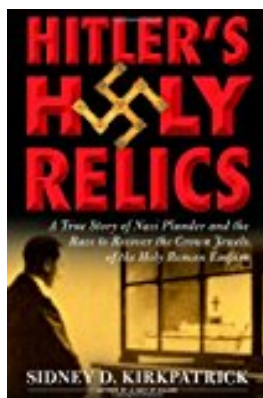


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**From Publishers Weekly** In this fast-paced history, Kirkpatrick (*A Cast of Killers*) describes the efforts of German-born Walter Horn, a U.S. Army first lieutenant and art historian, to locate the

missing crown, orb, scepter, imperial sword, and ceremonial sword of the Holy Roman Empire in Europe at the end of WWII. The objects, along with the Holy Lance of Longinus and many other artifacts, had been stolen by the Nazis from Austria after the Anschluss in 1938 and, conceivably, could have been used by Nazis to motivate Germans in the creation of a Fourth Reich. Through research, investigation, and amateur detective work, Horn explored the continuing threats inherent in Nazi mythology while successfully solving the core mystery of the disappearance of the crown jewels. Definitely speculative in the suggestion that a mysterious new order of Teutonic Knights might exist for malevolent political purposes, Horn's story is an interesting footnote to the history of WWII. 24 pages of b&w photos; 2 maps. (*May 11*)

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**From** Even before WWII began, Allied intelligence services knew that Hitler and several other top Nazis had a fascination with the occult and placed strong symbolic value on and even endowed some historical relics with mystical powers. During the course of the war, Nazi officials confiscated a gigantic number of artistic treasures and artifacts. Many of these were stored in vast underground bunkers placed across Germany. As the Third Reich collapsed in early 1945, Walter Horn, a prominent German-born art historian in civilian life, had the role of interrogating captured German soldiers for an intelligence unit of the U.S. Third Army. A seemingly routine questioning of a POW revealed the existence of one of these bunkers in Nürnberg. Horn filed his report, and to his surprise, he was put in charge of a search team whose goal was to locate some priceless artifacts missing from the bunker, including the crown jewels of the Holy Roman Empire. Kirkpatrick chronicles the search effort in a fast-moving account filled with surprising twists, turns, and revelations. --Jay Freeman

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