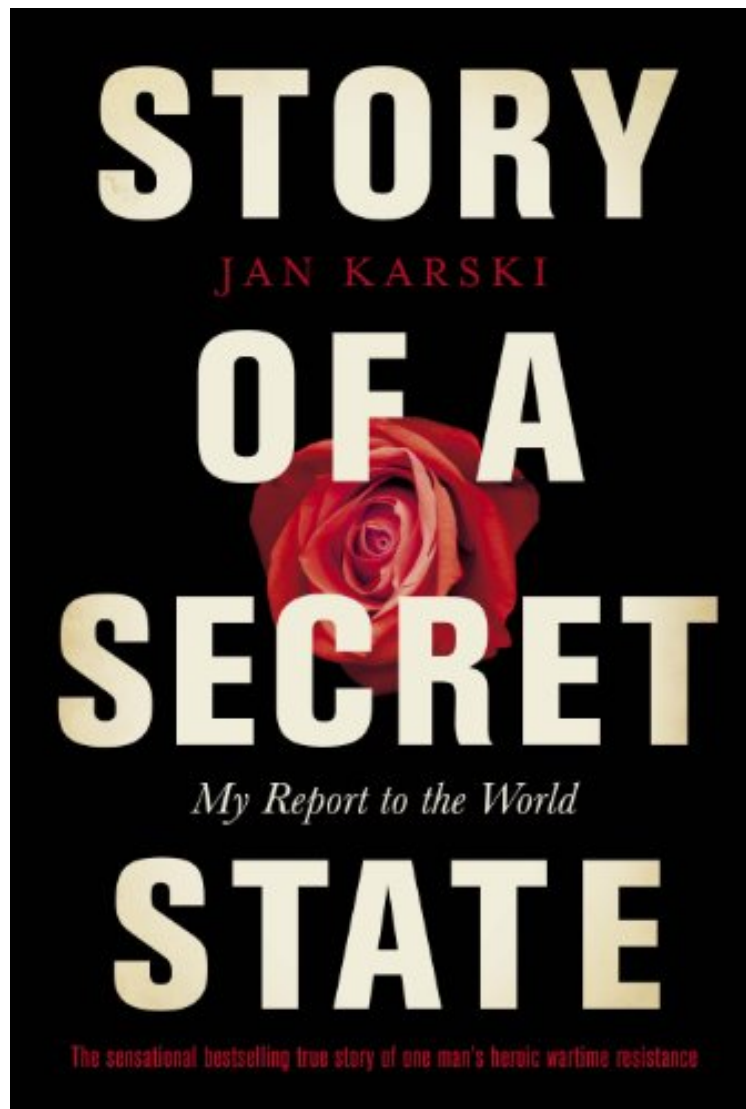


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Atemloses Lesen über den polnischen Widerstand von J.K. Andersen. Unter den vielen Titeln, die ich zum Thema Widerstand gelesen habe, ist dieses Buch eins der spannendsten. Ich habe es in wenigen Tagen durchgelesen. Sein Inhalt verpflichtet mich zu tiefer Dankbarkeit und Hochachtung gegenüber dem polnischen Volk, unseren Nachbarn. Karski beschreibt viele Aktionen und die durchorganisierte Struktur des polnischen Widerstands während der Nazi-Okkupation, analysiert u.a. eigene Fehler, die ihn in die Hände der Gestapo fallen lassen. Bei allem Pech, das einem passieren kann, ist die Botschaft ermutigend: Wenn Menschen wirklich entschlossen sind und das Menschenrecht auf ihrer Seite haben, kann sie niemand aufhalten. Ihre Handlungen werden ihnen trotz einiger Rückschläge gelingen. Oder anders ausgedrückt: Es gibt Situationen, in denen es höhere Werte gibt als das eigene Leben. Jan Karski hat sich tatsächlich in ein Konzentrationslager einschmuggeln lassen, um der Welt Beweise für die Existenz dieser Lager erbringen zu können. Trotzdem wird ihm in den Regierungskreisen der USA und Großbritanniens eher Skepsis entgegengebracht; eine direkte Auswirkung hatte sein Zeugnis zumindest öffentlich nicht, was einen noch im Nachhinein zur Verzweiflung bringt. Wenn nur eins der etwa fünfzig Attentatsversuche gegen den "Führer" erfolgreich gewesen wäre, hätte es Millionen Menschen gerettet, auch eine Bombardierung der Eisenbahnverbindungen in die Vernichtungslager fand nicht statt. Nur in einem Punkt, der für den Hauptteil seines Berichtes eher unwichtig ist, würde ich dem Autor widersprechen: Er sieht überall nur Deutsche, die entweder das nachschwätzen, was die offizielle Propaganda behauptet, oder stumme Zuschauer sind, die nicht eingreifen. Er glaubt nicht, dass es überhaupt einen deutschen Widerstand gibt. Das sehen Historiker sicherlich anders, auch wenn der interne Widerstand nicht erfolgreich war, die Deutschen den Faschismus nicht besiegt haben. Neben den Polen, Griechen und vielen anderen haben gerade die Russen das höchste Opfer (20 Mio. Tote) entrichtet. Die Entschiedenheit und Ruhe von Karski und seiner Mitstreiter haben mich sehr berührt, er bestärkt mich in dem Glauben an den Menschen, der einem heute leicht verloren gehen kann.

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