Motive For A Mission The Story Behind Rudolf Hesss Flight To Britain

2017-10-03 This title was first published in 1999: The author contends that economic democracy is the economic system the U.S. purports to have, but has thus far failed to achieve because it, like all the economic powers that have gone before, seeks to control the economies of weaker nations. It is the shocking lack of economic democracy, and the efforts of so many to achieve it, that fuels today's conflicts and will fuel those of the 21st century. To show how and why, this comprehensive work provides a detailed analysis of the history of numerous aspects of the development of the Neo-Mercantilist world economy; the geopolitical systems put in place by the developed world to manage and perpetuate that economy; and the numerous proposals and modeling plans that have been offered over the years for the achievement of economic democracy.

Flight From Reality David Stafford 2022-08-25 Shortly after 11 pm on 10 May 1941, a Scottish ploughman spotted a parachutist floating to the ground in a field at Floors Farm, a dozen miles south of Glasgow. He ran out to find a burning twin-engine Messerschmitt Bf 110 bomber and an injured officer wearing the uniform of a captain of the German air force. The aviator identified himself as Captain Albert Horn and asked to be taken to see the Duke of
Hamilton for whom, he claimed, he was carrying an important message. In reality, 'Captain Horn' was none other than Rudolf Hess, Deputy Führer and right-hand man of Adolf Hitler. Arrested and interrogated by various government officials, it soon emerged that Hess was seeking to negotiate a peace deal between Britain and Germany. Held as a prisoner of war for the next four years, he was convicted of conspiracy and crimes against peace at the Nuremberg Trials and sentenced to life imprisonment. Hess's flight to Britain has remained one of the most bizarre and mysterious chapters in the history of the Second World War and has created a multitude of colourful conspiracy theories. Some have claimed that Hess came as an emissary of Hitler or that his mission was engineered by British Intelligence; others that Hitler's deputy had died in a plane crash while flying with the Duke of Kent in 1942 and that a double went to trial in Nuremberg. In Flight from Reality, editor David Stafford has assembled an international team of experts on this episode, including Hugh Trevor-Roper, John Erickson, Warren Kimball and Len Deighton. The result is the definitive account of Hess's mission that separates fact from fiction and sheds new light on its significance in the history of the Second World War. Praise for Flight from Reality: 'Fascinating ... far more intriguing than the wildest conspiracy theory' - Scotland on Sunday David Stafford is the author or editor of several books on intelligence history, including Britain and European Resistance, Churchill and Secret Service, Roosevelt and Churchill: Men of Secrets and Secret Agent: The True Story of the Special Operations Executive. He is Project Director at the Centre for Second World War Studies in the Department of History at the University of Edinburgh.

The Demon of Geopolitics
Holger H. Herwig 2016-03-10 Karl Haushofer, a Bavarian general and professor, is
widely recognized as the “father of geopolitics.” In 1945 the United States sought to put him on trial at Nuremberg as a major war criminal for being “Hitler’s intellectual godfather” and the true author of Mein Kampf. In this definitive biography, noted historian Holger H. Herwig assesses the fiction and reality behind these claims. Making comprehensive use of Haushofer’s previously unavailable private papers, Herwig analyzes Haushofer’s geopolitical concepts, his relations with his student Rudolf Hess, and his mentorship of Hitler and Hess at Landsberg Prison in 1924. Herwig offers unique insights into Haushofer’s crucial behind-the-scenes influence in providing the Nazis with his theories of Autarky and Lebensraum, the rationale for Germany’s control of Europe and the world. This riveting book ends with Haushofer’s final verdict on himself: “I want to be forgotten and forgotten.” But the author concludes with the admonition that the “demon” of Geopolitik demands much closer scrutiny in this new age of geopolitics.

Rudolf Hess James Leasor 2001 All true stories, easy to read, fast paced with high amounts of heroism - many based on World War II. New jackets, author interviews and tour and major P.R. activity.

