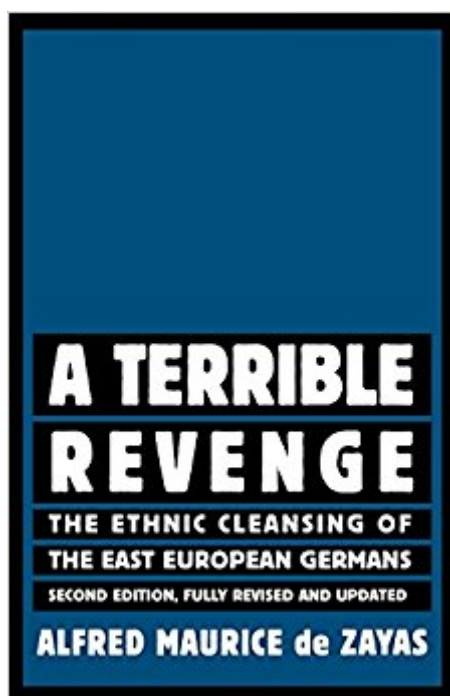


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# A Terrible Revenge: The Ethnic Cleansing Of The East European Germans



## Synopsis

The genocidal barbarism of the Nazi forces has been well documented. What is little known is the fate of fifteen million German civilians who found themselves on the wrong side of new postwar borders. All over Eastern Europe, the inhabitants of communities that had been established for many centuries were either expelled or killed. Over two million Germans did not survive. Some of these people had supported Hitler, but the great majority were guiltless. In *A Terrible Revenge*, de Zayas describes this horrible retribution. This new edition includes an updated foreword, epilogue and additional information from recent interviews with the children of the displaced.

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De Zayas has uncovered testimony in German and American archives detailing these atrocities, adding a new chapter to the annals of human cruelty. His carefully documented book serves as a reminder that many different peoples have been subjected to ethnic cleansing. Publishers Weekly DeZayas's moving plea is that one's home should be a human right. As frontiers once more shift in Eastern Europe, he could hardly have chosen a better moment to deliver it. The Times (London)

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Pleased with the book. Helped to educate me to the plight of German expellee's after WWII in eastern Europe.

An excellent historical account of what happened at and after the conclusion of World War II that is not commonly discussed. The allies did not live up to their stated goal of self-determination, democracy, and liberation of all peoples. A must read....

Family history, what a shame this is never made public.

Zayas brings a welcome emotional and personal dimension to the tragic story of the post World War II expulsion of German residents from the Eastern Europe countries in which they had lived for 100s of years. While other writers have purposely avoided first-person testimonials from expulsion victims and the heart-rending stories related by their descendants, Zayas happily - and without apology - includes this material and more giving this tragedy a truly human face.

As a student of European history, WWII usually ends with the division of Germany and the Marshall plan. What is not presented is the massive population shifts that occurred for the next 15 years as 18 million people changed countries and borders shifted West. Minorities in Central and Eastern Europe were brutally expelled under the fog of Soviet control and West Germany was repopulated by emigres from the East. Millions of people lost all they had, homes they had lived in for hundreds of years. My father-in-law was one of them.

I ordered 2 copies of this book, one for myself and one for a relative whose family left Silesia. I had previously ordered a copy for another friend. The book is fascinating and provides insight into a chapter of history that is frequently deliberately ignored. Who wants to read about Allied crimes against humanity?! The author has researched the material exhaustively and presents it skillfully in a highly readable form without neglecting any significant aspects of this horrendous period of European history. While covering a painful subject, A Terrible Revenge is not as painful as the more

detailed examination of the Allied Occupation covered by "After the Reich." However, one very significant problem was that there are 32 pages missing in the book, pages 23 through 54. The chapter "Expulsion Prehistory" is almost entirely missing and much of the chapter "War and Flight" is also missing. A further annoyance is the fact that page 86 is followed by page 55, so you get an extra 30 pages without anything new. A Terrible Revenge is an important, highly informative, well-written work poorly printed.

No worse figurative monument exists than the record of how "the allies" treated the German People after having defeated their government. In a more objective and fair-minded era, far in the future (should we ever see one...) - This work will be a testament to the hypocrisy and murderous indifference of supposedly high-minded conquerors to their unfortunate victims.

A Terrible Revenge exposes the facts concerning the outrageous treatment of Germans from 1944 through 1949. These innocent Germans, mostly women, children, and older people were living in their ancestral lands. The WWII allies redrew the boundaries so that these lands no longer belonged to the Germans. The ethnic people to whom these lands were assigned beat, robbed, raped, and murdered the Germans living there. This is history that is little known to people and that is not taught in school. This book and others like it should be widely read.

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