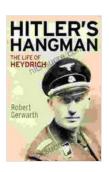
# Hitler's Hangman: The Life and Crimes of Reinhard Heydrich

Reinhard Heydrich was one of the most notorious figures in Nazi Germany. As head of the SS and Gestapo, he was responsible for the deaths of millions of people. This article explores Heydrich's life and crimes, and the impact he had on the Holocaust.



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#### **Early Life and Career**

Reinhard Heydrich was born on March 7, 1904, in Halle, Germany. His father was a music teacher and his mother was a devout Catholic. Heydrich was a brilliant student and excelled in mathematics and science. He joined the Navy in 1922 and served as a communications officer. In 1931, he joined the SS and quickly rose through the ranks. In 1934, he was appointed head of the Gestapo, the Nazi secret police.

The Holocaust

Heydrich played a major role in the planning and execution of the

Holocaust. He was responsible for the establishment of the

Einsatzgruppen, mobile killing units that murdered millions of Jews, Roma,

and other minorities. He also oversaw the construction of the concentration

camps, where millions more people were imprisoned and killed.

**Heydrich's Assassination** 

Heydrich was assassinated by Czech partisans on May 27, 1942. He was

driving through Prague when a bomb exploded under his car. Heydrich died

from his injuries a week later. His assassination was a major blow to the

Nazis, and it led to a wave of reprisals against the Czech population.

Legacy

Reinhard Heydrich was one of the most evil men in history. He was

responsible for the deaths of millions of people, and he played a major role

in the Holocaust. His legacy is one of terror and hatred.

**Additional Information** 

If you are interested in learning more about Reinhard Heydrich and his

crimes, there are a number of resources available online. The following

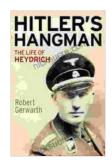
websites provide detailed information about Heydrich's life and career:

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Yad Vashem

Encyclopedia Britannica

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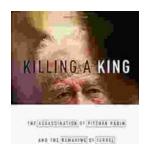
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