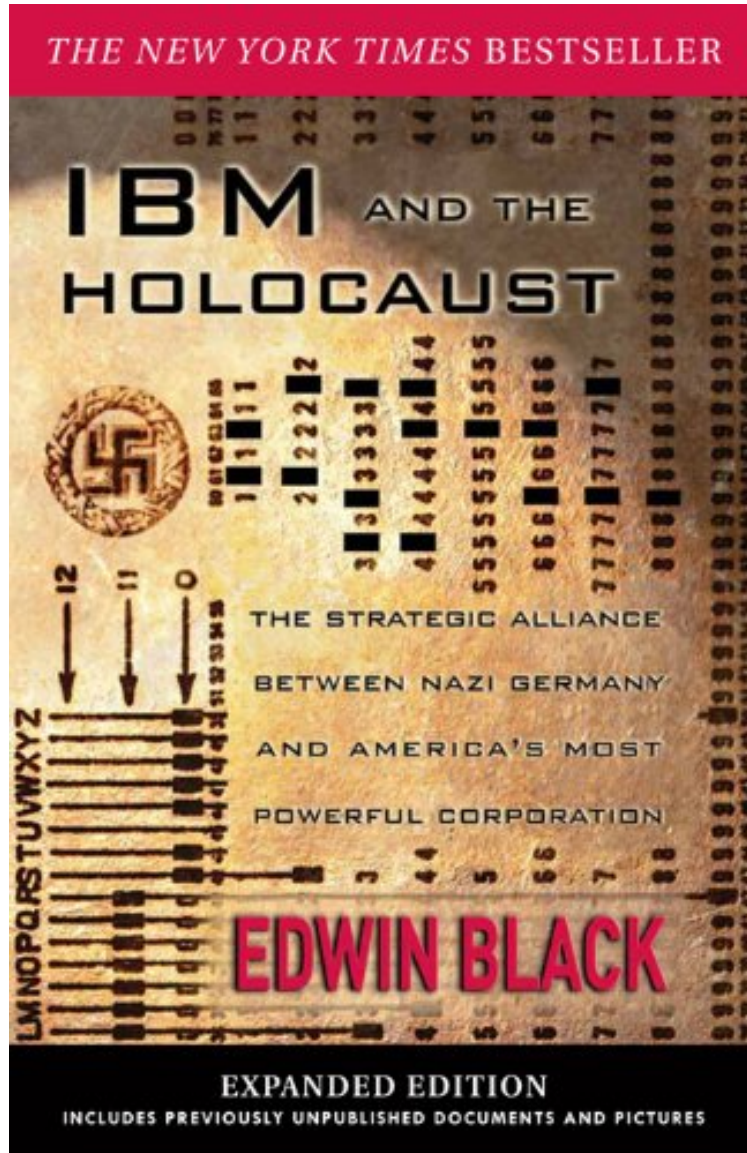


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. IBM and the Holocaust: Purchased at .comBy depWhat a book! To say this is an astounding book is an understatement. It is, however, astounding. This book examines in minute detail the relationship between Germany and IBM from 1933 - 1945. To me, the evidence is all there. Basically, IBM

decided to go with money and profits, rather than do what was morally right, which was not to do business with a country run by a dictatorship that started a World War, totally disregarded human rights, and after 1941 was a sworn enemy of the United States. As much as I was enthralled by this book, I must admit it was a bit too much for me. I didn't realize the size of it when I bought it. I do admire the amount of research put into the book, the amount of people working on it was amazing. Sadly, what happened with IBM isn't that surprising. Many big corporations are out for power and greed. When you even have a corporate song, though, that is a bit much. It sounds like Mr. Watson was running a kingdom more than he was running a business. For me, the eerie part of this book is that in my first job, I dealt with punch cards for over ten years. Never did I dream that they could be put to such an evil use. Definitely a five star book for me. 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Greed greed greed and more greed sadly. The same disgusting tale served up a million times. By Steve UK I have to admit I've just got to around page 50, but I can already see why Thomas J Watson was capable of what he did with his cohorts. The people who created the monster he became were no better. Corporate greed of the most insidious kind. A dreadful history of destructive indifference. A truly disturbing book to read. I don't believe there was any conscious intent to help Nazi Germany to realize its horrendous goal, but I do believe that IBM did this with a wholly couldn't care less, eyes on the huge profits and world domination in the field attitude, which makes them no better than willing accomplices in my opinion. It's too much to believe with IBM's involvement to the point of visiting the camps to keep the machines running and train staff they didn't at some time become aware of the terrible truth. Their greed blinded them to the murderous use their machinery was being used for. Could they have just closed down their operations if they wanted to in Nazi occupied Europe or more to the point would they have wanted to even knowing what they knew? 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An indictment of not only IBM and its founder Thomas Watson but of a corporate culture of profits first. By Customer This is an interesting, frightening, well researched book that shows how IBM equipment was used to help the Nazis plan and implement the Holocaust and how IBM and its founder Thomas Watson chose to ignore the horrors of Nazi Germany in order to garner huge profits in a number of devious ways. As this book points out, IBM was not the only international corporation dealing with the Nazis before and during the war but was one of the most important. While Watson was at times sympathetic to the German people and even to the Nazis, I think that he was motivated not by antisemitism but by a very ruthless form of capitalism that placed power and profits above all else. It is an awful lesson that is as relevant today as it was then. Edwin Black has done and presented a huge amount of research in order to bring out the very disturbing facts about IBM's role in the Holocaust and the German war effort. Unfortunately he often gets carried away in presenting far more examples than are needed to make his points. He also has a tendency, when discussing some of the key figures and events, to make chronological leaps. In one paragraph you may be reading about an event in 1933 then jump to 1941 then back to 1933 making it hard to follow. For these reasons I have reduced the rating to 4 stars.

