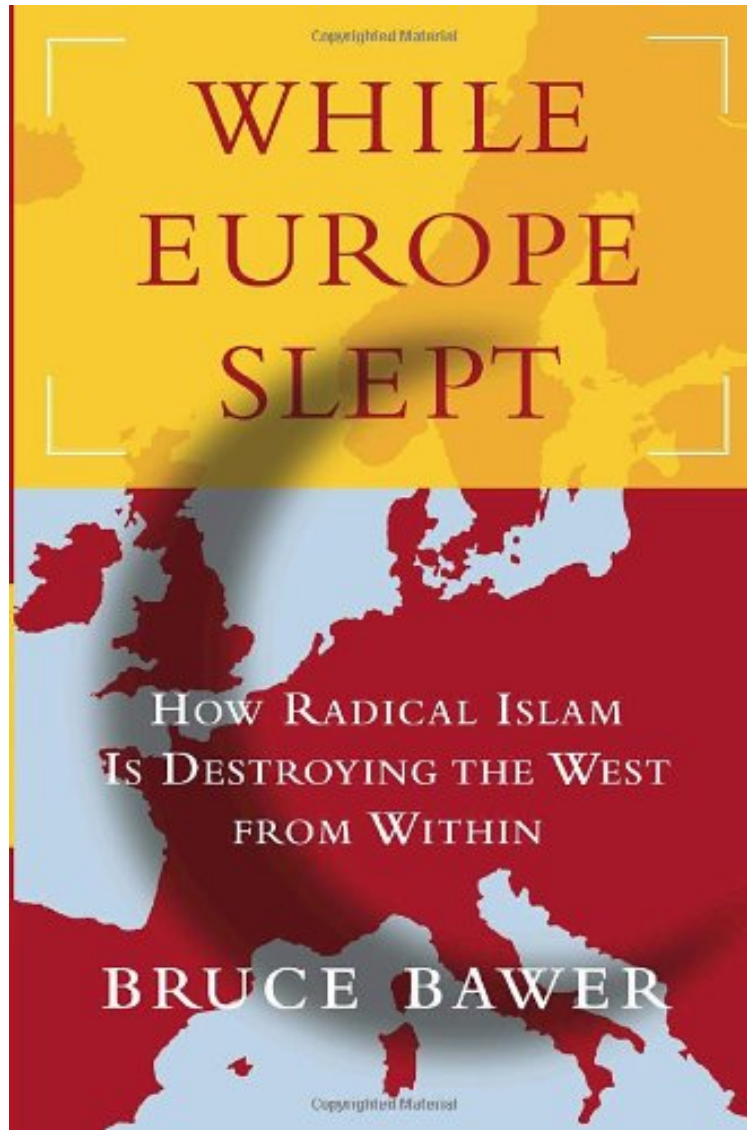


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**Bruce Bawer : While Europe Slept: How Radical Islam is Destroying the West from Within** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised While Europe Slept: How Radical Islam is Destroying the West from Within:

12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Good Info For All, and Specifically American ReadersBy A. ReaderI bought this book without much investigation, basing my purchase primarily on the title and desire for more

knowledge on the subject that title described. I was initially dismayed by the author's liberal slant in the beginning, but as I always strive to read opinions from all sides, I resolved to slog through the book...and I am glad I did. Mr. Bawer's opinions evolved as the book went on. He is not a right wing conservative who identified a subject he wanted to write about; rather, he was an American who was unhappy with some of the aspects of his country and thought he had discovered a paradise in Europe (specifically Amsterdam) and moved there, only to find Europe was changing. His book details his thoughts of how the paradise he loved was rapidly disappearing through the refusal of the continent's inhabitants to prevent its mutation. The book is broken into three large chapters, the final chapter dealing specifically with the subject of radical Islam and how it is destroying the fabric of European life. The first two chapters are written in a stream of consciousness style, as the author wanders from one subject to another and then back again. Much of these first two chapters deal more with the author's evolving opinions (my impression, not the author actively stating this). However, while I would have preferred the facts to be presented in a different manner, I could not stop reading. Mr. Bawer went into great detail on how Europeans think, which helped greatly to explain some of their views concerning America as well as why many of them are ignoring the danger they are facing from radical Islam. The author takes great pains to separate moderate Muslims from radical Islamists and paints a fair picture of everyone involved, pulling no punches when he feels that politicians or activists are out of line or misrepresenting (or ignoring) the facts. Even though this book was written ten years ago, much of it is still informative and serves as a warning concerning events that are still happening in today's world.

