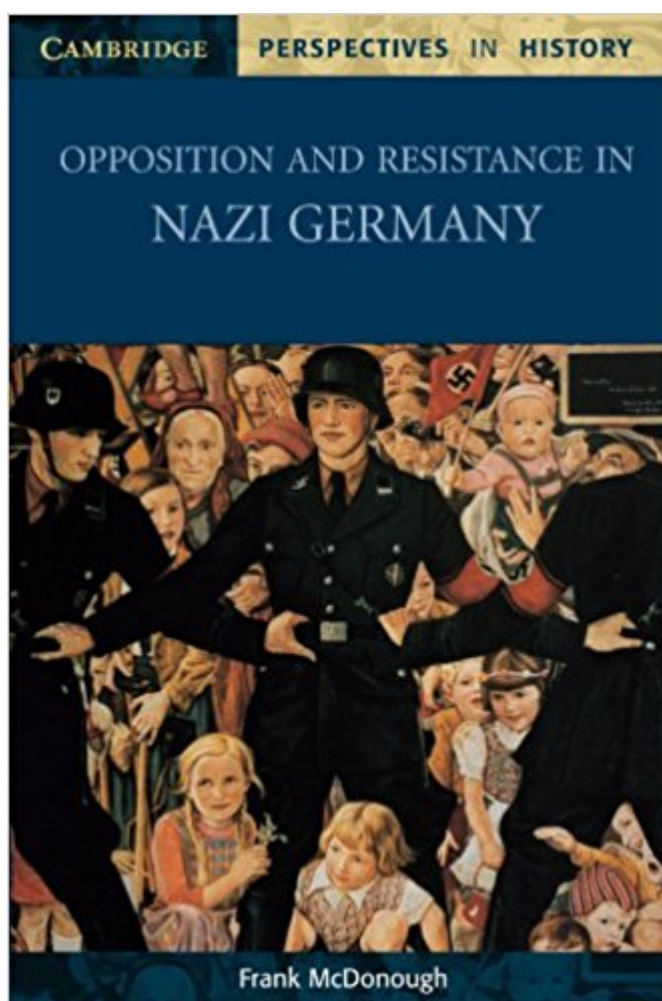


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Considering the length of this book, there's a lot left to be desired. Nonetheless, this book is great in terms of its concision and the author is a well-respected scholar. If you are looking for a quick and succinct overview of the opposition into Nazi Germany, the breadth of this short work is commendable. McDonough touches on how industrial workers, Social Democrats, and Communists initially fought against the Nazis. He also demonstrates how passive resistance was present from some student groups and covers the tragic, if not heroic efforts of active agents like the White Rose. Despite their eventual acquiescence, McDonough also discusses the religious opposition to Hitler from the Christian Church. Finally, the author briefly elaborates on the conservative and military resistance, including the Stauffenberg Bomb Plot in July of 1944. Using short excerpts from original source material as well as expert historical analysis and astute judgement, McDonough does a good job in a short space. However, if you are looking for more depth into the Nazi resistance and opposition, you might want to check out 'Contending with Hitler' by David Clay Large, 'Alternatives to Hitler' by Hans Mommsen or 'The History of the German Resistance' by Peter Hoffmann. Any one of these books will provide a more thorough and penetrating analysis on this subject. For those of you who like "short and sweet" - then this book is what you'd want..

Good overview of the resistance to the Nazi's.

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A good review of the few resistance movements within Nazi Germany. Great for a primer, and for use as a base reference for knowledge of where to look for more in depth materials for Nazi Resistance movements within Germany.

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