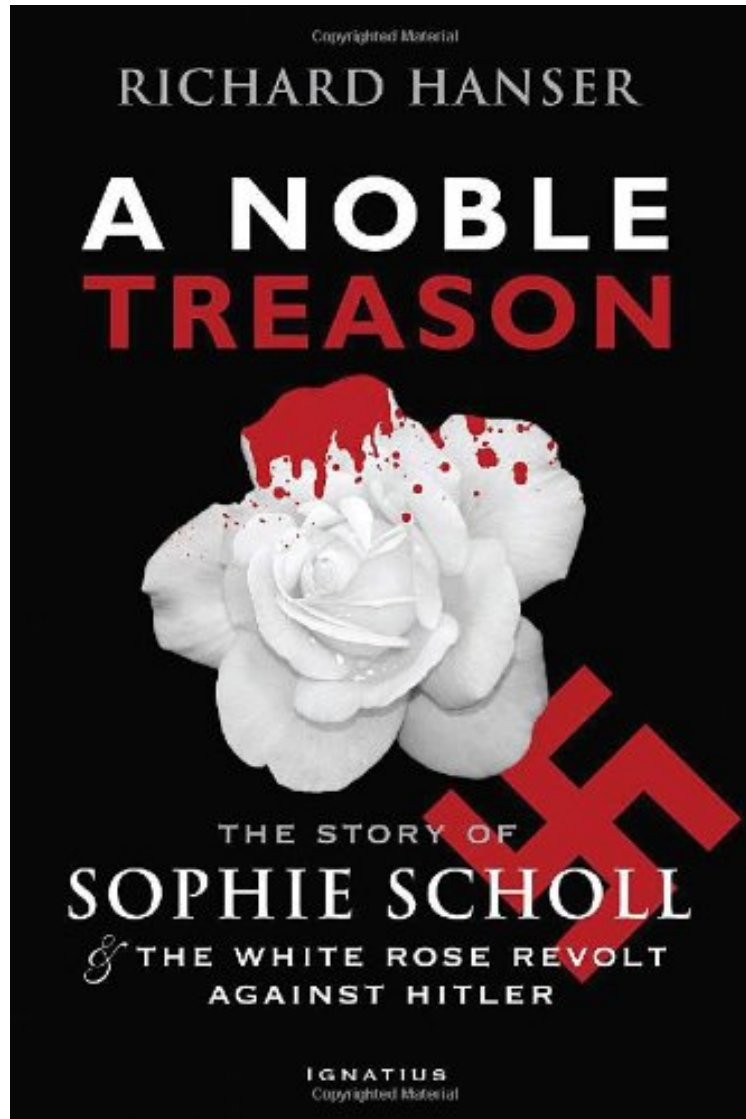


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organization of students who defied the Nazi government by printing a series of six leaflets exposing the truth about the Nazi's. We are given a lot of back story on the various members of the group and they met and formed their plans. The book also mentions a like between the White Rose and another group of resistors 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. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. An Inspirational Story By Michael E. Martin 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. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. That's proof of a well loved book! By Emily 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!! Eloquently 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.

Sophie Scholl and her brother Hans were handsome, bright university students in 1942 Germany. As members of the Hitler Youth, they had once been enthusiastic supporters of the German renewal promised by National Socialism. But as their realization of Nazi barbarism grew, so did their moral outrage. Hans and Sophie formed a small group of like-minded friends, which initially included two medical students, a student of philosophy, and a fifty-year-old professor. They self-identified as Christians from various traditions--Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox--and they called themselves the White Rose. In a darkened studio lent them by an artist, they printed eloquent anti-Nazi leaflets, which they ingeniously spread throughout Germany. A Noble Treason tells the true story of this underground group at the University of Munich that instigated, organized, and carried out the first overt resistance to Hitler's regime. What gives A Noble Treason its unforgettable and inspiring quality is the personality, character, and courage of the White Rose members, as they resisted the pull of wartime patriotism and overcame their fear of the terrible price they would pay for their dissidence. The story of the White Rose is one of faith-inspired idealism in deadly conflict with ideological tyranny. Its theme is the ultimate victory of that idealism despite its bloody--and seemingly final--destruction by the state

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