Night Flight to Dungavel Peter Padfield 2014-05-06 Until now there has been no satisfactory answer to the question of why, in May of 1941, Hitler's deputy Rudolf Hess flew a German fighter plane across the channel to Scotland, crashing at night in a muddy field near Dungavel House. Though Hess had been one of Hitler's closest confidantes he was immediately denounced as a traitor in Berlin. Imprisoned in England, he was questioned by British MI6 and Churchill himself. The documents he had brought with him were confiscated and have not been made public to this day. Hess was tried at Nuremburg at the war's end and imprisoned at Spandau in Berlin, one of only seven former Nazis held there. The other six were all released,
but Hess lingered there alone until his death in 1987, possibly by suicide, possibly not. The official report on Hess has always been that he acted alone, but many historians question this conclusion. In Night Flight to Dungavel, award-winning historian Peter Padfield presents striking new evidence that spurs a wholesale reappraisal of the mystery: what actually happened, what role was played by Churchill and British intelligence, and what has been this episode's significance as a real turning point of the war. Expertly woven into a compelling narrative that touches on Nazi sympathizers among the British aristocracy, possible British foreknowledge of the "final solution," and the mysterious circumstances of Hess's death in Spandau prison, Night Flight to Dungavel is among the most important and gripping stories of World War Two. Camp Z Stephen McGinty 2011-10-18 On May 10, 1941, Rudolf Hess, then the deputy führer, parachuted over Renfrewshire in Scotland on a mission to meet with the Duke of Hamilton, ostensibly to broker a peace deal with the British government. After being held in the Tower of London, he was transferred to Mytchett Place near Aldershot. The house was fitted with microphones and sound recording equipment, guarded by a battalion of soldiers and code-named Camp Z. Churchill’s instructions were that Hess should be strictly isolated, and that every effort should be taken to get information out of him. During the ensuing thirteen months, a psychological battle was waged between intelligence officers using the new Freudian techniques of “dynamic psychologies” and the man who had been a heartbeat away from Hitler. Stephen McGinty uses new documentation and contemporaneous reports, diaries, letters and memos to piece together a riveting account of the claustrophobia, paranoia and highstakes gamesmanship being played out in an English country
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house. Camp Z is a locked-room mystery in which the locked room is a man’s head, and no one is certain whether the mind within it, which holds information that could help change the course of the Second World War, is sane or insane.

Shadow Pasts William D. Rubinstein 2014-09-11

For many intelligent people, the stuff of history does not consist of the kind of dry-as-dust investigations of diplomatic, economic, or political history that most university historians research and write about, but the famous topics of “history’s mysteries”- who was Jack the Ripper? Was there a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy? Did Richard III murder the Princes in the Tower? What are the mysteries of the ancient Pyramids? Not only have a great many books and articles been written on these and similar topics by so-called “amateur historians,” but they have generated societies, conferences, newsletters, and television programmes. Many people who are not academic historians take a keen interest in these topics, and have in some cases made themselves real experts on them, with interesting theories of their own. Despite all of this, however, these topics are virtually ignored by academic historians and can be treated with contempt. In Shadow Pasts, William D. Rubinstein a well-known and widely published history professor, examines seven of the most famous and interesting topics which have been discussed, debated, examined, and written about by “amateur historians. Each of these mysteries and the theories surrounding them are examined in detail, with Professor Rubinstein presenting his own original and sometimes surprising conclusions about what really happened.

Hess, Hitler and Churchill

Peter Padfield 2013-10-03

When Hitler's deputy Rudolf Hess set off for Britain on a peace mission in May 1941, he launched one of the great mysteries of the Second World War. Had he really acted alone,
Who were the British he had come to see? Was British intelligence involved? Award-winning historian Peter Padfield presents striking new evidence that demands the wholesale reappraisal of the episode. For, allied to a powerful argument that Hess must have had both Hitler's backing and considerable encouragement from Britain, Padfield demonstrates that he also brought with him a draft peace treaty committing Hitler to the evacuation of occupied European countries. Made public, this would have destroyed Churchill's campaign to bring the United States into the war. Expertly woven into a compelling narrative that touches on Lord (Victor) Rothschild and the Cambridge spy ring, possible British foreknowledge of Operation Barbarossa and the 'final solution', MI6's use of Hess to prevent the bombing of London and the mysterious circumstances of his death in Spandau prison – including the previously unseen witness accounts from that day – Hess, Hitler and Churchill is among the most important history books of recent years.

