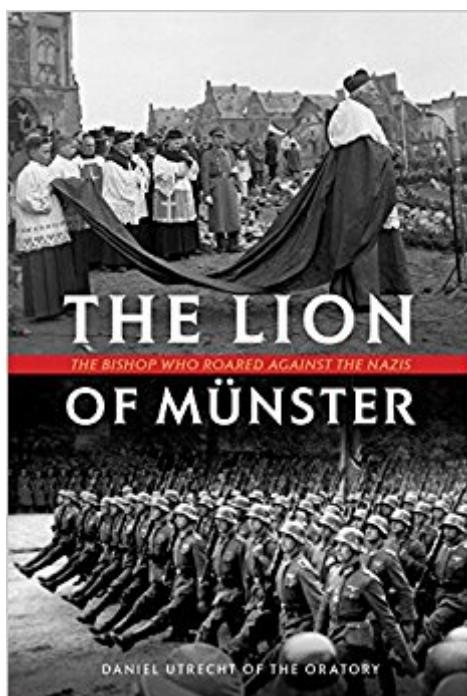


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The Lion Of Münster: The Bishop Who Roared Against The Nazis



Synopsis

The dear God placed me in a position in which I had a duty to call black 'black' and white 'white'. These words were spoken by Cardinal Clemens August von Galen, the bishop of the diocese of Münster in Germany from 1933 to 1946. In so doing, he risked death at the hands of the Nazis, one Gestapo leader even urging that he be publicly hanged. Joseph Goebbels and others in the Nazi leadership, knowing the bishop's popularity, advised waiting, subscribing to the adage that revenge is a dish best served cold. In this, the definitive English language biography of the great Lion of Münster, readers will encounter the young von Galen as he learns the Catholic faith and love of the fatherland from his family, members of the German aristocracy. A nobleman, a prince of his people and of his Church, the boy grew into a man, a six-and-a-half-foot tall giant of a man, who, though he loved his homeland, loved God, His Church and His law even more; for he knew that calling his homeland back to the ways of God is the one way in which a bishop can best demonstrate that love for the people under his spiritual care. And so, in three magnificent sermons and countless other speeches, communiqus and gestures, the Lion roared. This story of his life and his stirring words provides readers with an indispensable glimpse into the confrontation between Church and State in Hitler's Germany and will serve as a reminder to all men and women of good will of the duty to call black black and white white.

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A must read. Similarities between what happened in schools in Nazi Germany and what is happening in schools in US today are frightening.

An historical documentation of a real hero; very well written.

I have a particular interest in German resistance during the time of the Nazis. I've read about Bonhoeffer, the White Rose, Alfred Delp and Franz Jagerstatter. But I had not really heard that much about Clemens August Graf von Galen, the Bishop of Munster from 1933 to 1946. From the very beginning of Hitler's reign von Galen became a thorn in the regime's side. He fought the Nazis on their racial policies, on their intrusions in to Catholic education, the descent into paganism and finally the Nazi program of euthanasia. Here we have a real hero who is as relevant today as he was all those years ago. Von Galen recognized that the Nazis were in the process of eliminating free thought and those who refused to go along with the new ideology were considered anti-social. Think about what's going on today and you'll easily find parallels. Buy this book and buy one for a friend. It's also an excellent read.

Astounding literary display of the hardships endured by the German people to try and maintain their Religious Freedom under a continuing oppressive government suppression. The historical documentation of the 1930's in Nationalist Socialism Germany is well referenced and concise. Does not read like a history textbook but rather a story portrayed by the author as if he were their alongside the Cardinal referred to as the "Lion of Munster." The most dramatic lesson to take away from the book is the similarities of our present day attack on Religious Freedoms from the government and the time of Cardinal Van Galen. History does repeat itself. This is why revisionist desire to change. This book will sober the reader to the point of realizing how close America is to losing what Natural Law dictates to mankind. I encourage all to read this excellent book. You will not be disappointed.

Very informative as it filled in a lot of holes for that period of history in Germany. Bishop Von Galen

was truly a humble and courageous man!

A hefty book designed to please telling about a heroic person during a time of deep and perplexing troubles

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Outstanding!

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