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Prepare To Be Shocked By Rene

This book is a tremendous eye-opener to what has been going on in Europe for several decades, and here in the U.S. for a bit less time, (although for longer than you might think) in terms of Muslim ascendancy. Written in 2006, this gentleman is a gay man who left the U.S. because of the climate here for homosexuals and moved to one of the Scandinavian countries expecting better treatment. He was surprised and disheartened by his plight there which was driven by the influx of Muslims. This led him to thoroughly research what was happening in Europe in this regard and these findings are the substance of this book. Prepare to be blown away and dare I say fearful for the future of the West. Then again, I believe the future is here.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A True Story of the Destruction of European Culture and Law from Within By Kenneth Ellman

Kenneth Ellman Reviews While Europe Slept by Bruce Bawer email: ke@kennethellman.com, Newton, New Jersey 07860

It may surprise many people but I first read a book by Bruce Bawer in 2010. What is more interesting is that when I speak to many intelligent ladies and fellows they also have not read Mr. Bawer. Certainly he is not as well known as some fictional writers who are so popular but in my opinion contribute nothing to the well being of the human animal. So much "literature" is written and sells well that really is nothing more than a distraction from living and to me has no value. Best Sellers indeed! Not to me. Now and then you will come across an author like Bruce Bawer who has an interesting life, a razor sharp perception and valuable information that you ignore at your peril. He also seems to have something that is unfortunately in short supply in this world, Courage. Particularly Courage of your convictions. SO, I read While Europe Slept and like many of my favorite books which I have reviewed I read it twenty times or so over the couple of years it came to my attention. I still enjoy it. It is the story of cultural, legal and internal violence against Europe by Islamic thought and Islamic believers. It is the story of the failure of Europe to understand, accept and meet this threat to its own people and way of life. This book is fast paced, rapidly taking you from one incident to another always with commentary offering the author's perspective. Contrary to the opinion of other reviewers I believe the incidents are sufficiently documented and described to confirm authenticity. Most dramatically the book brings into focus the Islamic attack upon a fundamental human right so long and painfully fought for and which any loss or diminishment of has consequences beyond predictability. That right is Freedom of Speech and of the Press. The violence and destruction brought into view by Mr. Bawer when viewed through his lens of the threat to Freedom of Speech and the Press brings the danger to our way of life as a fire to our face. This is not a political or religious question. It is a question of our self definition of what it means to be human and communicate and speak. In order for me to accept a book as valuable it must have certain features such as being well written in the sense of communicating ideas clearly. While some of my scientific and medical books may require me to read a passage or sentence many times to fully understand it, because I am a slow learner, a book such as While Europe Slept should flow easily in the mind and be understandable on first read. Mr. Bawer has certainly done that and done it well. While Europe Slept is a current event of how the civilization that we know of as Europe is allowing itself to be destroyed by fellow human beings who hate and despise it. Yes a little strange, but when a nation such as France or England or Germany etc., allows many new immigrants, legal and illegal to take up residence and yet reject, despise and hate their new country we should ask why? Adolf Hitler almost destroyed European Civilization and he was native born. But in the act of destruction by Hitler, Europe had to confront itself and its contradictions. At the end of World War 2, those issues and choices were settled and Europe survived. The United States had rescued Europe from itself. As the years went on Europe arose from the ashes of war to become a beacon of light again. NOW, Europe is faced with the strange anomaly of destruction from within. It is strange not because of the damage caused by a foreign Islamic people who hate Europe, as that is just a part of life. What is strange is the apparent acquiescence of the European nations and people to their own internal end, an end of their language, law and cultural heritage. How could this be?? Bruce Bawer

tells this timely story by a combination of his personal experience, his survey of news reports, and his analysis of what he perceives with his own eyes and ears. It rings true. He is a first class reporter and analyst of current events in Europe today. As the author shows Europe is under attack and it is a overt violent confrontation with the ability of Europeans to function and live from day to day. There is no subtlety here. There is an obvious announcement and course of conduct to undermine and destroy the legal protections that define European Civilization and Western Civilization itself. The descriptions of Islamic cultural onslaught in Europe with full acquiescence of the governments and people of Europe cannot be disputed. Bruce Bawer gives insights into the European mind that are readily available to anyone who took the time and effort to look. But many of us did not and his book brings this confrontation with Islamic intolerance and hatred into clear focus with an overlay of the European mind and its self destructive behavior. Buy this book and learn. Kenneth Ellman, email: ke@kennethellman.com, Box 18, Newton, New Jersey 07860

