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Am 22. Februar 1943 wurde die 21-jährige Sophie Scholl hingerichtet. Sie war Mitglied der "Weißen Rose", einer Studentengruppe, die mit Flugblättern zum Widerstand gegen Hitler aufgerufen hatte. Hermann Vinke beschreibt ihr Leben in Form von Dokumenten, Zeugenaussagen, Briefen und Fotos.

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Cathleen says

A compilation of interviews, letters, diary entries, and more to honor the life of Sophie Scholl, a young resister in Nazi Germany who was executed along with her brother and friend. Poignant and a reminder of the differences between belief and action.

S. W. S. says

Note: I read this book in Swedish, but I could not find that edition on Goodreads.

Lisa says

beautiful book♥ I love Sophie and it's fascinating how brave she was. She was my idol and she will be my idolmy whole life♥

Lisa says

I have been teaching Sophie Scholl's short life in school again.

It never stops hurting, and this year, it was particularly difficult, considering the fact that more than 21% of voters in my home country seem to be willing to elect an openly homophobic, racist, misogynist and white supremacist party with roots in fascism. If the polls don't lie, it might even end up the strongest party, with the democratic prerogative to choose the prime minister.

Teaching Sophie Scholl and her group of Munich friends, opposing Hitler during the Second World War, in this atmosphere of hopelessness is chilling. Over and over again, I realise that Nazi Germany has become romanticised horror fiction in the Anglo Saxon world, and this view is copied in the Scandinavian countries which are fed a regular Anglo Saxon media and movie diet. The Second World War - that means action movie, soldiers wading through ice or water, or spy thrillers and villains with funny accents. It means swastikas symbolising the caricature of comic strip evil, and the ghostly surreal terror of the Holocaust as a sad tragedy on the sidelines. That is exciting and exotic - but not REALLY real, in the minds of many young students.

Teaching Sophie Scholl means making the terror of fascism real and tangible again. It means showing the danger of speaking up against a totalitarian state. It means showing the courage of intelligent protest, of nonviolent resistance, of belief in the human rights of all - not just of those who praise the Fuhrer cult.

Teaching Sophie Scholl means showing students what a show trial is, and how propaganda, bullying and intimidation work on a state level.

Teaching Sophie Scholl means opening a wound and letting it bleed again. It means going through her execution over and over again, four days after she was arrested at university with her brother.

Teaching Sophie Scholl means hope. There are people willing to speak up for human rights even in societies in which they know they will be decapitated if they are caught. There are young, inspired people who believe in freedom and fairness and justice for all, even when the so-called leaders of the world look away and pretend not to know what is going on, or when they bow to crimes against humanity out of "respect" for the "tough guys" with murderous power.

Teaching Sophie Scholl is teaching the value of life. The White Rose had a simple message: Hitler can't win the war. He can only prolong it. A humanist has the duty to shorten the war in order to protect humanity from unnecessary suffering and death. We know Sophie was right.

But she died with her friends while Germany embarked on the mayhem of the two most horrific years in world history: der totale Krieg.

Sophie Scholl died 22nd February 1943. Close your eyes and imagine if the war had ended that spring instead.

Just a random example:

Anne Frank was arrested a year and a half later, on 4th August 1944. If the war had been terminated earlier, she - and so many others - might have been saved, ...

I am teaching Sophie Scholl, and my students shudder at the Medieval methods of mid-20th century Germany. "Luckily, it is over", they say. But can we be sure, as long as the majority of people in our liberal democracies are too busy with their private ambitions to even register the changes in the political world, while extreme parties are working over-time to create an atmosphere of exclusive club belonging?

"Unpolitisch" - that is a position we can't afford in the world of 2018. Sophie Scholl chose education and distribution of facts in a world of propaganda.

And teaching Sophie Scholl means teaching the bravery of seeing the unpleasant truth in the flood of soothing fake news.

Es lebe die Freiheit!

Lucy Bouman says

I learned a lot more about this beautiful human. It took several months for me to find the motivation to finish it, since it was both in German and not the lightest subject matter. But it was a good biography, especially considering there can't be much material out there about her. In this day and age, it can never hurt to remember people who fought fascism and gave their lives for the cause.

Jotwe says

Incredible biography about the life of Sophie Scholl. Her amazing sense of justice cost her life, but although

she was aware of this danger, she decided it is the right thing to do. This book re-lives her ways from childhood to being at university and sharing out flyers against the Nazi regime. Absolutely worthwhile reading!

Matthew Dudley says

This book was a collection of diary pages, letters, and results from interviews with Scholl family and friends. Sophie was the main character. She was a very strong young lady who knew as a Christian she should stand up against the horror that was The Third Reich even though she knew the danger. Her brother was also involved in the group "The White Rose". They were called the resistance, but only fought with words by printing and distributing pamphlets throughout the country. Gives us food for thought about how there were those in Germany against Hitler. It also made me think about our governments of today, could these types of things ever be repeated?

