



**Adolf Hitler (April 20, 1889 - April 30, 1945)** was Chancellor of Germany from 1933, and "Führer" (Leader) of Germany from 1934 until his death. He was leader of the National Socialist German Workers Party (Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei or NSDAP), better known as the Nazi Party. Hitler gained power in a Germany facing crisis after World War I. Using propaganda and charismatic oratory, he was able to appeal to the economic need of the lower and middle classes, while sounding resonant chords of nationalism, anti-Semitism and anti-communism. With the establishment of a restructured economy, a rearmed military, and a totalitarian or fascist dictatorship, Hitler pursued an aggressive foreign policy with the intention of expanding German Lebensraum ("living space"), leading to the start of World War II when Germany invaded Poland in September of 1939. At the peak of its power, Nazi Germany occupied most of Europe under Hitler, but along with the other Axis Powers it was eventually defeated by the Allies. In the final days of the war, Hitler along with his new wife, Eva Braun, committed suicide in his underground bunker under the Reich Chancellery in Berlin, after the city was surrounded by the Soviet Red army.

Adolf Hitler himself wrote THE most (in)famous book of all National Socialist literature, Mein Kampf. The first volume of Mein Kampf, entitled "Eine Abrechnung" ("An Account") was published on July 18, 1925, from notes Hitler dictated to his Secretary, Rudolf Hess while in prison in Landsberg after the failed 1923 revolt in Munich. The second volume, Die Nationalsozialistische Bewegung ("The National-Socialistic Movement") was published in 1926. The original title Hitler chose was Viereinhalb Jahre (des Kampfes) gegen Lüge, Dummheit und Feigheit ("Four and a Half Years of Struggle against Lies, Stupidity and Cowardice." His Nazi publisher, Max Amann, decided this title was too complicated and had it shortened to Mein Kampf ("My Struggle"). By the end of the war, about 10 million copies of the book had been sold or distributed in Germany (every newly-wed couple, as well as front soldiers received a free copy), and Hitler had made about 7.6 Million RM from the income of his book. Mein Kampf is (was) Adolf Hitler's autobiography and political manifest. We always carry a good selection of different editions on this website, as well as a lot of other rare original Adolf Hitler material.