## **REVIEWS**

(1938)

OF

## **MEIN KAMPF**

(Adolf Hitler)

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## **Reviews of Mein Kampf**

The following is taken from: *Mein Kampf (My Struggle)*, Adolf Hitler, Hurst & Blackett Ltd, London, First Published, October 1933, This edition, 82nd Thousand, October 1938.

The reviews are located on the second page, following the blank flyleaf:

It would not be exaggerating to say that no more important autobiography than this has been published since the war, and certainly no autobiography has been issued for decades over which controversy has raged so bitterly. Whatever one's political views may be, it is a book everyone should read, for it reveals the forces and circumstances which went to make a remarkable character, whose intense belief in his ideals won over a mighty nation and changes the course of history. [Hurst & Blackett]

The News Chronicle called it "an astonishing book"; the Evening News said: "It commands attention"; Morning Post: "We recommend a close study of this book." The Evening Standard said: "The whole of the political Hitler is in these brutally candid pages." The Yorkshire Post said: "This book should be extremely valuable in enabling English readers to obtain a general conception of Hitler's theories." Major F. Yeats-Brown wrote: "I hope My Struggle will be published in a cheap edition."

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## Translator's Preface

The Translator has endeavoured, in his abridgement of Herr Hitler's work, to include all the sentiments and ideals of government which the Author expresses in his complete work

His passionate wish for the regeneration of his race pervades the whole of the book, and he has succeeded in inspiring the youth of Germany with his ideals. As far as can be judged from the book itself, Herr Hitler looks to the Movement to make the German nation call for the kind of government which he considers to be the right one, and to eliminate, if necessary by force, all elements which may try to oppose it.

Herr Hitler is more explicit about the future of foreign policy than about domestic administration; at the time of writing his book perhaps he regarded his own constructive work as being chiefly to set Germany going along the right lines and to keep her there.

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The following interesting review is taken from, *The Hitler File, The Essential Facts*, Patrick Delaforce, Michael O'Mara Books Ltd, 2007.

Whilst in Landsberg prison in 1923-24, guilty of a premature, badly planned attempt to seize power in Bavaria, Hitler composed a long, boring diatribe that he called *Mein Kampf (My Struggle)*; it sold seven million copies. The book told the world, *inter alia*, of his ruthless plans to seize power and smash and grab much of Europe and Russia to obtain *Lebensraum* - more living space - for eighty million Germans. But the world did not pay attention. Those who managed to read through the turgid pages of arrogant self-justification were either of the same mind or just could not envisage a thirty-four-year-old rabble-rouser actually clawing his way to power and ultimately causing over fifty million deaths.

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