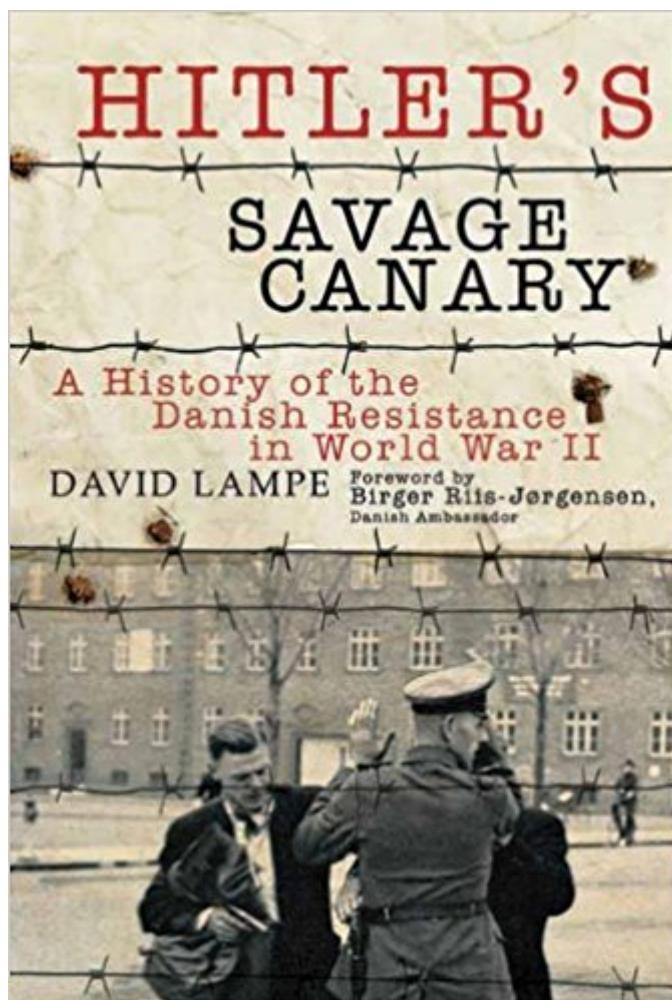


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Hitler's Savage Canary: A History Of The Danish Resistance In World War II



Synopsis

After Adolph Hitler made plans to create a "model protectorate" out of Denmark, Winston Churchill predicted the nation would become the Fuhrer's tame canary. Isolated from the Allies and fueled only by a sense of human decency and national pride, the Danes created an extraordinary resistance movement that proved a relentless thorn in the Nazis' side. German troops were stymied again and again by the sabotage of railways and airbases and some 7,000 Jews were carried to safety in Sweden. They were not soldiers; they were simply ordinary citizens who refused to stand idly by and witness an atrocity. The story of their selfless courage and daring should inspire countless future generations.

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David Lampe tells the true story of Denmark's Resistance efforts during Nazi Occupation. This is a 22 chapter hardcover book with more dialogue than testimonials jam packed with precarious missions carried out by the resistance fighters. The temerity of the Danish people steadfastly outwitted and outsmarted the Germans from beginning to end. What they could not do militarily, as Denmark capitulated very early upon the Nazi invasion, they made up for in paper bullets, ingenuity, and collaboration with Sweden and England. The Ten Commandments were revised hours within the invasion by none other than school children effectively mandating Danes to not help the Germans, not to work for the Germans, and when possible suppress and sabotage their efforts in Denmark. Student newspapers were published underground nearing 120,000 publications. The benefit outweighed the risk in underground activities, sea missions to Sweden, boycotting of

German businesses, and bombing of German airplane and ammunitions facilities. The Germans anticipated that Denmark would go quietly into the night like Poland, Austria, and Czechoslovakia. One of their major missteps was rendering Sweden a neutral country as Jews, dignitaries and scientists like Niels Bohr were swiftly transported by sea to Sweden. While a few hundred Jews did end up in concentration camps, thousands found safe harbor in Sweden and the United States. The book also contains approximately 15 black and white photos of saboteurs, liberation, newspapers, and SS men on the defensive. The efforts of the resistance, as Lampe points out, extends further than the borders of Denmark.

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