

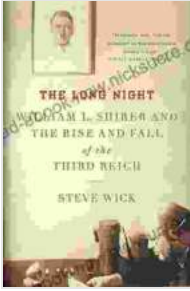
# William Shirer and the Rise and Fall of the Third Reich: A Journey into Darkness



**The Long Night: William L. Shirer and the Rise and Fall of the Third Reich** by Steve Wick

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William Shirer was an American journalist and historian who witnessed firsthand the rise and fall of Nazi Germany. His book, *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*, is a seminal work of history that has been praised for its accuracy, objectivity, and readability.

In this article, we will explore Shirer's life, his experiences in Nazi Germany, and the impact of his book on our understanding of the Holocaust and the Second World War.

## **William Shirer's Early Life and Career**

William Lawrence Shirer was born on February 23, 1904, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He graduated from Coe College in 1925 and began his journalism career as a reporter for the *Des Moines Register*. In 1929, he moved to Europe to work as a correspondent for the *Chicago Tribune*.

Shirer was based in Berlin from 1934 to 1940, during which time he witnessed the rise of the Nazi Party and the outbreak of the Second World War. He was one of the few American journalists who remained in Berlin after the war began, and he continued to report on the Nazi regime until he was expelled from Germany in 1940.

## **'The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich'**

After returning to the United States, Shirer began work on his book, *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*. The book was published in 1960, and it quickly became a bestseller. It has been translated into more than 30 languages and has sold more than 15 million copies worldwide.

*The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich* is a comprehensive history of Nazi Germany, from its origins in the aftermath of World War I to its defeat in 1945. Shirer draws on his own experiences in Germany, as well as on a wide range of sources, including interviews with Nazi leaders and survivors of the Holocaust.

The book is a powerful indictment of the Nazi regime and its crimes against humanity. Shirer does not shy away from the details of the Holocaust, and he provides a chilling account of the suffering of the victims.

*The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich* has been praised by critics for its accuracy, objectivity, and readability. It is considered one of the most important works of history written about the Second World War and the Holocaust.

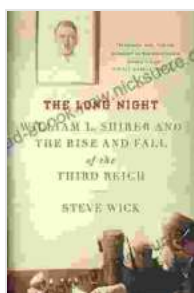
## **Shirer's Legacy**

William Shirer died on December 28, 1993, at the age of 89. He left behind a legacy as one of the most important journalists and historians of the 20th century.

*The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich* remains one of the most influential works of history written about the Second World War and the Holocaust. It

is a powerful reminder of the dangers of tyranny and the importance of fighting for freedom and justice.

William Shirer was a courageous journalist and historian who bore witness to one of the darkest chapters in human history. His book, *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*, is a powerful indictment of the Nazi regime and its crimes against humanity. It is a book that should be read by everyone who wants to understand the Holocaust and the Second World War.



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