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The Great Terror 2008

the definitive work on stalin s purges the author s the great terror was universally acclaimed when it first appeared in 1968 provides accounts of on everything form the three great moscow trials to methods of obtaining confessions the purge of writers and other members of the intelligentsia on life in the labor camps and many other key matters on the fortieth anniversary of thew first edition it is remarkable how many of the most disturbing conclusions have born up under the light of fresh evidence

The Great Terror 2018-11-01

robert conquest s the great terror is the book that revealed the horrors of stalin s regime to the west this definitive fiftieth anniversary edition features a new foreword by anne applebaum one of the most important books ever written about the soviet union the great terror revealed to the west for the first time the true extent and nature stalin s purges in the 1930s in which around a million people were tortured and executed or sent to labour camps on political grounds its publication caused a widespread reassessment of communism itself this definitive fiftieth anniversary edition gathers together the wealth of material added by the author in the decades following its first publication and features a new foreword by leading historian anne applebaum explaining the continued relevance of this momentous period of history and of this classic account

Road to Terror 2010-01-01

now updated with new facts and abridged for use in soviet history courses this gripping book assembles top secret soviet documents translated into english from the era of stalin s purges the dossiers police reports private letters secret transcripts and other documents expose the hidden inner workings of the communist party and the dark inhumanity of the purge process book cover

Stalin's Terror of 1937-1938 2009

this volume examines the bloodiest period of the stalinist repression of political opposition in the soviet union debunking the myth that the great purges were merely the product of stalin s paranoia and had no overriding political logic through a meticulous examination of original sources including archival documents only made available for research in the 1990s professor vadim rogovin argues that the ferocity of the mass repression was directly proportional to the intensity of resistance to stalin within the communist party of the soviet

union cpsu particularly the opposition inspired by and associated with the exiled bolshevik leader leon trotsky far from trotsky being a politically isolated figure as both stalinist and anti communist historians have claimed there was substantial sympathy for his criticism of the stalin regime in the ranks and even in the leadership of the cpsu and support for his demands for inner party democracy greater social equality and an international orientation to the bolshevik goal of world revolution it was this political fact as rogovin demonstrates that accounts for the purge reaching so deeply into the party apparatus the military the komsomol youth movement and the broader layers of the population rogovin bases his analysis on scrupulous research quoting from newly translated or unpublished documents including memoirs meeting minutes newspaper articles and trial transcripts he documents the reaction of different social layers to the purges including workers peasants non party intellectuals and the cpsu rank and file this book includes rarely published photographs of the prison camps documenting the lives of those labeled by stalin enemies of the people chronologically this volume takes up where its predecessor 1937 stalin s year of terror left off with the june 1937 plenum of the central committee that followed the purging of the soviet military command and the execution of marshal tukhachevsky and other leading generals it analyzes such critical events as the bukharin rykov trial last of the infamous show trials the massacre of trotskyists in the vorkuta slave labor camp and the assassination by stalinist agents of leon sedov trotsky s son and other oppositionists outside the soviet union it concludes with an examination of how the purges transformed the cpsu and soviet society as a whole

1937 1998

the first major study by a russian marxist historian of the stalinist purges which are often collectively reffered to by the year they reached their greatest intensity 1937 rogovin shows that the purges were aimed at the physical annihilation of the growing socialist opposition to stalin s bureaucratic regime focused on leon trotsky and his thousands of supporters the purges were a blow against the october revolution its leaders and its heritage

Stalin's Terror 2002-12-11

the british irish russian american german and austrian contributors examine the intricate nature of the mass repression unleashed by the stalinist leader of the user during 1937 38 the first part of the collection deals with annihilation policies against the soviet elite and the communist international the second section of the volume looks at mass operations of the secret police nkvd against social outcasts

poles and other hostile ethnic groups the final section comprises micro studies about targeted victim groups among the general population

