



# reading

## BOOKS ABOUT GERMANY

### Academic Sources

Elon, Amos. (2003). *The Pity Of It All: A Portrait of Jews In Germany 1743 – 1933*. New York.

A wonderful source with the justified criticism that Elon ignores the lower income Jewish groups.

Evans, Richard. (2006). *The Third Reich in Power*, New York. Should be required reading in all universities dealing with modern Germany.

Evans, Richard. (2009). *The Third Reich at War*. NY  
An outstanding and thorough study of Germany at war and its impact on Europe. Very heavy reading, but highly instructive.

Kaufman, Jonathan. (1997). *A Hole in the Heart of the World. Being Jewish in Eastern Europe*. NY.

A fascinating analysis of selected Jewish families in several countries. The Berlin case study is of the Gysi family from 1946 to 1992. Very readable.

Kershaw, Ian. (2011). *The End. The Defiance and Destruction of Hitler's Germany, 1944-1945*. New York.

Devastating!

Laufer, Peter. (2003). *Exodus to Berlin: The Return of the Jews to Germany*. Chicago.

A pleasant contemporary analysis.

Lowenstein, Steven. (1994). *The Berlin Jewish Community: Enlightenment, Family and Crisis, 1770-1830*. New York.

An excellent addition to Elon's book.

Rebiger, Bill. (2005). *Jewish Berlin: Culture, Religion, Daily life Yesterday and Today*. Berlin.

A handy guide book to Jewish sites.

Taylor, Frederick. (2006). *The Berlin Wall: 13 August 1961 to 9 November 1989*. London.

A fascinating interlude that had a major effect on the whole country.

### Literature

Fallada, Hans. (1947). *Alone in Berlin*.

The story of a German couple in Berlin during World War II after their soldier son's death.

Gross, Leonard. (1999). *The Last Jews in Berlin*.

A real-life story of a varied group of Jewish survivors in post-war Berlin.

Larson, Erik. (2011). *In The Garden of Beasts*.

When an American couple arrives in Berlin in the 1930s, the wife is impressed by the Germans, thus having affairs with a wide range of men, including a high Gestapo officer. The romance turns into a horror story when violence and murders are discovered.

McEwan, Ian. (1998). *The Innocent: A Novel*.

A member of a British-American surveillance team in Cold War Berlin and his relationship with a West-Berliner enigmatic woman.

Simons, Jake Wallis. (2011). *The English German Girl*.

A tale of a girl who manages to escape in the 1930s from Berlin on a kindertransport train to England and makes a vow not to rest until her family is safe.

Tenenbom, Tuvia (2016). *I Sleep in Hitler's Room: An American Jew Visits Germany*.

On the surface this is a humorous story about a New York Jew traveling in Germany today. But it is also a book about modern-day anti-Semitism and a critical look at German politics and society. Writer and journalist Tuvia Tenenbom will make you laugh, cry, and remember this book forever.

Tenenbom, Tuvia (2017). *Hello, Refugees*.

How is it possible that historically one of the most racist of countries has welcomed over one million refugees? Tuvia Tenenbom went undercover as a Jordanian and was able to gain entry to many camps. He uncovered the desperate state of the refugees who lived in squalid conditions and mingled with German locals who believed themselves to be the most "humane" of people in Europe.