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### Review

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"This valuable collection of Ian Kershaw's seminal essays, spanning a quarter of a century of path-breaking scholarship on Nazi Germany and the Holocaust, will be required reading for students of the period. As Kershaw's excellent Introduction indicates, these essays have both had a major impact on the historiography of their day, and indicate the evolution of historical interpretation, emphases, and understanding of what has come to be recognized as the most devastating event in modern history."—Omer Bartov, author of *Erased: Vanishing Traces of Jewish Galicia in Present-Day Ukraine*  
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About the Author

Ian Kershaw is a highly acclaimed historian and professor of modern history at the University of Sheffield. He is well known for his writings on Nazi Germany, especially his definitive two-volume biography of Adolf Hitler, *Hitler, 1889–1936: Hubris* and *Hitler, 1936–1945: Nemesis*. He lives in Manchester, GB.

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