**The Case of Rudolf Hess**
Henry Victor Dicks 1948

**Rudolf Hess Speaks**
Rudolf Hess 2016-04-07
Rudolf Hess Speaks consists of translations of several of his speeches between 1933 and 1937. It is divided into six chapters. Rudolf Hess Speaks for Peace is translated from four speeches by Rudolf Hess about peace and international understanding between 1934 and 1937. The first speech was directed at the front-fighters of all nations. The second, delivered to an elite audience in Stockholm, promoted understanding for the young National Socialist state. The third speech was directed at American women and the fourth to youth from around the world. Rudolf Hess Speaks of the Party is translated from three speeches by Rudolf Hess between 1934 and 1936 about the National Socialist German Workers' Party. The first speech describes the very early
days of the back then tiny and apparently insignificant NSDAP. The second speech explains why Adolf Hitler, already Reich Chancellor, also becomes Reich President after Hindenburg's death. The third speech, delivered only five days before the purge of Ernst Rohm, deals with the transformation of the NSDAP from opposition party to ruling party and also denounces the "second revolution." Rudolf Hess Speaks to the Folk is translated from three speeches by Rudolf Hess between 1935 and 1936. The first speech was directed at the German workers shortly after the proclamation of the re-introduction of compulsory military service. The second speech was delivered at the Reich Peasant Day in 1935. The third speech "to bread-winners and consumers" covers, among other issues, the problem of shortages. Rudolf Hess Speaks of Liberation and Defense is translated from seven speeches, delivered between 1934 and 1937, about the liberation from the shackles of the Treaty of Versailles and German defense. The first speech is about the Saarland's return to the German Reich. The second speech deals with the Wehrmacht's re-occupation of the previously "de-militarized" Rhineland. The third and fourth speeches are directed at the ethnic Germans outside Germany. The fifth speech was directed at officers of the National Political Course of the armed forces. The sixth speech was delivered on the occasion of the launching of the training ship "Horst Wessel." The seventh speech deals with the German-Japanese Anti-Comintern Treaty. Rudolf Hess Speaks to Soldiers is translated from three speeches by Rudolf Hess between 1936 and 1937. The first speech was directed at officers of the National Political Course of the armed forces. The second speech was delivered on the occasion of the launching of the training ship "Horst Wessel." The third speech deals with the German-Japanese Anti-Comintern Treaty. Rudolf Hess Speaks to
Leaders is translated from eight speeches by Rudolf Hess between 1933 and 1936. These leaders include political leaders of the NSDAP and its auxiliaries - S.A., S.S., National Socialist Motor Corps, National Socialist Students' Organization, Hitler Youth, German Young Folk, Federation of German Girls, National Socialist Women's Organization - as well as government officials, representatives of the armed forces and the Work Service."

The Hitler Conspiracies
Richard J. Evans 2020-09-01
The idea that historical events, catastrophes in particular, didn't happen on their own but were driven by the hidden machinations of malign influences has deep roots. The appeal is clear: we can ascribe these events not to human shortsightedness or frailty, or to the contingencies of fate and circumstance, but to unseen forces. Conspiracy theories and paranoia go hand in hand. Something, or someone, is trying to control our lives and to regain that control we need to expose the truth. Conspiracy theories have lately proliferated, powered by the Internet and social media, as well as by the declining influence of the traditional gatekeepers of facts and information. In his new book, Richard J. Evans, one of the world's leading historians of the Third Reich, explores this new golden age of conspiracy theories and what underlies it. To do that, he focuses on five of the most enduring conspiracies theories of the Nazi period, including those that fueled Hitler's rise in the first place. Hence he reexamines the notorious anti-Semitic forgery The Protocols of the Elders of Zion; the "stab-in-the-back" myth about the of the role of Jews in Germany's loss in World War One; and the 1933 burning of the Reichstag, which the Nazis used to solidify their grip on power. Evans also delves into the multiple rumors regarding the ill-fated and mysterious 1941 flight to England by Rudolf Hess, Deputy Leader of the Nazi Party, and his death in
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Spandau prison in 1987. Lastly, he turns to the recurrent rumor that Hitler somehow managed to escape from Berlin in 1945 and live out his days in Argentina. The Hitler Conspiracies is a book about fantasies and fictions, fabrications and falsifications. A distinguished work of history by one of the world's most distinguished historians, it offers equally a hard look at our own troubled times, a "post-truth" era in which "alternative facts" have gained new standing.

