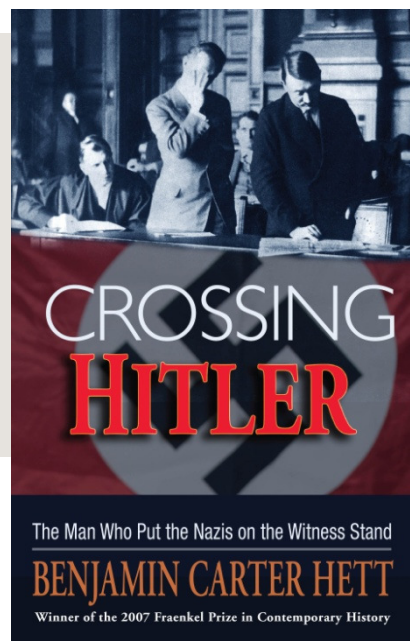


Crossing Hitler

Benjamin Carter Hett

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Description

Crossing Hitler is the first full-length biography of the Jewish-German trial lawyer Hans Litten. It was awarded the 2007 Fraenkel Prize for an outstanding work of contemporary history.

During a trial in 1931 of four Nazi stormtroopers, known as the Eden Dance Palace trial, Hans Litten grilled Adolf Hitler in a merciless three-hour cross-examination, forcing him into multiple contradictions and evasions and finally reducing him to a helpless and humiliating rage.

When the Nazis seized power two years after the trial, friends and family urged Litten to flee the country. He stayed and was sent to the concentration camps where he kept Dachau prisoners sane by reciting great works from memory amid unspeakable horror. His story was ultimately tragic but, as Benjamin Carter Hett writes in this gripping narrative, it is also redemptive. 'It is a story of human nobility in the face of barbarism'.

Sales Points

- This is the first full-length biography of Hans Litten
- *Crossing Hitler* also explores the turbulent years of the Weimar Republic and the terror of Nazi rule in Germany after 1933
- Winner of the 2007 Fraenkel Prize for an outstanding work of contemporary history, when it was in manuscript

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