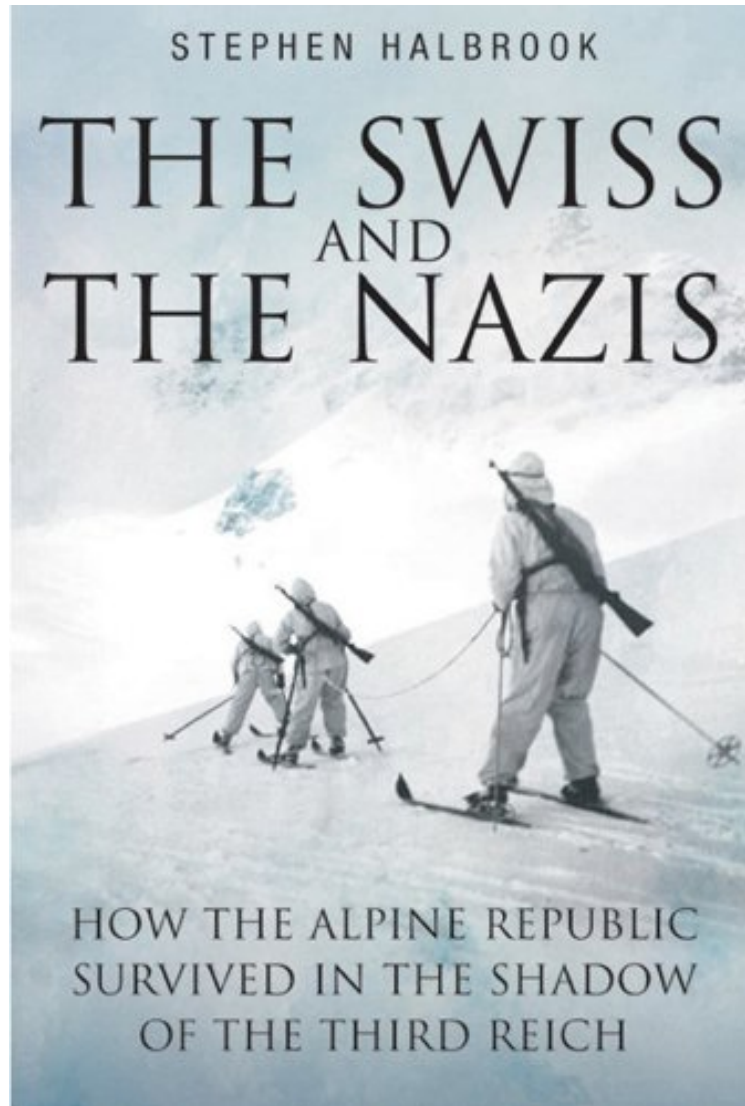


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"Halbrook has used original Swiss documents, interviews, and a wide breadth of research to attempt to answer why Switzerland escaped the Nazi onslaught." (Daly History Blog)
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