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Allen's admirably researched book provides a provocative theoretical contribution to hotly contested debates on the motivations, abilities, and actions of Nazi desk-job perpetrators . . . in particular and the broad nature of the National Socialist state in general. . . . Allen skillfully blends archival evidence with secondary accounts and displays both technological insight and human understanding in laying bare the evil machinations of [the WVHA].--*Journal of Modern History*

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Through his examination of the hundreds of bureaucrats employed by the WVHA, Allen concludes that [Hannah Arendt's] banality of evil thesis does not square with the historical evidence. Far from being Max Weber's bureaucrats locked in an 'iron cage' . . . Allen finds that the 'ordinary' men in Nazi organizational institutions were ever cognizant of Nazi ideals and outdid each other to implement them.--*Jewish Book World*

Creatively mixing biographies, books, and pamphlets written by the perpetrators with engineering assessments, statistical reports, and archival WHVA records, Allen offers arguments that significantly advance our understanding of the Third Reich.--*Business History Review*

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From the Inside Flap

Allen examines the SS executives and engineers who built up the vast slave-labor system in Nazi concentration camps. While the bureaucrats who oversaw Holocaust operations are often portrayed as simply "cogs in the machinery," he reveals their ideological dedication to National Socialism.

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