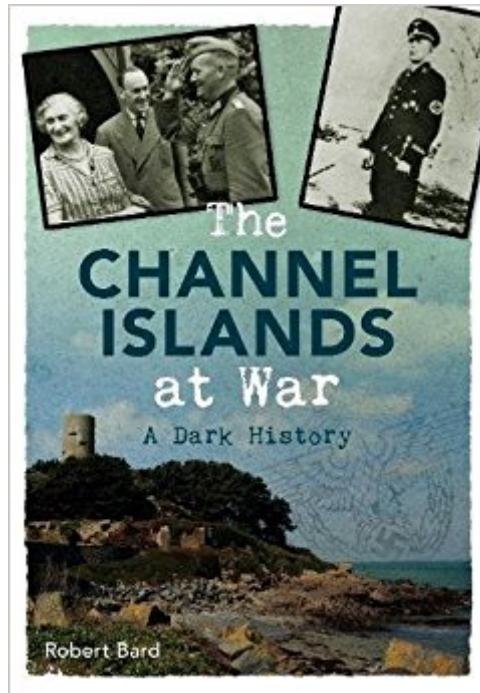




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Synopsis

The incredible true story of what really happened in the Channel Islands during the Second World War. The Channel Islands were occupied on June 30, 1940 when four German planes landed at Guernsey Airport. They were the only part of Britain to be occupied during the Second World War. The islands had been officially demilitarized on 19 June, but the War Office in London overlooked the necessity to inform the Germans. This led to a German air attack on June 28, which resulted in thirty-eight civilian deaths. Hitler was extremely proud of the conquest of the Channel Islands, and saw it as a stepping-stone to the full invasion of the rest of Britain. The occupying forces were instructed to behave correctly. This would show the rest of Britain that there was nothing to be feared from life under the Third Reich. This book looks at the German Occupation, the unsavory events that occurred on the Islands, and why at the end of the war a cover-up of these events was instigated by the British Government.

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After months of obsessively reading nothing but French Resistance stories and biographies of SOA

agents who endured until they were shot or strangled or tortured to death----- the very worst atrocities that the SS and Gestapo could mete out for months upon months (they couldn't last for years)-----this book certainly offers up another look at life in a Nazi occupied country. Mr. Bard has done very thorough research and presents it with passion. The only thing I can say is that while reading about the collaborators in the Channel Islands during WW2, I have to put myself in their place and wonder if I would be a Pearl Witherington or a Violette Szabo or any of those just incredibly brave women who stood up so fearlessly to the Nazis or if I might consider the hopelessness of being isolated on a small island, shut off from the mainland and acquiesce as well. The French resistors in occupied and Vichy France were able to move around and hide in the mountains and woods. Islanders did not have that choice and were stranded under the yoke of oppression. I cannot keep from comparing the Jersey "Jerrybags" to those women of the Resistance....some in their early twenties....who walked with composure to the firing squad, knelt down and waited for the shot in the back of the neck. Above all, what a "dark history" for the entire planet.....a time when Satan truly did rule. I give this book Five Stars and highly recommend it to anyone who wants to know.

Excellent and well researched book. This book spelled out a part of history I was unaware of.

Quick, short notes on complex history. Someday, someone British will author a decent history of the occupation.

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