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Flight from the Reich: Refugee Jews, 1933-1946

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Norton. 1 Paperback(s), 2009. soft. Book Condition: New. The co-authors of Auschwitz and Holocaust here chronicle a different story of Jewish persecution by Nazi Germany, telling of those who fled the Third Reich. As Hitler came to power in 1933 and began stripping their rights away, Jews tried to flee both through legal and clandestine routes. Debórah Dwork and Robert Jan van Pelt probe the challenges they faced, including the dispute among the Swiss on allowing Jews to cross their border; the dangers braved by covert guides who helped the hunted out of occupied France; and the creation of postwar displaced person camps, which have much to tell us about refugee camps today."Beginning with the Nazi ascension to power in 1933, many German Jews saw the writing on the wall. Their emigration was surprisingly orderly, and was facilitated by 'cooperative' German officials. The fortunate ones found refuge in Britain, the U.S., and Palestine. Others, like the family of Anne Frank, fled to soon-to-be occupied nations, including the Netherlands and France. As Dwork and van Pelt chillingly recount, orderly emigration soon gave way to panicky flight as Nazi persecution increased and windows closed in various nations that had seemed receptive. There...



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