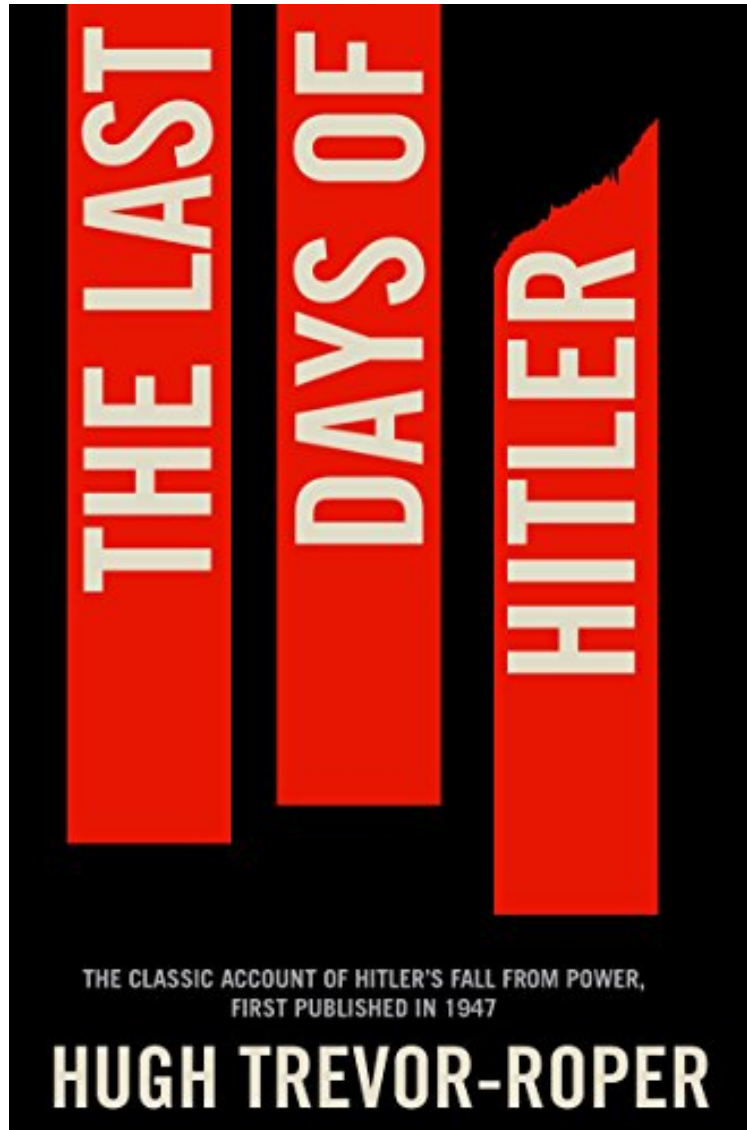


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**Von Hugh Trevor Roper : The Last Days of Hitler (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Last Days of Hitler (English Edition):

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Solidly researched Von Candace Scott The author of this book, Hugh Trevor-Roper, embarrassed himself and sullied his reputation in 1983 when he was the only major historian to vouch for the accuracy of the fake "Hitler diaries." But in 1947, when he wrote this book, he was a younger, more cogent and wiser man. What makes this book interesting is that

it is factual, diligently researched and Roper also relied upon dozens of interviews with Hitler's intimates. Trevor-Roper was methodical in his questioning, and he incorporates the recollections of Hitler's inner circle throughout the narrative. Though it's 50 years old, this book has stood up quite well and it's a mini classic in its genre. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The end came fifty feet below ground Von Owen Hughes The English historian Hugh Trevor-Roper takes us down into the depths of the Führerbunker for a last look around after the fall of Berlin. Reconstituting the final weeks, he takes us into the pit in which Hitler finally withdrew, after having lived much of the war in a series of other bunkers (or lairs) on the different fronts. All the ordinary comings and goings of the (mostly) elite Nazis with, in some cases, their spouses and children, and the occasional dentist, serve to remind us of the banality of Hitler's life even as he lived it in the midst of a hell largely of his own creation. The death of Roosevelt and the momentary delusion, enhanced by the now straw-grasping Dr. Goebbels, that the tide had turned and that Germany's enemies would assuredly be swept from the plains over which they were then unstoppably advancing, brings home to us the tenuous nature of Hitler's hold on reality. Hitler appears very frail and human at the end, let down by everyone "he trusted." His dreams of German lebensraum defeated, his armies scattered, his own days numbered, we can almost come to some sort of empathetic understanding in the presence of this all-too-human shortcoming, of pride going before the fall. This is a good contribution to the literature on the end of the Third Reich and to some extent, on Hitler himself. Written only just after the end of the war, (this review refers to the 1947 edition, which I believe has since been revised and updated by the author) it has perhaps been superseded today by other, longer works (Alan Bullock's "Hitler" is the main one that comes to mind). On the other hand, it is of interest to focus mainly on the end of this long and ghastly reign, and Mr. Trevor-Roper has confided it to us with clarity and precision. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Trevor-Roper's intimate memoir opens the door to Hitler. Von Ein Kunde This small book (and an interesting one at that) deals with two things. The first is Trevor-Roper's naturalistic account, who discusses for the first half of the book how the Nazi regime came to power, and it looks at the various personalities of people within the Third Reich, such as Adolf Hitler himself, Heinrich Himmler and Albert Speer. The second half is an intimate account of the last ten days of Hitler, beginning with his fifty-sixth birthday in an underground bunker below the ruins of the Reich Chancellery. Here we see the Führer's birthday reception, his rejection of Goering and Himmler, his last testament, his marriage to Eva Braun, and his suicide and cremation. The book is a terrific source for anyone who wants insight into the fall of the Third Reich, which survived the death of its founder by just one week. This refers to the original edition of H. R. Trevor-Roper's "The Last Days of Hitler," published by Macmillan in 1947: the original edition I was happy to find. Read it and above all, enjoy it!

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