime rescue of a Hasidic rabbi by German officers, working secretly with US intelligence, is a revealing look at the intricacies of diplomatic maneuverings and the complex, sometimes contradictory motivations of human actors."Sue Fishkoff, author of *The Rebbes Army: Inside the World of Chabad-Lubavitch*About the AuthorBryan Mark Rigg is the author of *Hitler's Jewish Soldiers*, which won the William E. Colby Award for Military History, was featured on NBC-TV's *Dateline*, and has been translated into eleven languages. He is also the author of *Lives of Hitler's Jewish Soldiers: Untold Tales of Men of Jewish Descent Who Fought for the Third Reich*.