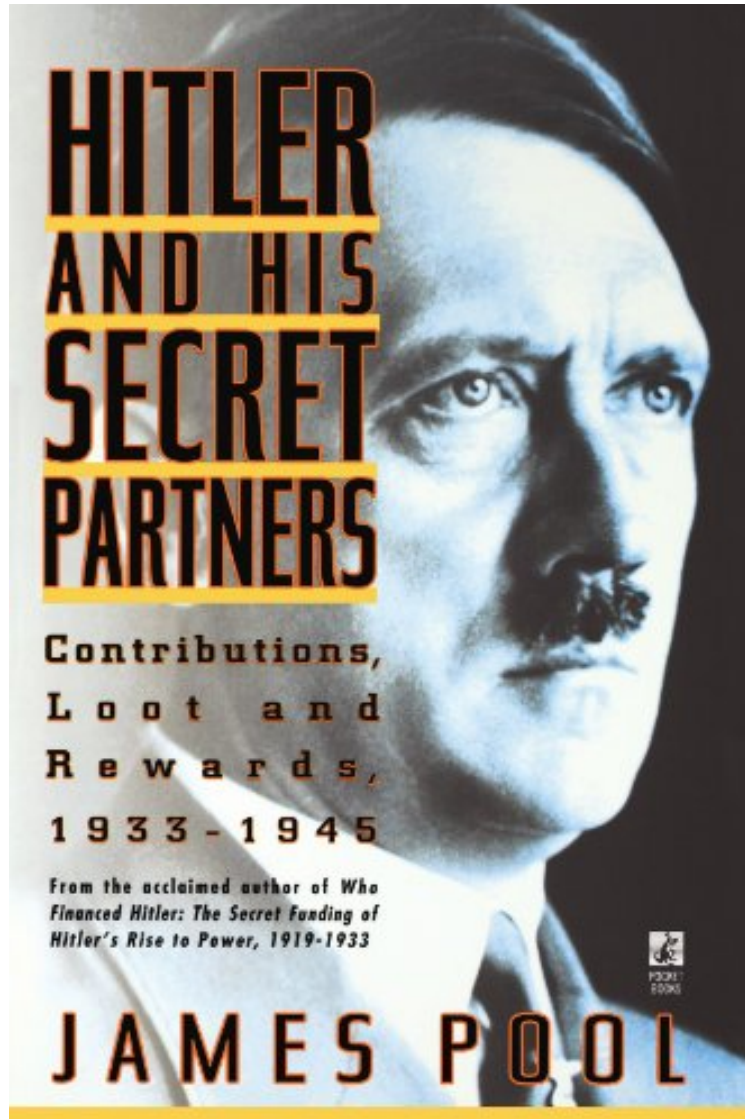


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.com James Pool's *Hitler and His Secret Partners* exposes Nazi financial machinations dating from Hitler's seizure of power in 1933 to the end of his dictatorship in 1945. In this sequel to his acclaimed *Who Financed Hitler*, Pool contends that "looting and plundering were the primary motives" of the Nazi elite, arguing that these men waged war and effected genocide in order to line their pockets. While there have been dozens of explanations of the motives behind the murderous actions of the Third Reich, *Hitler and His Secret Partners* stands out for its focus on the sheer greediness of the Nazi regime and its collaborators. Pool thoroughly explores how German industrialists reaped immense profits from slave labor and conquest, arguing that Hitler's status among these powerful men was transformed from pampered front man to ruthless master. The most interesting contribution of this book is the story of how Hitler's financial partners spared German industry from the Führer's desperate plans for destruction and sealed his fate in the last days of the war. Pool has furthered the argument of his previous book that lust for money must be counted among anti-Semitism and totalitarianism as the primary elements within Nazi ideology. Although readers will find a more comprehensive treatment of Nazi beliefs and Hitler's place within the Third Reich in Ian Kershaw's *Hitler 1889-1933: Hubris*, *Hitler and His Secret Partners* nevertheless demonstrates the importance of economic considerations within the Nazi state. --James Highfill Orlando Sentinel Pool re-examine[s] the entire operation of the Third Reich -- including the Holocaust -- in economic terms....A persuasive argument that money, and not necessarily fanaticism and anti-Semitism, was at the heart of German ideology....Associated Press An excellent book. Anderson Independent-Mail (SC) For a concise, highly readable version of how World War II happened, it's hard to beat James Pool's *Hitler and His Secret Partners*....an excellent account of the road to war, the battles won and lost, and the fall of Nazi Germany....Pool...convey[s] these facts in a seamless narrative. About the Author In the early 1970s, James Pool traveled extensively in Germany, interviewing many former Nazis who actually helped finance Hitler or were personally close to him. He also interviewed Allied intelligence officers and surviving slave laborers who worked for German companies. He has BA and MA degrees from the University of Cincinnati. Mr. Pool is also the author of *Who Financed Hitler: The Secret Funding of Hitler's Rise to Power, 1919-1933*, now completely revised and updated, and available in trade paperback from Pocket Books.