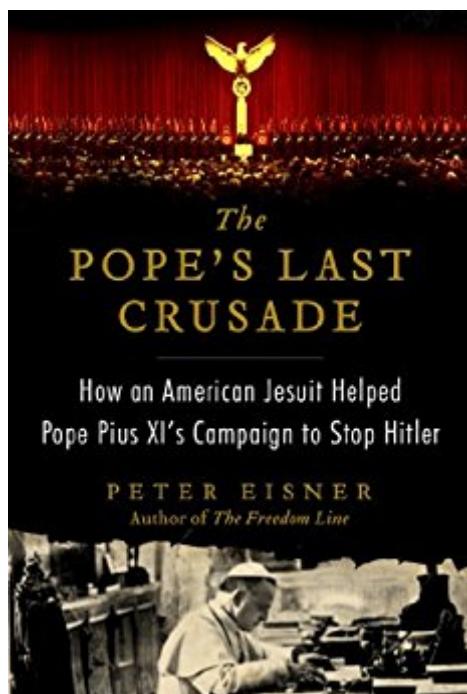


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Synopsis

Drawing on untapped resources, exclusive interviews, and new archival research, The Pope's Last Crusade by Peter Eisner is a thrilling narrative that sheds new light on Pope Pius XI's valiant effort to condemn Nazism and the policies of the Third Reich—a crusade that might have changed the course of World War II. A shocking tale of intrigue and suspense, illustrated with sixteen pages of archival photos, The Pope's Last Crusade: How an American Jesuit Helped Pope Pius XI's Campaign to Stop Hitler illuminates this religious leader's daring yet little-known campaign, a spiritual and political battle that would be derailed by Pius XI's death just a few months later. Peter Eisner reveals how Pius XI intended to unequivocally reject Nazism in one of the most unprecedented and progressive pronouncements ever issued by the Vatican, and how a group of conservative churchmen plotted to prevent it. For years, only parts of this story have been known. Eisner offers a new interpretation of this historic event and the powerful figures at its center in an essential work that provides thoughtful insight and raises controversial questions impacting our own time.

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The story of a Papal Encyclical, written by the courageous Pope Pius XI, which never made it to the eyes of the world. It is said that it would have prevented the deaths of thousands of German Catholics and Jewish people, so strong was the language he used against National Socialism and Mussolini's Facism, both ideologies born out of hatred of another race or religion. An American Jesuit helped him to write it. A famous author was this Jesuit, who wrote against racism, and, stood at the side of Martin Luther King...as he delivered his 'I have a dream' speech. It lays buried deep in the Vatican archives, this encyclical, though one paragraph was found and made it to this book.

I have read many books on history in my life, but had never read anything about Pope Pius XI. I came away from reading this book with a sense of profound admiration for him as well as great sadness that the efforts to decisively condemn the regimes of both Hitler and Mussolini that he was making at the end of his life were being effectively sabotaged.

Great Book Received it as a gift Enjoyed reading it alot did not take long to read

Caught my attention right away. Informative and revealing.

I was only after the whole story, but there were just too many details that after a while, I just skimmed through the last chapters. Very informative, though.

Good read, but misleading cover. Do not want to be a spoiler, however the cover should state how an American Jesuit tried to help the Pope.

A great insight to the inner workings of the Vatican and the major players of Catholicism leading up to WW2.

One of the best stories I've read

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