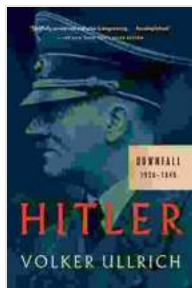


# Hitler's Downfall: A Comprehensive Examination of the Events Leading to the End of the Third Reich, 1939-1945

Volker Ullrich's acclaimed work, "Hitler's Downfall," provides a meticulously researched and comprehensive account of the decline and eventual collapse of Nazi Germany. Spanning the pivotal years of 1939 to 1945, the book delves into the key events, decisions, and factors that contributed to the downfall of the Third Reich.

## The Gathering Storm: 1939-1941

The book begins by examining the events leading up to the outbreak of World War II in September 1939. Ullrich explores Hitler's aggressive foreign policy and the escalating tensions with Poland, which ultimately led to Germany's invasion and the start of the war.



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The author analyzes the initial German successes, including the rapid conquest of Poland and the swift victory over France in 1940. However, he also highlights the growing military challenges faced by Germany, particularly after the invasion of the Soviet Union in June 1941.

### **The Tide Turns: 1942-1943**



The year 1942 marked a turning point in the war. The Nazi regime suffered major setbacks on the Eastern Front, with the Wehrmacht sustaining heavy losses in the Battle of Stalingrad. Simultaneously, the Allies achieved significant victories in North Africa and the Pacific.

Ullrich examines the impact of these defeats on the morale and confidence of the German people and the Nazi leadership. He describes the growing realization that the war could not be won, and the desperate attempts by Hitler to reverse the tide.

## The Final Days: 1944-1945



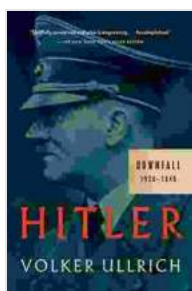
By 1944, the Allied forces were advancing on all fronts. The D-Day landings in June 1944 opened a Western Front in Europe, while the Red Army continued to push towards Germany from the East.

Ullrich chronicles the final days of the Third Reich, including the Battle of Berlin and Hitler's suicide. He analyzes the factors that led to the collapse of the Nazi regime and explores the aftermath of the war, including the Nuremberg Trials and the emergence of post-war Germany.

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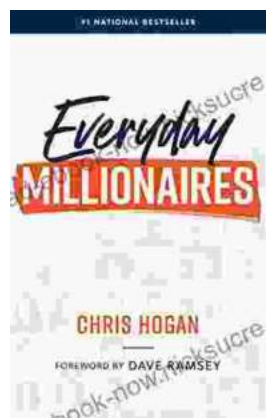
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