Adria says

one of my favorite books

Freya says

Amazing book about Sophie Scholl and the White Rose, a German resistance group in Nazi Germany. I read this book as a child and was blown away by Sophie's courage and the strength of her convictions -- a true hero in the face of adversity.

Veronika Kaufmann says

Next to A Tree Grows in Brooklyn and The Secret Garden, the short life of Sophie Scholl belongs to my favorites. Despite it's all to well known ending, I found her story uplifting and inspiring. Her writings on her surroundings, nature, are simply wonderful. The events which led to her execution are told succinctly. Sophie's unshakeable faith permeates to the reader but it still goes without saying the Nazis were horrible. Three days from arrest to execution is for me just unbelievable. I can't imagine what it must have been like for her parents to lose two children. Parallels to today's events struck me. This should be a mandatory read for all high school kids.

Rekik Netsanet says

One of the best stories that I have ever read. It reveals the strength of the human spirits in the most darkest times. Sophie Scholl along with her broth Hans, Christoph, Willi, Alexander, Professor Huber and others stood for Freedom literally till the end.

A true fighter for Freedom. What a Beautiful legacy!

Kornet says

En otroligt sorglig historia om modiga människor. Halvkuil skriven, därav lägre betyg.

Dakota Caudill says

Hermann Vinke's target audience were adolescents and children, which means the book is an easy read. It gives an intimate look at Sophie's life, with engaging stories and observations taken from those closest to her that survived Hitler's Germany. Vinke shines a light on Sophie's childhood and the events that shaped her, particularly her views on nature and God. There are more in-depth works available, but Vinke's work is endearing and a quick way to learn about an incredible young woman. It was enjoyable, and I particularly liked the pictures.

Nina says

Das erste Buch das ich dieses Jahr gelesen habe drehte sich auch um diese Widerstandsgruppe und zwar das Buch von Inge Scholl selber, die Hermann Vinke für dieses Buch auch interviewt hat. 'Das kurze Leben der Sophie Scholl' fand ich eigentlich noch besser, wahrscheinlich weil es ein bisschen weniger pragmatisch war und sich echt auf Sophie konzentrierte. Ich habe viel über sie gelernt, z.B. wie viel sie die Natur liebte und genau wie pazifistisch sie war. Ich würde es empfehlen.

Melie says

Auf dem Cover sieht man Sophie Scholl. Das gleiche Bild von ihr befindet sich auch unter anderem in dem Buch. Dieses Buch ist ein Einzelband, allerdings hat der Autor noch andere Bücher über diese Zeit und über sie geschrieben.

Ich muss zugeben, dass es mir sehr schwer fällt, dieses Buch zu bewerten und zu rezensieren. Mich interessiert die Zeit, in der Sophie Scholl gelebt hat sehr und ich finde, dass man viel über diese Zeit wissen sollte. Für mich ist nicht nur Sophie Scholl eine Heldin, sondern auch die anderen Anhänger "Der Weißen Rose".

In dem Buch erfährt man unter anderem auch ein bisschen etwas über ihre Eltern, ihre Geschwister, die Anhänger ihrer Widerstandsgruppe und ihren Freund Fritz Hartnagel. Im Buch befinden sich viele Zeichnungen und Briefe. Außerdem berichten ihre zwei Schwestern Inge und Elisabeth über deren Kindheit.

Mich hat dieses Buch sehr überrascht, da ich viele Sachen gelernt habe, die ich vorher noch nicht wusste. Das Buch hat mich auf jeden Fall sehr berührt, vor allem das Ende. Als berichtet wurde, dass die beiden Geschwister Sophie und Hans Scholl bis zum Ende stolz auf ihre Taten waren und rein gar nichts bereuten, fand ich das wundervoll. Die Frau, mit der sie sich am Ende im Gefängnis eine Zelle teilte, erzählte auch vieles über Sophie.

Obwohl das Buch und die Zeit grausam waren, sollte man es lesen! Ich gebe dem Buch 5 Sterne und würde mir wünschen, dass alle dieses Buch lesen.

Youdid says

Das Buch sollte man gelesen haben.

Liza says

One of the first books that have made me cry. Incredible Scholl siblings!

Stephen says

With all these people dying for the regime, it is high time someone died against it -- Sophie Scholl, February 1943

See also my review of **At the Heart of the White Rose: Letters and Diaries of Hans and Sophie Scholl** edited by Inge Jens, sister of Hans and Sophie. Every time I think of the group called the White Rose, which is not every day but should be, I feel uplifted and humbled.

Always remember, Hans and Sophie were not the only members of the group, not the only martyrs, though the best-known. Christoph Probst was guillotined with them on Feb 22, 1943. Professor Kurt Huber, Willi Graf and Alexander Schmorell were executed a few months later.

Niko says

"Allen!"