The Voices of the Dead 2007-01-01

swept up in the maelstrom of stalin's great terror of 1937 1938 nearly a million people died most were ordinary citizens who left no records and as a result have been completely forgotten this book is the first to attempt to retrieve their stories and reconstruct their lives drawing upon recently declassified archives of the former soviet secret police in kiev hiroaki kuromiya uncovers in the archives the hushed voices of the condemned and he chronicles the lives of dozens of individuals who shared the same dehumanizing fate all were falsely arrested executed and dumped in mass graves kuromiya investigates the truth behind the fabricated records filling in at least some of the details of the lives and deaths of ballerinas priests beggars teachers peasants workers soldiers pensioners homemakers fugitives peddlers ethnic russians ukrainians poles germans koreans jews and others in recounting the extraordinary stories gleaned from the secret files kuromiya not only commemorates the dead and forgotten but also proposes a new interpretation of soviet society that provides useful insights into the enigma of stalinist terror

The Anatomy of Terror 2013-07-11

an edited volume which brings together the work of the leading historians on the subject of stalin s terror in the 1930s underpinning new innovative approaches and opening new perspectives in the field

Stalin's Terror Revisited 2006-03-28

in this ground breaking collection a team of leading experts offer a detailed examination of under researched aspects of soviet political repression in the 1930s drawing on archival documents and materials that have received little attention in western historiography much of the information detailed here is in english for the first time

Stalinist Terror 1993-06-25

these essays by scholars from six nations offers contributions to the understanding of stalinist terror in the 1930s the essays explore in depth the background of the terror and patterns of persecution while providing more empirically founded estimates of the numbers of stalin s victims

The Road to Terror 2010

stalin and the self destruction of the bolsheviks from 1932 to 1939 is the subject of this book which assembles and translates into english for the first time nearly 200 formerly top secret soviet documents from that period 42 illustrations

The Great Fear 2016-02-25

between the winter of 1936 and the autumn of 1938 approximately three quarters of a million soviet citizens were subject to summary execution more than a million others were sentenced to lengthy terms in labour camps commonly known as stalin s great terror it is also among the most misunderstood moments in the history of the twentieth century the terror gutted the ranks of factory directors and engineers after three years in which all major plan targets were met it raged through the armed forces on the eve of the nazi invasion the wholesale slaughter of party and state officials was in danger of making the soviet state ungovernable the majority of these victims of state repression in this period were accused of participating in counter revolutionary conspiracies almost without exception there was no substance to the claims and no material evidence to support them by the time the terror was brought to a close most of its victims were ordinary soviet citizens for whom counter revolution was an unfathomable abstraction in short the terror was wholly destructive not merely in terms of the incalculable human cost but also in terms of the interests of the soviet leaders principally joseph stalin who directed and managed it the great fear presents a new and original explanation of stalin s terror based on intelligence materials in russian archives it shows how soviet leaders developed a grossly exaggerated fear of conspiracy and foreign invasion and lashed out at enemies largely of their own making

Scorched Earth 2016-11-22

german scholar jörg baberowski is one of the world s leading experts on the stalin era but his work has seldom been translated into english this book an unremitting indictment of the mad violence with which stalin ruled the soviet union depicts stalinism as a cruel and deliberate attack on russian society driven by totalitarian ambitions and the goal of modernizing and rationalizing a backward people baberowski takes a twofold approach emphasizing stalin s personal role and responsibility as well as the continuity he sees in communist aims and ideology since 1917 unlike recent apologist accounts that focus on the challenges of modernization or on the operational complexities of managing the soviet state this hard hitting analysis unequivocally locates the origins of the terror in the

culture of violence and the techniques of power detailed well documented and including many new details on the workings of the stalinist state this powerful work encompasses the dictator s brutal reign from his achievement of total power in 1929 to his death in 1953

Stalin, the Five Year Plans and the Gulags 2015-12-07

from the personal accounts of those devoured by the great darkness of stalin s russia the explaining history series details the explosive growth of stalin s vast industrial revolution and the explosive growth of his terror and the slave camps that held his victims the lives of workers peasants poles and jews intellectuals and secret policemen are explained here in an accessible and straight forward way as is the seemingly impenetrable thinking of joseph stalin

Life and Terror in Stalin's Russia, 1934-1941 1998-11-10

examining stalin s reign of terror this text argues that the soviet people were not simply victims but also actors in the violence criticisms and local decisions of the 1930s it suggests that more believed in stalin s quest to eliminate internal enemies than were frightened by it

