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The White Rose: Munich, 1942–1943



Synopsis

The White Rose tells the story of Hans Scholl and Sophie Scholl, who in 1942 led a small underground organization of German students and professors to oppose the atrocities committed by Hitler and the Nazi Party. They named their group the White Rose, and they distributed leaflets denouncing the Nazi regime. Sophie, Hans, and a third student were caught and executed. Written by Inge Scholl (Hans and Sophie's sister), The White Rose features letters, diary excerpts, photographs of Hans and Sophie, transcriptions of the leaflets, and accounts of the trial and execution. This is a gripping account of courage and morality.

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Text: English, German (translation)

Sophie Scholl and her brother Hans were part of a German student resistance organization called the White Rose. They believed in passive resistance and distributed 6 leaflets denouncing Hitler

and the Nazi government. They were arrested, found guilty, interrogated, put on trial and then executed. The story is told by Sophie's sister Inge. The forward is written by a Communist and seems to have little to say about the content of the book. Inge describes how her older siblings came to the decision to protest against the government. She says very little about the interrogation and trial. You should also get the German movie, Sophie Scholl the last days. It focuses on the interrogation, trial and execution of Sophie Scholl and her brother. All six leaflets are provided and some other documents are also there to read. I liked the book as it presented a little known story of Germans who resisted Hitler and lost their lives in the process. These people are now honored as heroes in Germany and their tormentors are mostly forgotten.

A personal account from the sister of two people executed by the Nazis. They were both in their early 20's and were executed for treason because they left leaflet protesting the Hitler regime. A number of their fellow students and professors were executed as well. As I read the book there was no missing the parallels to the Trump presidency. Very frightening. A book everyone should read.

Thank you to this author, and those who went through hell during Nazi occupation. Lost family members and many friends, who's only "fault" and curse, being born Jewish and others' who were scapegoats by Nazis. The White Rose was a group formed by loving college students to tell the truth. There is still White Rose in the Catholic system, to spread PEACE & justice throughout the world. My mother was an escapee from Nazi tyranny in 1937. She had countless family members murdered after she escaped. I think of her separation from those she loved. The White Rose tried then, and the philosophy continues to this day.

Great book. Sad as hell, though it's nice to hear tales of courageous young folks standing up to those in power...and helped me understand some of the dynamic of Hitler's reign, which many Germans opposed.

As Inge points out, this was written with post-war German youth in mind. This, however, does not subtract anything from it being a powerful source of information for scholars. The Scholl's Christian faith is clearly something Inge wanted to reaffirm. Possibly in order to preserve the true memory of what happened and why. This exists alongside her caution against removing the resistance from its historical context by seeking to adopt, as some have done today, the white rose movement as their own. Lest We Forget.

Very good account of the "White Rose" - the only German anti-Nazi group to protest the killing of Jews. These brave souls are heroes in Germany, but little-known to the rest of the world. Enlightening, noble tale.

I chose this rating because these fine young people knew they were right in fighting back the evil. You can see the Honor in their faces.. and they showed so much dignity in death. This history should never be forgotten or repeated again. God Bless Them !!

Incredible story of young people rising up against Hitler in the beginning of WWII. Wonderful book.

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