IBM and the Holocaust is the award-winning, New York Times bestselling shocker--a million copies in print--detailing IBM's conscious co-planning and co-organizing of the Holocaust for the Nazis, all micromanaged by its president Thomas J Watson from New York and Paris. This Expanded Edition offers 37 pages of previous unpublished documents, pictures, internal company correspondence, and other archival materials to produce an even more explosive volume. Originally published to extraordinary praise in 2001, this provocative, award-winning international bestseller has stood the test of time as it chronicles the story of IBM's strategic alliance with Nazi Germany. IBM and the Holocaust provides nothing less than a chilling investigation into corporate complicity. Edwin Black's monumental research exposes how IBM and its subsidiaries helped create enabling technologies for the Nazis, step-by-step, from the identification and cataloging programs of the 1930s to the selections of the 1940s.

.com Was IBM, "The Solutions Company," partly responsible for the Final Solution? That's the question raised by Edwin Black's IBM and the Holocaust, the most controversial book on the subject since Daniel Jonah Goldhagen's Hitler's Willing Executioners. Black, a son of Holocaust survivors, is less tendentiously simplistic than Goldhagen, but his thesis is no less provocative: he argues that IBM founder Thomas Watson deserved the Merit Cross (Germany's second-highest honor) awarded him by Hitler, his second-biggest customer on earth. "IBM, primarily through its German subsidiary, made Hitler's program of Jewish destruction a technologic mission the company pursued with chilling success," writes Black. "IBM had almost single-handedly brought modern warfare into the information age [and] virtually put the 'blitz' in the krieg." The crucial technology was a precursor to the computer, the IBM Hollerith punch card machine, which Black glimpsed on exhibit at the U.S. Holocaust Museum, inspiring his five-year, top-secret book project. The Hollerith was used to tabulate and alphabetize census data. Black says the Hollerith and its punch card data ("hole 3 signified homosexual ... hole 8 designated a Jew") was indispensable in rounding up prisoners, keeping the trains fully packed and on time, tallying the deaths, and organizing the entire war effort. Hitler's regime was fantastically, suicidally chaotic; could IBM have been the cause of its sole competence: mass-murdering civilians? Better scholars than I must sift through and appraise Black's mountainous evidence, but clearly the assessment is overdue. The moral argument turns on one question: How much did IBM New York know about IBM

Germany's work, and when? Black documents a scary game of brinkmanship orchestrated by IBM chief Watson, who walked a fine line between enraging U.S. officials and infuriating Hitler. He shamefully delayed returning the Nazi medal until forced to--and when he did return it, the Nazis almost kicked IBM and its crucial machines out of Germany. (Hitler was prone to self-defeating decisions, as demonstrated in *How Hitler Could Have Won World War II*.) Black has created a must-read work of history. But it's also a fascinating business book examining the colliding influences of personality, morality, and cold strategic calculation. --Tim Appelo

From Booklist

The publisher has ordered a print run of 100,000 copies, indicating that they expect high demand for this contentious expose. The author asserts that a collusion existed between IBM Corporation and the government of the Third Reich, wherein IBM supplied the technology enabling Nazi authorities to systematize their persecution of European Jews. Expect much discussion in the press and on the street about this very controversial book. Brad Hooper

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An explosive book... Backed by exhaustive research, Black's case is simple and stunning: that IBM facilitated the identification and roundup of millions of Jews during the 12 years of the Third Reich ... Black's evidence may be the most damning to appear yet against a corporate accomplice. --Michael Hirsh, *Newsweek*.

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