The Red Army and the Great Terror 2015-09-25

on june 11 1937 a closed military court ordered the execution of a group of the soviet union s most talented and experienced army officers including marshal mikhail tukhachevskii all were charged with participating in a nazi plot to overthrow the regime of joseph stalin there followed a massive military purge from the officer corps through the rank and file that many consider a major factor in the red army s dismal performance in confronting the german invasion of june 1941 why take such action on the eve of a major war the most common theory has stalin fabricating a military conspiracy to tighten his control over the soviet state in the red army and the great terror peter whitewood advances an entirely new explanation for stalin s actions an explanation with the potential to unlock the mysteries that still surround the great terror the surge of political repression in the late 1930s in which over one million soviet people were imprisoned in labor camps and over 750 000 executed framing his study within the context of soviet civil military relations dating back to the 1917 revolution whitewood shows that stalin sanctioned this attack on the red army not from a position of confidence

and strength but from one of weakness and misperception here we see how stalin s views had been poisoned by the paranoid accusations of his secret police who saw spies and supporters of the dead tsar everywhere and who had long believed that the red army was vulnerable to infiltration by foreign intelligence agencies engaged in a conspiracy against the soviet state recently opened russian archives allow whitewood to counter the accounts of soviet defectors and conspiracy theories that have long underpinned conventional wisdom on the military purge by broadening our view the red army and the great terror demonstrates not only why tukhachevskii and his associates were purged in 1937 but also why tens of thousands of other officers and soldiers were discharged and arrested at the same time with its thorough reassessment of these events the book sheds new light on the nature of power state violence and civil military relations under the stalinist regime

Agents of Terror 2016-10-11

during stalin's great terror more than a million soviet citizens were arrested or killed for political crimes they did not commit who carried out these purges and what motivated them alexander vatlin opens up the world of the soviet perpetrators using detailed evidence from one moscow suburb spurred by ambition or fear local secret police rushed to fulfill quotas for arresting enemies of the people even when it meant fabricating evidence vatlin confronts head on issues of historical agency and moral responsibility in stalin era crimes

Popular Opinion in Stalin's Russia 1997-10-02

between 1934 and 1941 stalin unleashed what came to be known as the great terror against millions of soviet citizens the same period also saw the great retreat the repudiation of many of the aspirations of the russian revolution the response of ordinary russians to the extraordinary events of this time has been obscure sarah davies s study uses nkvd and party reports letters and other evidence to show that despite propaganda and repression dissonant public opinion was not extinguished the people continued to criticise stalin and the soviet regime and complain about particular policies the book examines many themes including attitudes towards social and economic policy the terror and the leader cult shedding light on a hugely important part of russia s social political and cultural history

Terror and Democracy in the Age of Stalin

2007-08-27

terror and democracy in stalin s russia is the first book devoted exclusively to popular participation in the great terror a period in which millions of people were arrested interrogated shot and sent to labor camps in the unions and the factories repression was accompanied by a mass campaign for democracy party leaders urged workers to criticize and remove corrupt and negligent officials workers shop foremen local party members and union leaders adopted the slogans of repression and used them often against each other to redress long standing grievances using new formerly secret archival sources terror and democracy in stalin s russia shows how ordinary people moved in clear stages toward madness and self destruction wendy z goldman is a professor of history at carnegie mellon university she is author of women the state and revolution soviet family policy and social life 1917 1936 cambridge 1993 winner of the berkshire conference book award as well as women at the gates gender and industry in stalin s russia cambridge 2002

The Great Terror 1969

roughly ten million children were victims of political repression in the soviet union during the stalinist era the sons and daughters of peasants workers scientists physicians and political leaders considered by the regime to be dangerous to the political order ten grown victims who as children suffered banishment starvation disease anti semitism and trauma resulting from their parents condemnation and arrest now freely share their stories the result is a powerful and moving oral history that will profoundly deepen the reader s understanding of life in the u s s r under the despotic reign of joseph stalin

Silence was Salvation 2015-01-01

the british irish russian american german and austrian contributors examine the intricate nature of the mass repression unleashed by the stalinist leader of the user during 1937 38 the first part of the collection deals with annihilation policies against the soviet elite and the communist international the second section of the volume looks at mass operations of the secret police nkvd against social outcasts poles and other hostile ethnic groups the final section comprises micro studies about targeted victim groups among the general population