The struggle for the soul of Europe today is every bit as dire and consequential as it was in the 1930s. Then, in Weimar, Germany, the center did not hold, and the light of civilization nearly went out. Today, the continent has entered yet another Weimar moment. Will Europeans rise to the challenge posed by radical Islam, or will they cave in once again to the extremists? As an American living in Europe since 1998, Bruce Bawer has seen this problem up close. Across the continent in Amsterdam, Oslo, Copenhagen, Paris, Berlin, Madrid, and Stockholm he encountered large, rapidly expanding Muslim enclaves in which women were oppressed and abused, homosexuals persecuted and killed, infidels threatened and vilified, Jews demonized and attacked, barbaric traditions (such as honor killing and forced marriage) widely practiced, and freedom of speech and religion firmly repudiated. The European political and media establishment turned a blind eye to all this, selling out women, Jews, gays, and democratic principles generally even criminalizing free speech in order to pacify the radical Islamists and preserve the illusion of multicultural harmony. The few heroic figures who dared to criticize Muslim extremists and speak up for true liberal values were systematically slandered as fascist bigots. Witnessing the disgraceful reaction of Europe's elites to 9/11, to the terrorist attacks on Madrid, Beslan, and London, and to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, Bawer concluded that Europe was heading inexorably down a path to cultural suicide. Europe's Muslim communities are powder kegs, brimming with an alienation born of the immigrants deep antagonism toward an infidel society that rejects them and compounded by misguided immigration policies that enforce their segregation and empower the extremists in their midst. The mounting crisis produced by these deeply perverse and irresponsible policies finally burst onto our television screens in October 2005, as Paris and other European cities erupted in flames. *WHILE EUROPE SLEPT* is the story of one American's experience in Europe before and after 9/11, and of his many arguments with Europeans about the dangers of militant Islam and America's role in combating it. This brave and invaluable book with its riveting combination of eye-opening reportage and blunt, incisive analysis is essential reading for anyone concerned about the fate of Europe and what it portends for the United States.

From Publishers Weekly Having recently published an indictment of Christian fundamentalist intolerance in the U.S. (*Stealing Jesus*), New York native Bawer relocated to Europe with his Norwegian partner in 1998 and found an even more dangerous strain of religious and cultural bigotry ensnaring Western Europe. A swarming menace called radical Islam, he writes, rings Europe's cities in smoldering Muslim ghettos, provoking everything from so-called honor killings and political assassinations to the Madrid subway bombings and the massacre of school children in Beslan. Worse, the Taliban-like theocracy Bawer sees looming inside backward immigrant populations resistant to integration flourishes under the protective wing of Western Europe's America-bashing, multicultural, liberal establishment. The latter correspond to the appeasers of Nazi Germany, in Bawer's view, since he believes that radical Islamism is every bit the threat to Western civilization that Nazism was. He scoffs at talk of "understanding" or "dialogue," indeed, at any but the most muscular response hitching Europe ever tighter to the U.S. war on terror. His clash-of-civilizations outlook means real issues often get washed away by sweeping statements designed to tar Europe's Muslims with one irredeemably hostile, welfare-sponging brush, while trading in well-worn stereotypes about virtuous American "realists" and corrupt European "idealists." (Mar.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Bookmarks Magazine Bruce Bawer, who has wrestled previously about American fundamentalism (*Stealing Jesus*) and gay rights (*A Place at the Table*), finds an equally contentious and compelling subject in the blind eye of European liberalism. Enchanted by the famed tolerance of Amsterdam, Bawer moved to Europe in 1998. But after settling in a predominantly Muslim neighborhood, the author noticed a society that offered "millions in aid, but not a penny in salary." ers find Bawer an eloquent writer with his passion balanced between his American sensibilities and his European residence. The sharpest criticism that a lack of a bibliography turns *While Europe Slept* into an exercise in pamphleteering doesn't undermine the ultimate effectiveness, or importance, of Bawer's thesis. Copyright 2004 Phillips Nelson Media, Inc. From Booklist \*Starred\* When cultural journalist Bawer moved to the Netherlands and then Norway, he found societies in which tolerance and civility were ubiquitous and social services provided from cradle to grave. But he soon discovered smug, ill-informed anti-Americanism, especially among politicians, academics, and the media, and a stifling political correctness that allowed biting the hand that feeds

as long as the fed could claim minority status. Particularly alarming was the fact that Muslims were never criticized, Muslim-committed crimes largely overlooked. Brought to trial, Muslims were often acquitted on peculiar grounds and enjoyed all of Western Europe's welfare, which they take disproportionately to their numbers, including government subsidization of mosques. Bawer cites instance after instance to bolster his contention that Western Europe is on the brink of losing Western European ways of life, beginning with personal liberties. He hopes for a liberal reaction that will get tough with the enormously bold, bullying Islamic fundamentalists, who seem to have utterly cowed the so-called moderate Islamic majority. He fears fundamentalist Islamicization of Western Europe or, instead, the reemergence of racist fascism. A book of the utmost importance, full of deep concern for Europe and almost unbelievable revelations for most Americans. Ray Olson Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved