

The True Story of the American Woman at the Heart of the German Resistance to Nazi Terror



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Mildred Harnack was an American woman who became a leader in the German Resistance to Nazi terror. She was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1902, and moved to Germany with her husband, Arvid Harnack, in 1929. The Harnacks quickly became involved in the anti-Nazi movement, and Mildred became a key figure in the resistance group known as the Red Orchestra. She was arrested by the Gestapo in 1942 and executed in 1943.

Mildred Harnack's story is one of courage, sacrifice, and hope. She was a brilliant woman who risked her life to fight against tyranny. Her story is an inspiration to us all, and it reminds us that even in the darkest of times, we must never give up hope.

Mildred Harnack's Early Life and Education

Mildred Fish Harnack was born on September 16, 1902, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Her parents were German immigrants, and she grew up speaking both German and English. Mildred was a bright and curious child, and she excelled in her studies. She graduated from high school at the age of 16 and went on to study at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. At university, Mildred majored in chemistry and mathematics. She also

became involved in the Socialist Party of America. She was an outspoken critic of war and poverty, and she believed that socialism was the only way to create a just and equitable society.

Mildred Harnack's Move to Germany

In 1929, Mildred Harnack married Arvid Harnack, a German economist. The couple moved to Germany, where Arvid had a job as a professor at the University of Göttingen. Mildred quickly became involved in the German anti-Nazi movement. She joined the Social Democratic Party of Germany and worked to organize resistance to the Nazi regime. In 1933, the Nazis came to power in Germany. The Harnacks were forced to flee Göttingen, and they moved to Berlin. In Berlin, Mildred became a key figure in the Red Orchestra, a resistance group that was led by Arvid.

Mildred Harnack's Resistance Activities

The Red Orchestra was a highly organized and effective resistance group. It had members all over Germany, and it was responsible for a number of sabotage and espionage operations. Mildred Harnack was one of the most important members of the Red Orchestra. She was responsible for recruiting new members, raising funds, and providing intelligence to the Allies. She also played a key role in organizing the failed assassination attempt on Hitler in 1943.

Mildred Harnack's Arrest and Execution

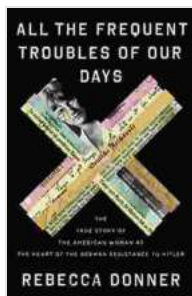
The Gestapo arrested Mildred Harnack in 1942. She was tortured and interrogated for months, but she refused to give up her comrades. She was sentenced to death in 1943 and was executed by firing squad on February 16, 1943. She was 40 years old.

Mildred Harnack's Legacy

Mildred Harnack was a courageous and selfless woman who dedicated her life to fighting against tyranny. Her story is an inspiration to us all, and it reminds us that even in the darkest of times, we must never give up hope. Mildred Harnack's legacy lives on through the many people whose lives she touched. She is a reminder that one person can make a difference, and that even the smallest acts of resistance can have a profound impact.

Further Reading

- The Woman Who Defied Hitler: The Mildred Harnack Story by Martha Dodd
- Mildred Harnack and the Red Orchestra by Michael Mueller
- Women in the Resistance by Robert Gildea



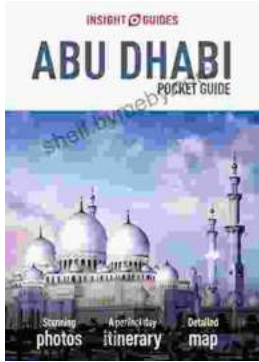
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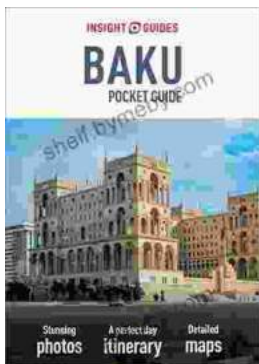
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