Stalin 2022

inventing the enemy uses stories of personal relationships to explore the behavior of ordinary people during stalin s terror communist party leaders targeted specific groups for arrest but also strongly encouraged ordinary citizens and party members to unmask the hidden enemy people responded by flooding the secret police and local authorities with accusations by 1937 every work place was convulsed by hyper vigilance intense suspicion and the hunt for hidden enemies spouses coworkers friends and relatives disavowed and denounced each other people confronted hideous dilemmas forced to lie to protect loved ones they struggled to reconcile political imperatives and personal loyalties work places were turned into snake pits the strategies that people used to protect themselves naming names preemptive denunciations and shifting blame all helped to spread the terror inventing the enemy a history of the terror in five moscow factories explores personal relationships and individual behavior within a pervasive political culture of enemy hunting

Rule of Terror 1969

after taking control of the communist party in 1923 and later becoming de facto dictator of the soviet union stalin used the ogpu to implement mass collectivisation and deportations of the wealthy peasants this book charts stalin s use of the re named nkvd to carry out the purges of the 1930s in which millions were arrested and ended their lives in forced labour camps and countless other millions were executed outright this book looks at the organisation of the state s secret police in russia during this time its vast network of spies and informers its units within the red army as well as the dozens of special prisons and camps it details the oppression carried out against stalin's opponents during world war ii when hundreds of thousands of cossacks and white russians were killed outright as soon as they fell into soviet hands as the red army advanced towards germany following the end of the war stalin tightened his grip over the secret police and the final incarnation of his secret police the kgb became an agency for spreading soviet influence throughout the world this book contains eye witness accounts of soviet secret police terror and oppression and includes many rare and previously unpublished photographs

Stalin's Terror 2002-12-11

this is a detailed examination of three under researched aspects of soviet political repression in the 1930s case studies of regional and sectoral dimensions of the purges victim studies of the great terror and an assessment of the impact of

political repression on soviet economic development in the late 1930s much of the information detailed here is presented to the english language readership for the first time

Inventing the Enemy 2011-08-08

this original analysis of the workings of soviet state security organs under lenin and stalin addresses a series of questions that have long resisted satisfactory answers why did political repression affect so many people most of them ordinary citizens why did repression come in waves or cycles why were economic and petty crimes regarded as political crimes what was the reason for relying on extra judicial tribunals and what motivated the extreme harshness of punishments including the widespread use of the death penalty through an approach that synthesizes history and economics paul gregory develops systematic explanations for the way terror was applied how terror agents were recruited how they carried out their jobs and how they were motivated the book draws on extensive recently opened archives of the gulag administration the politburo and state security agencies themselves to illuminate in new ways terror and repression in the soviet union as well as dictatorships in other times and places

Stalin's Instruments of Terror 2006

this is the first major study based on soviet documents and revelations of the soviet state security during the period 1939 1953 a period about which relatively little is known the book documents the role of stalin and the major players in massive crimes carried out during this period against the soviet people it also provides the first detailed biography of v s abakumov minister of state security 1946 1951 based on glasnost revelations and recently released archival material this study covers the operations of soviet state security from beriia s appointment in 1938 until stalin s death the book pays particular attention to the career of v s abakumov head of smersh counterintelligence during the war and minister in charge of the mgb the predecessor of the kgb from 1946 until his removal and arrest in july 1951 the author argues that terror remained the central feature of stalin's rule even after the great terror and he provides examples of how he micromanaged the repressions the book catalogs the major crimes committed by the security organs and the leading perpetrators and provides evidence that the crimes were similar to those for which the nazi leaders were punished after the war subjects covered include katvn and its aftermath the arrest and execution of senior military officers the killing of political prisoners near orel in september 1941 and the deportations of various nationalities during the war the post war period saw the aviator and leningrad affairs as well as the anti cosmopolitan

campaign whose target was mainly jewish intellectuals later chapters cover abakumov s downfall the hatching of the mingrelian and doctors plots and the events that followed stalin s death finally there are chapters on the fate of those who ran stalin s machinery of terror in the last 13 years of his rule these and other topics will be of concern to all students and scholars of soviet history and those interested in secret police and intelligence operations

Stalin's Terror Revisited 2006-06-13

laboratories of terror explores the final chapter of stalin s great terror in soviet ukraine when the communist party central committee and the council of people s commissars of the user halted mass operations in repression in november 1938 large numbers of mainly communist purge victims whose cases remained incomplete were released at the same time hundreds of nkvd operatives who had carried out the great terror were scapegoated and arrested drawing on materials from the largely closed archives of the soviet security police this collection of essays by an international team of researchers illuminates the previously opaque world of the nkvd perpetrator it uncovers the mechanics and logistics of the terror at the local level by examining the criminal files of a series of mid level nkvd operatives from across ukraine the result offers new perspectives on both stalin s central role in the architecture of the terror and nkvd perpetrators agency in implementing one of the most horrific episodes of twentieth century mass violence

Stalin, Order Through Terror 1981

this profile looks at how stalin despite being regarded as intellectually inferior by his rivals managed to rise to power and rule the largest country in the world achievieving divine like status as a dictator through recently uncovered research material and stalin s archives in moscow kuromiya analyzes how and why stalin was a rare even unique politician who literally lived by politics alone he analyses how stalin understood psychology campaigns well and how he used this understanding in his political reign and terror kuromiya provides a convincing concise and up to date analysis of stalin s political life

Terror by Quota 2009-01-01

a biographical account of the soviet union s infamous dictator from his childhood in georgia to his seminary studies and domination of the soviet people

The Lesser Terror 1996-05-16

examining stalin s reign of terror this text argues that the soviet people were not simply victims but also actors in the violence criticisms and local decisions of the 1930s it suggests that more believed in stalin s quest to eliminate internal enemies than were frightened by it

Laboratories of Terror 2023

between the summer of 1937 and november 1938 the stalinist regime arrested over 15 million people for counterrevolutionary and anti soviet activity and either summarily executed or exiled them to the gulag while we now know a great deal about the experience of victims of the great terror we know almost nothing about the lower and middle level narodnyi komissariat vnutrennikh del nkvd or secret police cadres who carried out stalin s murderous policies unlike the postwar public trials of nazi war criminals nkvd operatives were tried secretly and what exactly happened in those courtrooms was unknown until now in what has been dubbed the purge of the purgers almost one thousand nkvd officers were prosecuted by soviet military courts scapegoated for violating soviet law they were charged with multiple counts of fabrication of evidence falsification of interrogation protocols use of torture to secure confessions and murder during pre trial detention of suspects and many were sentenced to execution themselves the documentation generated by these trials including verbatim interrogation records and written confessions signed by perpetrators testimony by victims witnesses and experts and transcripts of court sessions provides a glimpse behind the curtains of the terror it depicts how the terror was implemented what happened and who was responsible demonstrating that orders from above worked in conjunction with a series of situational factors to shape the contours of state violence based on chilling and revelatory new archival documents from the ukrainian secret police archives stalinist perpetrators on trial illuminates the darkest recesses of soviet repression the interrogation room the prison cell and the place of execution and sheds new light on those who carried out the great terror

Stalin 2013-08-16

the brooding figure of stalin hovered over communist power in russia for most of its 74 years despite its achievements his regime practiced lawlessness and terror over a wide span of territory and people the question that arises is how was he able to exercise dictatorial rule over 170 million people in the many countries making up the soviet union for so long author hostettler questions whether a

different road could have been taken after the bolshevik revolution had succeeded he concludes that stalin s russia signals a warning against taking a wrong path in seeking human liberty and equality revolutionary law is no law at all and is no substitute for the rule of law

Joseph Stalin red terror 1996

for the first time stalin is officially portrayed as a vicious terrorist in a speech khrushchev made to the twentieth communist party congress

In the Shadow of Katyn 2002

the result of a unique international collaborative investigation by russian french and swiss scholars into hundreds of private unpublished diaries found in remote libraries archives and family holdings intimacy and terror paints a broad picture of russian life in the 1930s the harshest years of stalin s reign from ordinary citizens far removed from political turmoil to those actively engaged in political life intimacy and terror brings us the true life counterparts we remember from classic russian fiction

Life and Terror in Stalin's Russia, 1934-1941 1996

this is the first book to recover all original documents released by the british archives in 2002 and by the fbi completing the author s ten year study

Stalinist Perpetrators on Trial 2017-10-11

Law and Terror in Stalin's Russia 2003

The Anatomy of Terror 1979

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