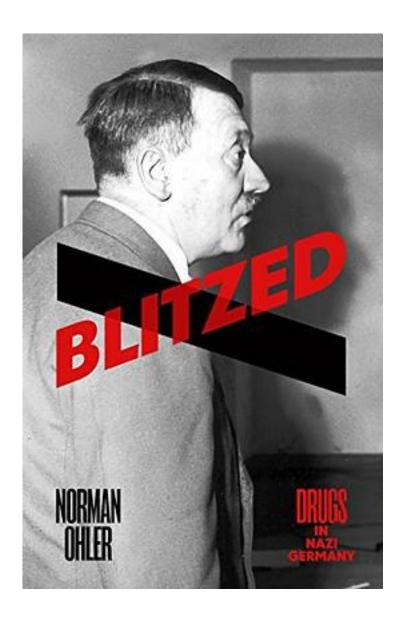
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A fast-paced narrative that discovers a surprising perspective on World War II: Nazi Germany's all-consuming reliance on drugs

The Nazi regime preached an ideology of physical, mental, and moral purity. But as Norman Ohler reveals in this gripping new history, the Third Reich was saturated with drugs. On the eve of World War II, Germany was a pharmaceutical powerhouse, and companies such as Merck and Bayer cooked up cocaine, opiates, and, most of all, methamphetamines, to be consumed by everyone from factory workers to housewives to millions of German soldiers. In fact, troops regularly took rations of a form of crystal meth—the elevated energy and feelings of invincibility associated with the high even help to explain certain German military victories.

Drugs seeped all the way up to the Nazi high command and, especially, to Hitler himself. Over the course of the war, Hitler became increasingly dependent on injections of a cocktail of drugs—including a form of heroin—administered by his personal doctor. While drugs alone cannot explain the Nazis' toxic racial theories or the events of World War II, Ohler's investigation makes an overwhelming case that, if drugs are not taken into account, our understanding of the Third Reich is fundamentally incomplete.

Carefully researched and rivetingly readable, Blitzed throws surprising light on a history that, until now, has remained in the shadows.

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评论

这本书不仅讲了元首本人是如何从坚决痛恨、打击毒品和一切兴奋剂,一直走到体内注射了无穷数量的毒品和各种动物内脏提取物的不归路的故事;更重要的是,它细致而又生动地描绘了从第三帝国建立之前,直到1945年五月,整个德意志土地上对待毒品的态度,和制造、消费毒品的情况(包括民间和军队中,当然重点是放在后者)。给我的感觉是,元首拖着他的全体国民,靠着一剂又一剂越来越强力的鸡血,好像都在一列冲向悬崖的火车上。作者评论道,不能因为元首嗑药就消减了对他的恶的批判:即使在他一天一针的时候,他也是在"清醒地作恶"。我想,真实情况也许永远也不会有人知道,一个从未沾染过Eukodal和可卡因的元首,是历史无法重现的counterfactual。他和那十几年里的所有的德国人一样,自己是彻彻底底的悲剧,也把悲剧带给世界

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