

Hans Frank, Lebensraum and the Holocaust by Martyn Housden.
Sources of the Holocaust edited by Steve Hochstadt.
The Historiography of the Holocaust edited by Dan Stone.
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Three more important publications from Palgrave Macmillan add to their already impressive bibliography on Holocaust-related subjects.

Hans Frank, Lebensraum and the Holocaust tells the story of an average lawyer, and a very average man who as Governor General of Poland became inextricably intertwined with the Nazi genocide of the Jewish people and the destruction of the Polish nation. Martyn Housden presents a vivid portrait of Frank, a man who always aspired to be more than he was and in the end could not cope with the consequences of his actions. This biography is yet another example of the extraordinary destructive power on individuals of Nazi ideology.

Sources of the Holocaust contains a wide range of texts relating to ten distinctive areas of the Shoah, including The Creation of Monsters in Germany: Jews and Others, The Perfection of Genocide as National Policy and The Holocaust in Contemporary Life. Hochstadt provides a brief covering article on each document and some of them are profoundly disturbing, no matter how much one feels oneself to have seen and read about this subject.

The Historiography of the Holocaust, a massive tome, contains twenty four essays by a range of eminent international scholars that consider a variety of aspects of the Holocaust, including Expropriation and Expulsion, Big Business and the Third Reich, The Topography of Genocide and Post Holocaust Philosophy.

This is an invaluable collection of resource material and thought-provoking writing that will be of value to scholar and layperson alike.

The Jewish community in particular, and all people who are committed to the widest possible dissemination of the truth, will welcome the publication of these three books.

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