

# HISTORY



## Roundtable est. 2017

{(usually) meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every other month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

### January's Topic: The Rise of the Nazi Party & the Beginning of WWII in Europe

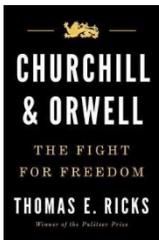
**Meeting Date:** Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm

Register at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us) or by calling 317-885-5036.

More info and handout at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable).

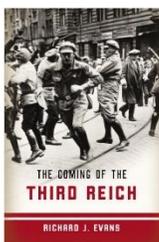
Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read any non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining the rise of Nazism and the beginning of WWII in Europe. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your book/video/podcast for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

#### Books:



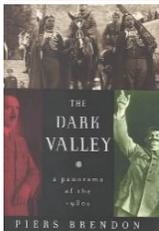
[Churchill and Orwell: The Fight for Freedom](#) by Thomas Ricks – 941.084 RIC (print, Large Print\*, and on CD\*); eBook & eAudio on [eIndiana](#)\*

A dual portrait of Winston Churchill and George Orwell that focuses on the pivotal years from the mid-1930s through the 1940s, describing how both suffered nearly fatal injuries before their vision and campaigns inspired action to preserve democracy throughout the world.



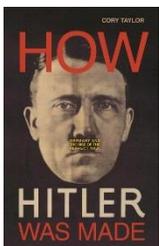
[The Coming of the Third Reich](#) by Richard J. Evans – 943.08 EVA; eAudio on [hoopla](#)\*

This is a definitive history of Adolf Hitler's rise to power and the collapse of democracy in Nazi Germany. This book explains why Nazism's ideology of hatred and racism found fertile ground in a country embittered by military defeat and economic disaster following World War I, undermined by an alienated army and civil service, and prey to widespread resentment, suspicion, and extremism.



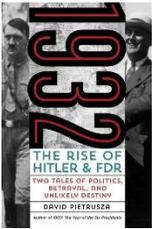
[The Dark Valley: A Panorama of the 1930s](#) by Piers Brendon – 940.52 BRE

A panoramic study of a pivotal decade in twentieth-century history explores a time dominated by the Great Depression, political unrest, social upheaval, repression, and the coming of World War II; profiles the key figures of the era--Hitler, Roosevelt, Mao, Stalin, and Franco, among others--and the events, movements, and attitudes that shaped the world.



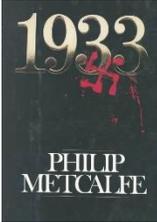
[How Hitler Was Made: Germany and the Rise of the Perfect Nazi](#) by Cory Taylor – 943.085 TAY

Focuses on Hitler's formative period immediately following the First World War, when a highly sophisticated network of ethnic chauvinists groomed the obscure agitator into the leader of the Third Reich.



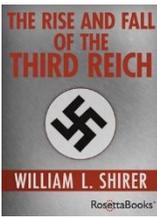
[1932: The Rise of Hitler and FDR—Two Tales of Politics, Betrayal, and Unlikely Destiny](#) by David Pietrusza – 973.917 PIE; eAudio on [hoopla](#)\*

Depicts the events of 1932, marking the ascent of two political powers that would shape the rest of the twentieth century to come.



[1933](#) by Philip Metcalfe – 943.086 MET; eBook on [hoopla](#)\*

Looks at Hitler's first year in power through the stories of the American ambassador, Hitler's chief of the foreign press, a Jewish society reporter, and the first head of the Gestapo.



[The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich: A History of Nazi Germany](#) by William Shirer – 943.086 SHI; eBook and eAudio on [eIndiana](#)\*; eBook on [hoopla](#)\*

Shirer gives a clear, detailed, and well-documented account of how it was that Adolf Hitler almost succeeded in conquering the world.

## Videos:



[The Gathering Storm in Nazi Germany \(Episode 10 of How Winston Churchill Changed the World\)](#) - available on [Kanopy](#)\*

As international danger loomed on the horizon, Churchill knew the Royal Air Force would be the key to Britain's future. Learn how Churchill set in motion a chain of events that led to the legendary (and revolutionary) Spitfire, then examine how Churchill tried to save King Edward's monarchy from scandal.



[The 1936 Olympic Games: Nazi Secrets at the Berlin Olympics](#) – available on [Kanopy](#)\*

Berlin, Germany. August 1936. Hundreds of thousands of spectators gather to watch as Hitler and the Olympic delegates arrived at the opening ceremony. What really happened behind-the-scenes at this spectacular international sporting event? Combined with interviews with specialists and footage from Leni Riefenstahl's 1938

film, OLYMPIA, the film investigates the secret negotiations and compromises made by the International Olympic Committee to bring the 1936 Olympics to Berlin.

## Podcasts:



[Hitler's Early Rise and the Night of the Long Knives](#) by Stuff You Missed in History Class - <https://www.missedinhistory.com/podcasts/night-of-long-knives.htm>

Over the course of several days in 1934, Adolf Hitler, who was at the time the Nazi Party Leader and Reich Chancellor, directed an action which eliminated all of his political enemies and enabled him to declare himself Fuhrer.