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Dutch SS accounts are very rare, particularly ones such as this, covering recruitment, training, and frontline service first with 5th SS Panzer Division 'Wiking', then later with SS Regiment Besslein. He not only informs and illustrates the general politics of the time, but also explains how Dutch views of the Third Reich changed so radically, discusses the founding of the Waffen-SS, the recruitment of Dutch volunteers into it and why so many non-German Europeans volunteered to fight and risk their lives for Germany. His discussion of the intensity of the SS's training is also noteworthy. Of course, the core of the book lies in Hendrik's recollections of his service on the Eastern Front between 1941 and 1945, initially with the 5th SS Panzer Division 'Wiking'. He offers the reader an impressive and fluid account, whether it be describing the midst of battle, surviving 50 degrees below zero, frosts and frozen ground, or traversing a quagmire of roads. Of particular historic

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Mary Prigioni says

The pages just fly by

Many people disagree with the author's view of how the SS behaved in WW2. I was astonished to see the statistics of the war and the inhuman way all nations treated other people, including their own. Opportunists and political ignorance were hard to take.. the writer writes well and makes it interesting.

Jennifer says

The truth

Being an American girl with a father who fought in WWII I had heard only the perspective of the allies. Fascinated with the war I have read many many accounts now from all sides. This book struck me as being entirely genuine and a true eye-opener to the tenacity, comradeship and strength of the Waffen SS in the fight against Russia in Breslau. Documenting the ongoing persecution of the German soldiers and other nation's volunteers, particularly the SS after surrender during the post-war years is so important. So many nations pretending to be something they were not.
