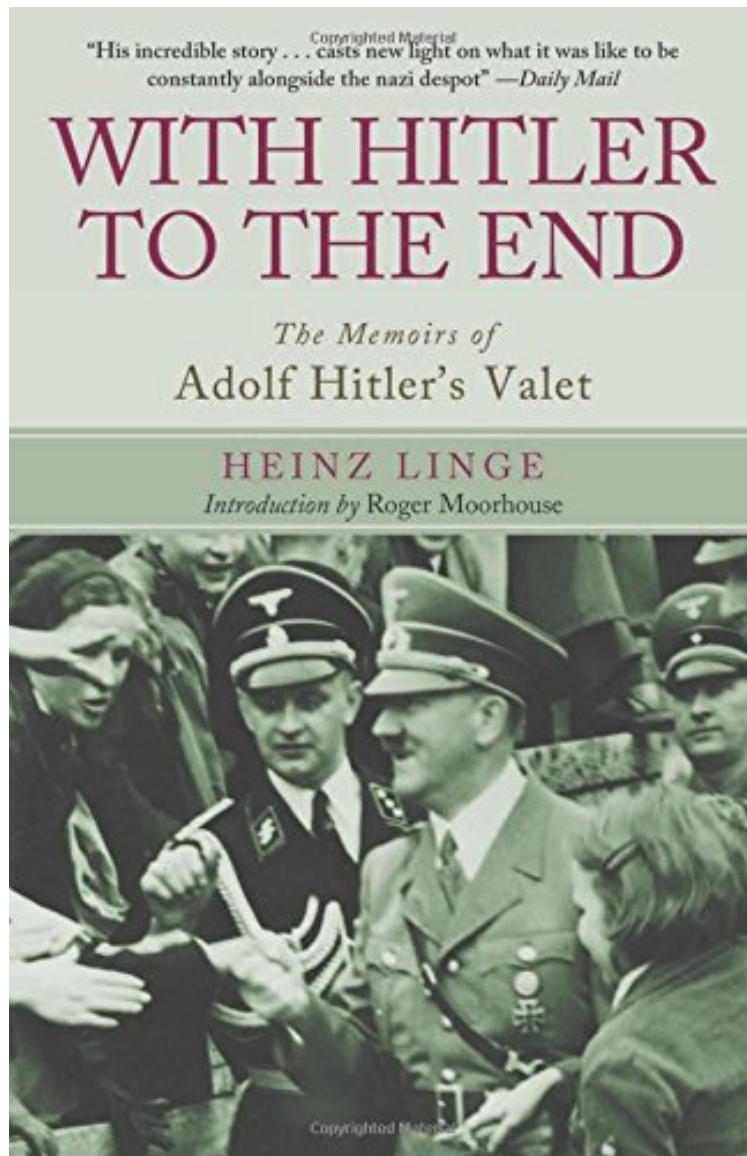


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81 of 83 people found the following review helpful. What der Butler didn't miss!By Devil's Advocate" I had a theatre box on history, and remained in it until it collapsed..."Thus speaks Heinz Linge, personal valet to Hitler from 1935