The Truth About Rudolf Hess
James Douglas-Hamilton
2016-06-30
Rudolf Hess' flight to Britain in May 1941 stands out as one of the most intriguing and bizarre episodes of the Second World War. In The Truth About Rudolf Hess, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton explores many of the myths which still surround the affair. He traces the developments which persuaded Hess to undertake the flight without Hitler's knowledge and shows why he chose to approach the Duke of Hamilton. In the process he throws light on the importance of Albrecht Haushofer, one-time envoy to Hitler and Ribbentrop and personal advisor to Hess, who was eventually executed by the SS for his involvement in the German Resistance movement. Drawing on British War Cabinet papers and the authors unparalleled access to both the Hamilton papers and the Haushofer letters, this new and expanded edition of The Truth About Rudolf Hess takes the reader into the heart of the Third Reich, combining adventure and intrigue with a scholarly historical approach.

Continental Plans for European Union 1939-1945
Walter Lipgens
2019-11-05
Military Review 1982

Roof of the World
Lord James Douglas-Hamilton
2013-02-08
On the morning of 3 April 1933, two single-engine biplanes set off on a flight into history. From their base near the Indian border with the mystery country of Nepal, the two young pilots, one a British Marquis and a Scottish Member of Parliament, the
other a dynamic flight commander, flew towards as great a challenge as world aviation had faced to date - Mount Everest, 'Roof of the World'. The first flight over Everest was the climax of years of thought and months of intensive planning, an epoch-making event which caught the imagination of millions. News of its success reverberated throughout the British Empire to the world at large. Among the deluge of telegrams of congratulations received were those from the King and the Prime Minister. The Times of London, which had given exclusive coverage of the Expedition since its early days, carried one of its longest features ever and was excited enough to comment that the achievement was 'almost like exploring the rainbow'. Some half-a-century later that Houston-Mount Everest Expedition takes its place as one of the last great pioneering flights before the era of space travel. Roof of the World tells the remarkable story of that flight and its repercussions, among which were the growth of the British aviation industry and the creation of the country's second international airport. Using rare and unique photographs, many taken from the flight itself and giving an idea of the qualities required of the crews, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton has recreated the scene facing the pilots, one of whom was his father. He has had access to relevant diaries and personal papers presents in Roof of the World a valuable contribution to our understanding of a unique achievement in an eventful decade. 

The Mission Jerome Tuccille 1991 Nearly fifty years after he parachuted to safety in Scotland, the 1941 flight of Rudolf Hess is still shrouded in mystery. This spirited novel of espionage poses the question: What if Rudolf Hess was on a very specific mission, set up by Hitler to negotiate secretly with the British government? And what if the man imprisoned for so many years was not Rudolf Hess?

Hess and the Penguins Joseph
P. Farrell 2017-09-18 Pursuing his investigations of WWII machinations, secret international agreements, breakaway civilizations and hidden wars in Antarctica, author and researcher Joseph P. Farrell examines the continuing mystery of Rudolf Hess, his sudden flight to Scotland, his supposed imprisonment at Spandau Prison in Berlin and how his flight affected affairs in Europe, Israel, Antarctica and elsewhere. Farrell looks at Hess' mission to make peace with Britain and get rid of Hitler—even a plot to fly Hitler to Britain for capture! How much did Gåöring and Hitler know of Rudolf Hess' subversive plot, and what happened to Hess? Why was a doppleganger put in Spandau Prison and then "suicided"? Did the British use an early form of mind control on Hess' double? John Foster Dulles of the OSS and CIA suspected as much. Farrell also uncovers the strange death of Admiral Richard Byrd's son in 1988, about the same time of the death of Hess. What was Hess' connection to Antarctica? It is Farrell at his best—uncovering the special operations and still-secret activities of WWII and the breakaway civilization. Double Standards Lynn Picknett 2002 For sixty years there has been an unprecedented cover-up by both the British Establishment and successive generations of historians about the flight of Hitler's Deputy Rudolf Hess to Scotland in May 1941. Long dismissed as the misguided attempt of a madman to make contact with a non-existent British peace party DOUBLE STANDARDS explosively reveals that Hess's peace mission was one of the pivotal events of the twentieth century—and that the Establishment had very good reasons for covering up the truth: the Establishment WAS the peace party that Hess had come to meet. Even more shockingly, the book reveals that members of the Royal Family itself—whose involvement in the Hess affair has been conveniently airbrushed out of history—were
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at the heart of this group.

Based on entirely new material from eyewitnesses, hitherto inaccessible archives and intelligence sources, DOUBLE STANDARDS reveals that Hess's peace mission was of supreme importance. It raises some of the most intriguing questions about the history of the twentieth century.

DOUBLE STANDARDS' mission is to answer them.

**Hess: The Man and His Mission**

Joseph Bernard Hutton 1971 Story of the German Deputy Fuhrer's strange flight to Scotland in May, 1941, to get Britain to end the war with Germany, and its aftermath.

**Rudolf Hess**

John Harris 2014-01-06 On 10 May 1941, on a whim, Hitler's deputy Rudolf Hess flew a Messerschmitt Bf 110 to Scotland in a bizarre effort to make peace with Britain; Göring sent fighters to stop him but he was long gone. Imprisoned and tried at Nuremberg, he would die by his own hand in 1987, aged 93. That's the accepted explanation. Ever since, conspiracy theories have swirled around the famous mission. How strong were Hess’s connections with the British establishment, including royalty? Was the death of the king’s brother, the Duke of Kent, associated with the Hess overture for peace? In the many books written about Hess, one obvious line of enquiry has been overlooked, until now: an analysis of the flight itself - the flight plan, equipment, data sheets, navigation system. Through their long investigation, authors John Harris and Richard Wilbourn have come to a startling conclusion: whilst the flight itself has been well recorded, the target destination has remained hidden. The implications are far reaching and lend credence to the theory that the British establishment has hidden the truth of the full extent of British/Nazi communications, in part to spare the reputations of senior members of the Royal Family. Using original photography, documentation
and diagrams, Rudolf Hess sheds light on one of the most intriguing stories of the Second World War.

**Hitler's Traitors** Edward Harrison 2022-09-21 This collection of vivid essays examines some of the most fascinating aspects of the German resistance to Hitler. It includes the first translations into English of pioneering studies on the role of a leading Nazi in the July Plot, the flight of Rudolf Hess to Britain and the vigorous controversy over Hugh Trevor-Roper's investigation of Hitler's death. The book also explores vociferous Catholic dissent in Franconia and the conspiracies against the Third Reich of the revolutionary New Beginning movement. Through the study of important personalities and dramatic events this book explores the possibilities and challenges faced by Germans in attempts to frustrate and defy Hitler's tyranny.

**Rudolph Hess, the Last Nazi** Wulf Schwarzwäller 1988

**Coffee With Hitler** Charles Spicer 2022-09-06 The fascinating story of how an eccentric group of intelligence agents used amateur diplomacy to penetrate the Nazi high command in an effort to prevent the start of World War II. "How might the British have handled Hitler differently?" remains one of history's greatest "what ifs." Coffee with Hitler tells the astounding story of how a handful of amateur British intelligence agents wined, dined, and befriended the leading National Socialists between the wars. With support from royalty, aristocracy, politicians, and businessmen, they hoped to use the recently founded Anglo-German Fellowship as a vehicle to civilize and enlighten the Nazis. At the heart of the story are a pacifist Welsh historian, a World War I flying ace, and a butterfly-collecting businessman, who together offered the British government better intelligence on the horrifying rise of the Nazis than any other agents. Though they were only minor players in the terrible drama of Europe's descent into its second
twentieth-century war, these three protagonists operated within the British Establishment. They infiltrated the Nazi high command deeper than any other spies, relaying accurate intelligence to both their government and to its anti-appeasing critics. Straddling the porous border between hard and soft diplomacy, their activities fuelled tensions between the amateur and the professional diplomats in both London and Berlin. Having established a personal rapport with President Franklin D. Roosevelt, they delivered intelligence to him directly, too, paving the way for American military support for Great Britain against the Nazi threat. The settings for their public efforts ranged from tea parties in Downing Street, banquets at London’s best hotels, and the Coronation of George VI to coffee and cake at Hitler’s Bavarian mountain home, champagne galas at the Berlin Olympics, and afternoon receptions at the Nuremberg Rallies. More private encounters between the elites of both powers were nurtured by shooting weekends at English country homes, whisky drinking sessions at German estates, discreet meetings in London apartments, and whispered exchanges in the corridors of embassies and foreign ministries.

