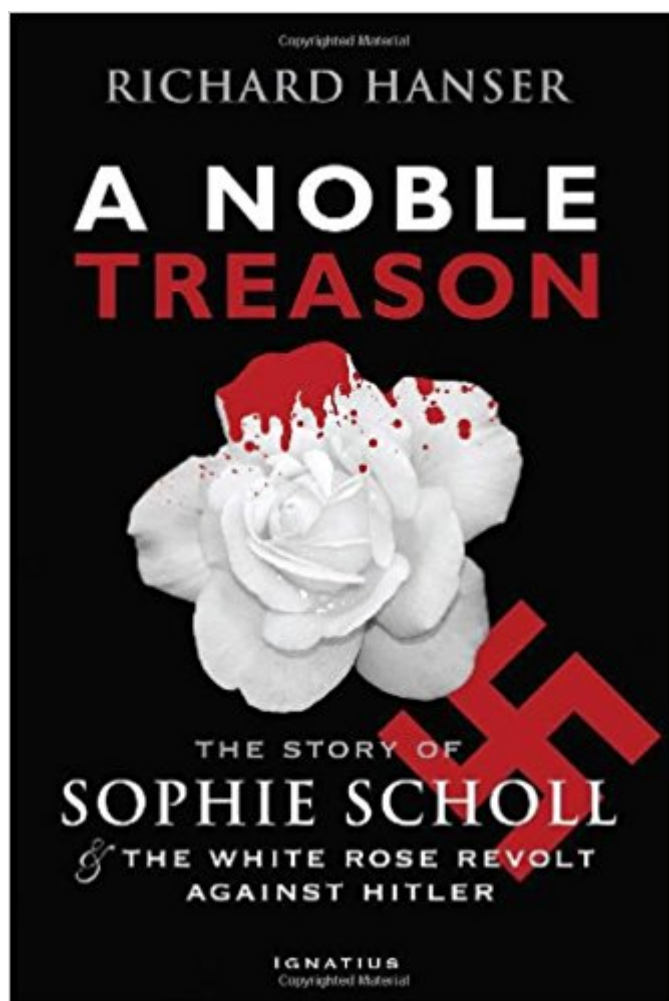


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A Noble Treason: The Story Of Sophie Scholl And The White Rose Revolt Against Hitler



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"I thought I knew the story of the White Rose pretty well, but Richard Hanser provides detail, context, and insight that I have not previously encountered. *A Noble Treason* is an exciting read and a tribute worthy of the defiance and the sacrifices made by those students at the University of

Munich when they were under the thumb of Hitler's minions." --Ronald J. Rychlak, Author, *Hitler, the War, and the Pope*"This vivid account gives witness to the true spirit of man. One can only marvel at the patience, ingenuity and determination of these students as they pit themselves against Hitler and his Third Reich. Undeterred by the price to be paid if they were caught, their story reminds us of what true courage is and of our responsibility to do what is right. . . despite the odds." --Kurt von Schuschnigg, Author, *When Hitler Took Austria*

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A hauntingly relevant story of the world in which we find ourselves today. A group of intelligent college students, a university professor, and a soldier offered all of their gifts and passions to be at the service of the Truth. The media belonged to Hitler, so this small group found a way to inform others of the moral crisis, that with its mark was painting the town with swastikas. Their heroic example of fidelity is written with crystal clear clarity and summons us to protect the common good of man, which can be done with our prayers, our voices, and our pens. "The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him." - G.K. Chesterton

This is third book on Sophie Scholl and the White Rose I have read in the past year. It is well written

and well researched. The White Rose was a small organization of students who defied the Nazi government by printing a series of six leaflets exposing the truth about the Nazi's. We are given a lot of back story on the various members of the group and they met and formed their plans. The book also mentions a link between the White Rose and another group of resisters called the Red Orchestra, by the Gestapo. The reason I have enjoyed the story of the White Rose is because it tells us a little known story that took place during the War. That some Germans risked their lives to defy Hitler and did what they could to try to let people know the truth about what was really going on in Germany. I would also recommend the German film Sophie Scholl the Last Five days. I recommend this book.

The first edition of this book was published in 1979 and yet it still has a timely and inspiring message. While so many books about World War II examine the battles and politics, few examine them from the eyes of young adults whose heroics were not on the battlefield but in their thoughts and convictions. When you read about the members of the White Rose, the reaction is to think how you might have responded to tyranny at such a young age. I think the book describes the personality and character of the White Rose members in insightful detail. While the story of the White Rose is not particularly complex, the people who made up the organization were. In the US now there certainly is nothing comparable to what people faced in Nazi Germany and thus one might consider this book just an interesting record of history. Yet I found the story to be inspiring and a good point of reference when dealing with the relatively minor challenges we now deal with. So many people simply make the best of what they can from the situation they are in. It is the rare person who tries and risks everything to improve the situation. This is a good read. It is well worth your time and money.

I wish I could give this book ten stars. I underlined numerous passages on each page, made notes in the margins, dog eared pages, and have taken it on trips, hence the slightly bent cover and pages. That's proof of a well loved book!! Eloquenty written, it presented the true story of Hans and Sophie Scholl's revolt against Nazi tyranny in a beautiful, thoughtful way that caused tears at times. I love this book so much.

I was a little dismayed in the first chapter, where the end is pretty much revealed, but soon forgot that dismay as I read the rest of the book. This book is riveting and holds you throughout. It is a little known story about the first spark of resistance in Nazi Germany. To be honest, it seems as if the

book is more about Sophie's brother, Hans than it is about her, though she seems to be the more well known of the co-conspirators. I would love to see this book as a movie!

A.M.D.G. From "A Noble Treason" I learned Hans and Sophie Scholl were Rescuers and Martyrs and had the guts to condemn Hitler and Nazi's treatment of Jews, Catholic priests, et al . This book is a page turner and I now pray to and for Hans and Sophie. I regretted for the story to end because I became a friend and admirer of the Scholls family. Noble Treason also is a good review of WWII and Nazi's. I have made 19 visits to Holocaust museums from coast-to-coast and I always see their photos and brief story at each museum. Thank you for telling this great story. SK John Francis, PGK -Darien, IL

For any one interested in what it takes to stand up for what is right by God's standards, this is a very good read. Those who remember Naziism or who want to know what it takes, and costs, to protest other forms of dictatorships. In this world of looking out for yourself the hero's of this book are much different in their beliefs.

I knew nothing of the White Rose resistance movement to the horrors perpetrated by the Nazi regime in wartime Germany until recently, when my discovery led me to seek out books covering it. This is without question one of the best.

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