until the suicide 10 years later. For those few (post-"Downfall") who still view Hitler as some kind of supernatural ogre or maniacal beast this book will truly be a revelation. For the rest of us, intrigued as to who this man was, this book is another fascinating fragment in a compelling mosaic. The best way to picture Linge is outside the Fuhrer's bedroom last thing at night and first thing in the morning. Never farther than arm's length from his master for the last decade of his life. Linge comes across as apolitical although clearly intoxicated by his attendance on this human phenomenon. There are some absolutely priceless vignettes to savour in this honest, even-tempered and even-handed account: From the banal; Hitler kept a chest expander under his bed, he wore large cap visors to block out light... to the bizarre; a woman claimed Hitler raped her, Hitler admired the man who tried to assassinate him in 1939 and utilised him to design other bombs, to the exotic; Hitler and Eva caught embracing by Linge, Hitler possibly visiting his illegitimate child and former mistress during his tour of the WW1 battlefields... etc. And that's before you get to the pen pictures of Bormann (a brute), Goebbels (engaging and loyal), Goering (brave but absurd) and Hess (loved by all). An absolute cracker of a book with the pleasant and unpretentious Linge slowly descending into Hell. Unmissable unless you have no interest whatsoever in History and it's human carnival of characters. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Quite good! By susann This memoir is told dispassionately by the man who perhaps knew the real Hitler best in his final years. He was even entrusted with procuring the fuel and seeing that Adolf and Eva Hitler's bodies were burned as per Hitler's instructions to him. Hitler didn't feel the need to hide his illnesses, fatigue or depressive moods from Linge. And he took him everywhere with him. Since Hitler trusted very few at the end, this is a fascinating account of the day to day Hitler. Linge didn't question anything Hitler did or said, seemed in awe and respectful of him. If he had any private qualms, he kept them to himself, though he didn't seem intelligent enough, even by his own admission, to query anything about the Third Reich policies. Quite sad is his reporting of the wedding a day before Hitler and his wife committed suicide and the moments after the six Goebbels children were put to sleep by a doctor. This even after the staff offered to raise them. Very insightful. 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. As of lately... By Alfonso Llana... I have read a lot of books by people close to Hitler. Hitler to the End offers two things that many of the others do not: -many Ferer secrets i.e. the person to person perceptions of someone REALLY close to Hitler. Herr Linge opinions are not about political or military issues, in fact Linge says in many passages of the book that he was not present during this and that meeting or conversation, but he gives us a coffee table opinion of the very human Adolf Hitler. Shocking, is not it? Yes, ladies and gentlemen, Hitler was human, very much, he was even a nice person according to the book and that precisely makes Hitler's evil behavior even the most frightening-last but not least, Heinz Linge DOES NOT claim through pages and pages that he is full of remorse and that he loved Hitler then but now he (Linge) saw the light and rejects him. On the contrary. Linge seems to admire his Boss very much as a person, even 30 or so years after everything happened. I find that a very honest position. Hitler WAS charming and a very good boss with a simple mind as Herr Linge, why should Linge denied his admiration and appreciation? In short, although this book is a far cry from other "profound" books about Hitler, is nonetheless very entertaining and informative. As a book is very nice. A nice letter size, pictures, hardcover with dustjacket and a very comfortable size to hold. Nice product.

Heinz Linge worked with Adolf Hitler for a ten-year period from 1935 until the Fhrers death in the Berlin bunker in May 1945. He was one of the last to leave the bunker and was responsible for guarding the door while Hitler killed himself. During his years of service, Linge was responsible for all aspects of Hitlers household and was constantly by his side. Here, Linge recounts the daily routine in Hitlers household: his eating habits, his foibles, his preferences, his sense of humor, and his private life with Eva Braun. After the war Linge said in an interview, It was easier for him to sign a death warrant for an officer on the front than to swallow bad news about the health of his dog. Linge also charts the changes in Hitlers character during their time together and his fading health during the last years of the war. During his last days, Hitlers right eye began to hurt intensely and Linge was responsible for administering cocaine drops to kill the pain. In a number of instances such as with the Stauffenberg bomb plot of July 1944 Linge gives an excellent eyewitness account of events. He also gives thumbnail profiles of the prominent members of Hitlers court": Hess, Speer, Bormann and Ribbentrop amongst them. Though Linge held an SS rank, he claims not to have been a Nazi Party member. His profile of one of historys worst demons is not blindly uncritical, but it is nonetheless affectionate. The Hitler that emerges is a multi-faceted individual: unpredictable and demanding, but not of an otherwise unpleasant nature. Skyhorse Publishing, along with our Arcade, Good Books, Sports Publishing, and Yucca imprints, is proud to publish a broad range of biographies, autobiographies, and memoirs. Our list includes biographies on well-known historical figures like Benjamin Franklin, Nelson Mandela, and Alexander Graham Bell, as well as villains from history, such as Heinrich Himmler, John Wayne Gacy, and O. J. Simpson. We have also published survivor stories of World War II, memoirs about overcoming adversity, first-hand tales of adventure, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

The scariest thing about [With Hitler to the End is its] showing that Hitler could be quite charming a seemingly regular

guy, or at least as regular as anyone who killed millions could ever be. Of interest to anyone seeking more insight into the everyday life of one of history's monsters. (Ed Goedecken - Library Journal) About the Author Heinz Linge was born in Bremen, Germany in March 1913. He worked as Hitler's valet until the Führer shot himself in 1945. He was arrested by the Red Army, which interrogated him about the circumstances of Hitler's death. Linge was released from Soviet captivity in 1955. He died in Bremen in March 1980. Roger Moorhouse is a leading expert on the Third Reich and is the author of *Killing Hitler: The Third Reich and the Plots against the Führer*.