**Flight from Reality** David Stafford 2002 An account of one of the most bizarre and mysterious chapters of the Second World War, the Deputy Fuhrer's flight to Scotland to negotiate a peace deal with Britain and Germany. A number of conspiracy theories have been created from this peculiar event and in Flight from Reality David Stafford has assembled an international group of experts to give a definitive account of Hess's mission that separates the facts from the fiction that has arisen.

**World War II in Europe** David T. Zabecki 2015-05-01 First Published in 1999. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

**Spandau Phoenix** Greg Iles 2003-05-06 From the #1 New
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York Times bestselling author of the Penn Cage series comes a heartstopping thriller about one of the great unsolved mysteries of World War II. The Spandau Diary—what was in it? Why did the secret intelligence agencies of every major power want it? Why was a brave and beautiful woman kidnapped and sexually tormented to get it? Why did a chain of deception and violent death lash out across the globe, from survivors of the Nazi past to warriors in the new conflict now about to explode? Why did the world’s entire history of World War II have to be rewritten as the future hung over a nightmare abyss?

“Entirely plausible, totally engrossing...a remarkable, impressive novel.”—Nelson DeMille “An incredible web of intrigue and suspense, an avalanche of action from first page to last.”—Clive Cussler

Rudolf Hess and Germany's Reluctant War 1939-41 Alfred Smith 2001

The Controversial Flight and Capture of Rudolf Hess

Charles River Charles River Editors 2015-02-17 *Includes pictures *Discusses the mystery surrounding the mission and conspiracy theories *Includes a bibliography for further reading *Includes a table of contents "Even if I could, I would not wish to expunge this time from my life. I am happy to know that I have done my duty toward my people, my duty as a German, as National Socialist, as loyal follower of my Fuehrer. I regret nothing." - Rudolf Hess during the Nuremberg Trials

Stars glittered over the restlessly undulating waters of the North Sea late on the evening of May 10th, 1941, as a lone twin-propeller Messerschmitt Bf 110 heavy fighter bearing the Iron Cross emblem of the Nazi Luftwaffe came in sight of the low, dark line of land along the horizon that marked where Scotland lay. Far to the south, waves of similar aircraft and Junkers JU 88 "fast bombers" were roaring through the fire-streaked skies over London, pounding the luckless metropolis with a heavy attack.
that killed over 3,000 British civilians in about an hour and setting the Houses of Parliament on fire. Given a clear view of their targets by the bright moonlight shining over the "Sceptered Isle," the German pilots created immense havoc in which at least one observer found a certain hellish beauty: The Anglo-Irish poet Louis MacNeice had arranged to spend the night in the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral. He wrote that soon after the raiders appeared, "great tawny clouds of smoke, rolling in sumptuous Baroque exuberance, had hidden the river completely and there we were on the dome, a Classical island in a more than Romantic Inferno. It was far and away the most astonishing spectacle I have ever seen." (Manchester, 2012, 350). However, the solitary Messerschmitt 110 several hundred miles to the north was not on a combat mission. Instead, it bore extra 900-liter (237 gallon) fuel tanks greatly increasing its range - designed for jettison using a control toggle in the cockpit - and its principle payload was the man piloting the two-seat fighter alone. The man in the cockpit was Rudolf Hess, Deputy Fuhrer of Hitler's Third Reich, and he was on a mission to bring peace terms to the British. It is even possible he hoped to convince them to join with Hitler's Thousand-Year Reich in its great crusade against the Soviet Union, due to be launched in the very near future. Though he did not know it, he was actually on a forlorn journey into enemy territory, one that doomed him to a lifetime of solitary confinement in Spandau Prison before dying by his own hand as the last and loneliest of the Nazi overlords in 1987. Most of the evidence suggests Hess' flight was not a practical plan carefully designed and mulled by the Nazi supreme command. Rather, it was likely a quixotic adventure conceived mostly in Hess' own mind and carried out with a strange sort of naive daring by Hitler's faithful secretary and biographer. It was also "his desperate
attempt to regain his master's trust and confidence. After all, Hitler's 'peace offensives' following the defeat of Poland and the fall of France had failed abysmally. It would have amounted to an unparalleled triumph had Hess succeeded where everyone else had failed. His zealotry had got the better of him." (Stafford, 2014, Introduction). The plan was incredibly bold and daring, but it was also utterly useless. It was not for nothing that there was "a remark made in New York by Brenden Bracken who [...] dismissed Hess as an 'overgrown Boy Scout'" (Stafford, 2014, Chapter 1). Amid all the dramatic incidents of the war, it remained one of the most remarkable yet most fruitless and empty. That said, the botched handling of the matter by the British (against the wiser council of the Prime Minister Winston Churchill) accidentally caused one tangible result of Hess' mission: confusing Stalin and the Soviets for a few crucial weeks and thus giving Hitler the chance to launch a preemptive invasion.

Rudolf Hess  
John Harris  
(Chartered accountant) 2019

The Nazi Organisation of Women  
Jill Stephenson  
2013-05-07 The Nazi's were implacably opposed to feminism and women’s independence. Rosa Luxemburg became a symbol of all that most horrified them in German society, in particular because of her involvement in active politics. Nazi ideology saw women in the activist role of 'wives, mothers and homemakers', and their task was to support their fighting menfolk by providing food and making and mending uniforms and flags. The miscellany of women’s organisations was dissolved and reunified by Gregor Strasser in 1931, and in 1934 Gertrud Scholtz-Klink became an overall leader of the Nazi Women’s Group, after which it functioned primarily as a propaganda channel. Part of the policy of Gleichschaltung (co-ordination) meant that even to join a sewing group, women had to choose the party group or nothing. This book provides
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A detailed and fascinating picture of the origins, development and functions of the specifically women’s organisations associated with the NSDAP from their beginnings in the early 1920s, until their demise in 1945. It traces the history of the Nazi Women’s Group, the sources of its members and analyses their ambitions and hopes from the Frauenwerk. Its purpose is above all to make an important contribution to the study of National Socialism as a movement which attracted and held the enthusiasm of a small minority of Germans who, given the chance from 1933, attempted to impose their will on the majority.

Motive for a Mission James Douglas-Hamilton 1979

Quarterly Review of Military Literature 1982

Rudolf Hess' Mission David Green 2016-09-02 In 1941 Rudolf Hess, Deputy Fuhrer of the Nazi Third Reich, flew a Messerschmitt 110 from Germany to Scotland in a desperate but vain attempt to seek a peaceful settlement of the hostilities between Germany and Great Britain. The British promptly imprisoned him, Hitler disavowed himself of any knowledge about the flight, and the Anglo-German war continued. This alternative view of history - a work of fiction based on actual events -- considers different potential outcomes and possible consequences."

Motive for a Mission James Douglas-Hamilton 1979

The Loneliest Man in the World Eugene K. Bird 2010-02-01 Without doubt, the most bizarre and controversial event in the History of World War II was the parachute jump by Deputy Fuhrer Rudolf Hess into Scotland on May 10, 1941. Hess was supposedly on a peace mission to negotiate a peace between England and Germany. Hess was on his way to see the Duke of Hamilton in Scotland, with whom he believed he could negotiate a peace. Instead, Hess was put in jail, where he stayed for 46 years until he died in 1987. For 46 years he served a life
sentence in West Berlin's Spandau prison. For the last 17 years he was the only inmate in a fortress built to hold 600. Long ago he was the second most powerful man in Germany, Deputy Fuhrer to Adolf Hitler. His name is Rudolf Hess. Now the almost incredible story of the Loneliest Man in the World is told by a man who, as part of the American garrison at Spandau, and later as Commandant, watched over Hess's every move and action, won his confidence, talked daily with him, and kept a day-to-day record. Was Hess mad? Colonel Bird's answer is an emphatic no. Is he the totally evil man that many think. Again, the author demurs. Above all, was he, when he flew to Scotland in the Spring of 1941, trying to make peace with Britain, and did Hitler know what Hess was doing. Readers will find the answers to this and many other crucial questions about the most enigmatic leader of the Third Reich in the pages of this book.

The Splendid and the Vile

Erik Larson 2022-02-15 #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The author of The Devil in the White City and Dead Wake delivers an intimate chronicle of Winston Churchill and London during the Blitz—an inspiring portrait of courage and leadership in a time of unprecedented crisis “One of [Erik Larson’s] best books yet . . . perfectly timed for the moment.”—Time • “A bravura performance by one of America’s greatest storytellers.”—NPR NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The New York Times Book Review • Time • Vogue • NPR • The Washington Post • Chicago Tribune • The Globe & Mail • Fortune • Bloomberg • New York Post • The New York Public Library • Kirkus Reviews • LibraryReads • PopMatters On Winston Churchill’s first day as prime minister, Adolf Hitler invaded Holland and Belgium. Poland and Czechoslovakia had already fallen, and the Dunkirk evacuation was just two weeks away. For the next twelve
months, Hitler would wage a relentless bombing campaign, killing 45,000 Britons. It was up to Churchill to hold his country together and persuade President Franklin Roosevelt that Britain was a worthy ally—and willing to fight to the end. In The Splendid and the Vile, Erik Larson shows, in cinematic detail, how Churchill taught the British people “the art of being fearless.” It is a story of political brinkmanship, but it’s also an intimate domestic drama, set against the backdrop of Churchill’s prime-ministerial country home, Chequers; his wartime retreat, Ditchley, where he and his entourage go when the moon is brightest and the bombing threat is highest; and of course 10 Downing Street in London. Drawing on diaries, original archival documents, and once-secret intelligence reports—some released only recently—Larson provides a new lens on London’s darkest year through the day-to-day experience of Churchill and his family: his wife, Clementine; their youngest daughter, Mary, who chafes against her parents’ wartime protectiveness; their son, Randolph, and his beautiful, unhappy wife, Pamela; Pamela’s illicit lover, a dashing American emissary; and the advisers in Churchill’s “Secret Circle,” to whom he turns in the hardest moments. The Splendid and the Vile takes readers out of today’s political dysfunction and back to a time of true leadership, when, in the face of unrelenting horror, Churchill’s eloquence, courage, and perseverance bound a country, and a family, together.

The Flight of Rudolf Hess
Roy Conyers Nesbit 2007-05-24

On 10 May 1941, Rudolf Hess - Deputy Fuhrer of the Third Reich - embarked on his astonishing flight from Augsburg to Scotland. At dusk the same day, he parachuted on to a Scottish moor and was taken into custody. His arrival provoked widespread curiosity and speculation, which has continued to this day. Why did Hess fly to Scotland? Had Hitler authorized him to attempt to negotiate peace?
Was British Intelligence involved? What was his state of mind at the time? Drawing on a variety of reliable archive and eyewitness sources in Britain, Germany and the USA, authors Roy Conyers Nesbit and Georges van Acker have written what must be the most objective assessment of the Hess’ story yet to be published. Their compelling narrative not only dispels many of the extraordinary conspiracy theories, but also uncovers some intriguing new facts.

The Welsh Girl  
Peter Ho Davies 2013-08-16  
A WWII-era Welsh barmaid begins a secret relationship with a German POW in this “beautiful” novel by the author of A Lie Someone Told You About Yourself (Ann Patchett). Longlisted for the Man Booker Prize Set in the stunning landscape of North Wales just after D-Day, this critically acclaimed debut novel traces the intersection of disparate lives in wartime. When a prisoner-of-war camp is established near her village, seventeen-year-old barmaid Esther Evans finds herself strangely drawn to the camp and its forlorn captives. She is exploring the camp boundary when an astonishing thing occurs: A young German corporal calls out to her from behind the fence. From that moment on, the two begin an unlikely—and perilous—romance. Meanwhile, a German-Jewish interrogator travels to Wales to investigate Britain’s most notorious Nazi prisoner, Rudolf Hess. In this richly drawn and thought-provoking “tour de force,” all will come to question the meaning of love, family, loyalty, and national identity (The New Yorker). “If you loved The English Patient, there’s probably a place in your heart for The Welsh Girl.” —USA Today  
“Davies’s characters are marvelously nuanced.” —Los Angeles Times  
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