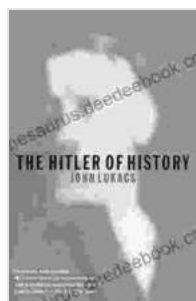


John Lukacs: The Hitler of History

John Lukacs was a Hungarian-American historian who wrote extensively about the Holocaust and World War II. He is best known for his book *The Hitler of History*, which argues that Hitler was not a madman but a rational actor who deliberately planned and executed the Holocaust.



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Lukacs was born in Budapest, Hungary, in 1924. He emigrated to the United States in 1946 and became a naturalized citizen in 1953. He taught history at several universities, including Columbia University, the University of Pennsylvania, and the Johns Hopkins University.

Lukacs's work is characterized by its clear and concise prose, its deep understanding of European history, and its willingness to challenge conventional wisdom. He was a prolific writer, publishing over 30 books and hundreds of articles.

Lukacs's most famous book, *The Hitler of History*, was published in 1997. In this book, Lukacs argues that Hitler was not a madman but a rational actor who deliberately planned and executed the Holocaust. Lukacs bases his argument on a close reading of Hitler's speeches and writings, as well as on the testimony of those who knew him.

Lukacs's book was controversial when it was first published, but it has since become widely accepted by historians. It is now considered one of the most important works on the Holocaust ever written.

In addition to *The Hitler of History*, Lukacs wrote several other important books, including *The Last European War, Budapest 1945*, and *The End of the Twentieth Century*. He also wrote a number of essays on historical topics, which were collected in the volumes *Historical Consciousness* and *The Duel*.

Lukacs died in 2019 at the age of 94. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne, and his two children, Andrew and Susanna.

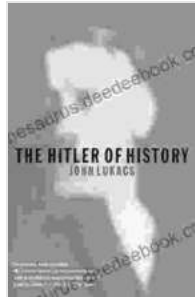
Legacy

John Lukacs was one of the most important historians of the 20th century. His work has helped us to understand the Holocaust and World War II in new ways. He was a brilliant writer and a clear thinker, and his work will continue to be read and studied for many years to come.

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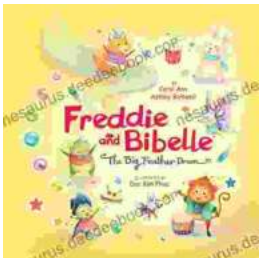
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