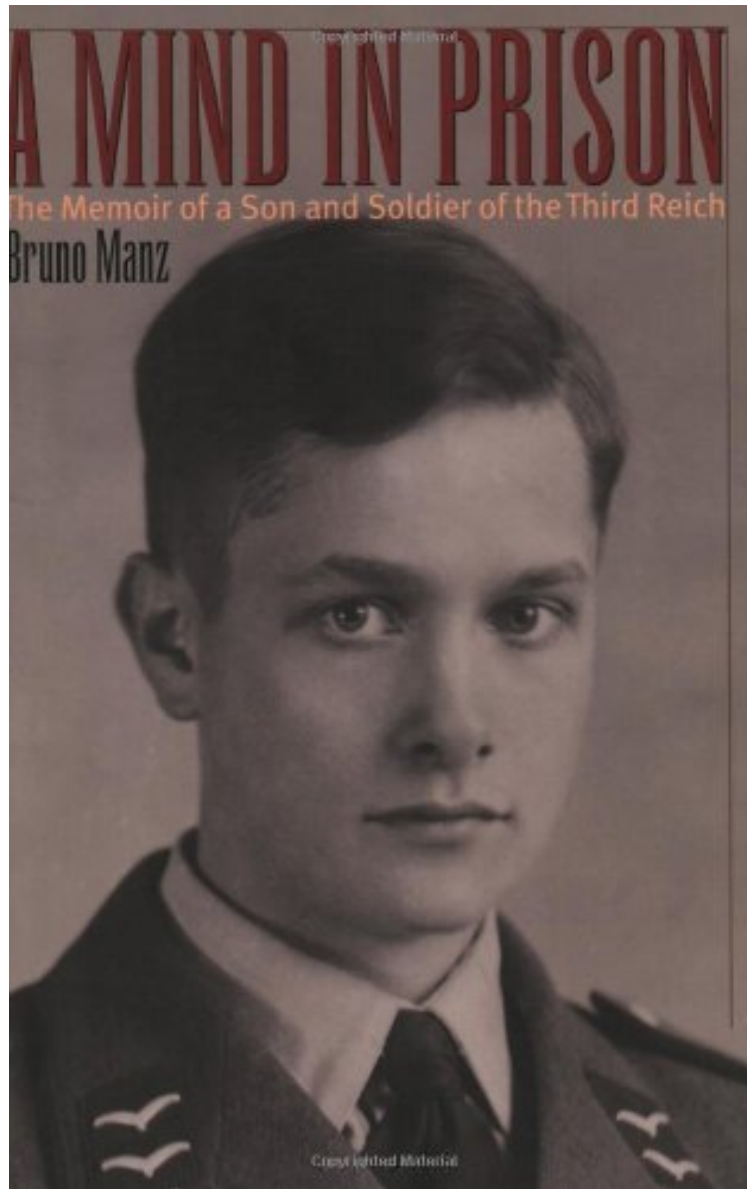


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PeaceVon Ein KundeThis is an incredible story of a young man growing up in Germany. My wife and I both had a hard time putting this book down. It was extra special for us to read Dr. Manz's memoirs because we have seen him nearly every weekend morning hiking in the foothills of the Sandia Mountains with his Golden Retriever for the past three years. We knew him only as Bruno until recently. We would exchange greetings socialize our dogs and discuss the deer, weather etc. It is only recently that we discover from another hiker that Dr. Manz was writing his memoirs which he later confirmed to us. We received the first copy that he'd seen (ordered from)and sitting on a boulder in the foothills of the Sandia's on a beautiful Sunday morning he autographed our book.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Release of an Imprisoned MindVon Albert NoyerDr. Manz writes a brutally honest account of his participation in the rise of Nazism, the vicious ignorance of some Party and Wehrmacht leaders, his service in Finland and retreat across the arctic Finnmark. In post-war disillusionment with what he had been programmed to believe, Manz began a self-examination that culminated in this book, a must-read for anyone who lived through, or seeks to understand, the horrors of 1933-45. Born in 1921, Manz experienced the mostly passive anti-Semitism of his father, Nazi indoctrination by Hitler Youth leaders in dreary "Home Evenings," and the incessant propaganda of the Goebbels machine. In 1940 he and his high school class enlisted in the Luftwaffe; Manz was assigned to the air force's ground troops. He relates what he calls "a gradual series of warning signs" that the Nazi regime was less than it appeared, yet persisted in his support through service in Finland and the German retreat back into Norway. After the war he attended a university the French set up in Mainz; here he set out to learn all he could about the Holocaust, and discovered the American concept of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness being the goal of humankind - not blind service to an authoritarian state. In 1957, as a physicist, Manz was recruited to work with Wernher von Braun in Huntsville, AL, then transferred to White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. The thrust of Manz's book is one of understanding, redemption and apology, insofar as his unvarnished telling of "the truth, the sacred truth," might make such things possible.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A New Perspective on Hitler's GermanyVon Ein KundeOver the years I have read several books on Hitler's rise to power and the effects his rule had on the German people and the Jews of Europe. Many, like William Shirer's "Rise and Fall of the Third Reich" approached the subject from a historical point of view while "The Diary of Anne Frank" and "The Hiding Place" dealt with the personal stories of Hitler's victims. In his book "A Mind in Prison", Bruno Manz shows us a new perspective: what it was like for a young boy to grow up in Germany during the Hitler years. In this very personal autobiography, Dr. Manz describes the dominating influence of not only the social order imposed by Hitler but the anti-Jewish prejudice of a father he loved and respected. From his early years at the dawn of the Hitler era, through his time with the Hitler Youth and the German Army, to his disillusionment and subsequent redemption, Dr. Manz recounts his journey with depressing, humorous, and poignant stories. I highly recommend this book not only for those still seeking an understanding of how Hitler could have captured the minds of an entire nation, but also for those who love a well-written, personal story told with passion and compassion.

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