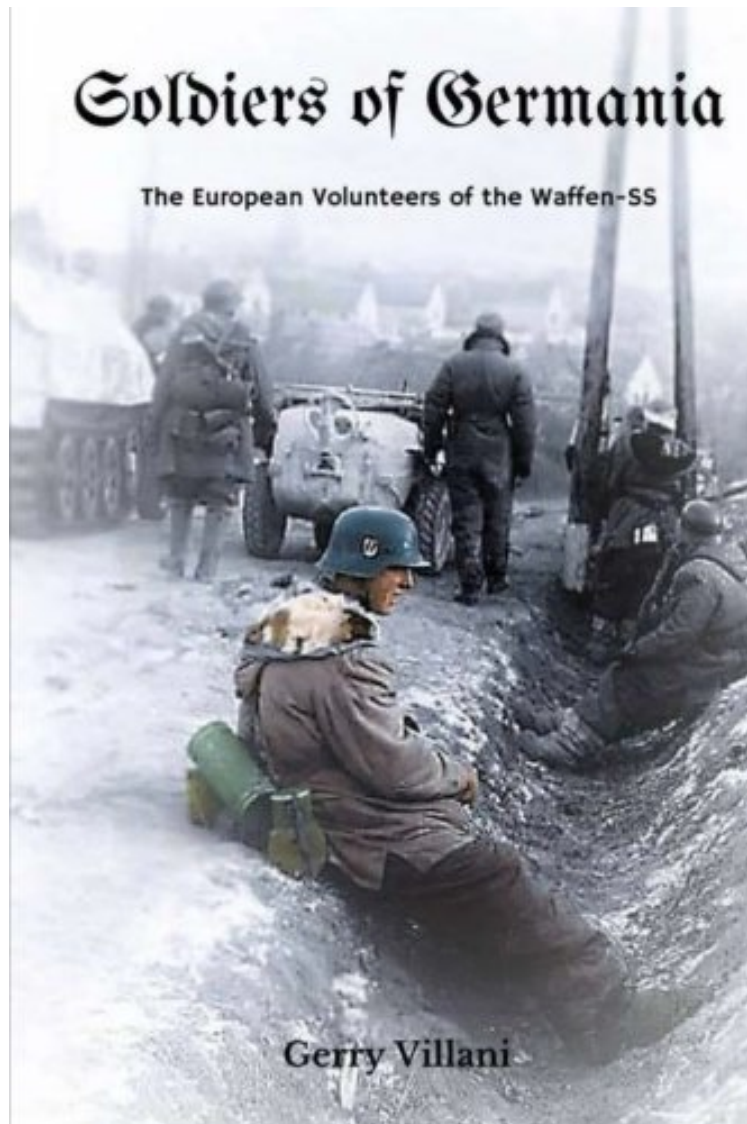


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1 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A Train WreckBy Bob RussellI have a very hard time understanding how three others could rave about this book. Perhaps those readers have not read much of this kind of anecdotal work before this book. It does contain some good stories, and individuals' unique experiences during that period will always draw strong interest from many people. And I figure that those who opted for controversial roles in the war such as

foreign SS volunteers can be counted as having some of the most interesting stories to tell. But there is more to a history book than that. I found it to be very disorganized, scattered, and so chock full of grammatical errors that I seriously wondered if whoever the translator was spoke good English. His misuse of prepositions is a disaster. Additionally, what the author's point was was contradicted by his own material. To cite sufficient examples would entail more time than I have to write it out. Suffice to say that, on the last point, he seemed to say that those guys were basically like you and me, were basically anticommunist patriots who got a raw deal by the victors after the war. There is a lot of truth to that point of view, to be sure. The author starts off for many pages by citing instances of allied abuse of German and SS POWs at the war's end. But he goes on to include eyewitness accounts of summary abuse and murder of Jews by a roadside where the executioners were celebrated afterwards, and of a German Grandma that was found near Leningrad who was adored for her civility despite having been away from the Reich for many years. There are more instances of this in the book, to the effect that the Reich was a bastion of European Culture which these soldiers were defending patriotically. What's wrong with that you ask? Well, in another section a witness mentions in passing that in 1939 Germany responded to Polish attacks rather than having started the whole thing on her own. Hmm...where have I heard this reasoning before? For Hitler, the German Bastion was under assault from Bolshevism and western Democracies. And behind them were the Jews who wanted to see Germany fall. Great right wing stuff from seventy-plus years ago, which has begun to resonate again with an uncertain number of people. Now the Enemy is Islam, not Judaism, for the "alt right". Go ahead, buy the book and see if what you think. 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. This is the ultimate author to read on this subject. By Customer This is a well written testimony of the men who flocked from the corners of the world to fight Bolshevism. The author has traveled the world to interview survivors of the ss. Most of this information is little known. 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Fantastic! By Customer Absolutely a must read!!! Very well written with stories you just can't find anywhere else! This is the third book i have by Mr. Villani and i have enjoyed everyone of them!!! Can't wait for his next one!!

They called themselves the "assault generation" and they had largely been born in the years during and after World War I. Coming from every nation of Europe, they had risen up against communism and banded together under one flag for a common cause. They joined the German Army in World War II, a volunteer army that was better known as the Waffen SS. And it was in the Waffen SS, the elite fighting force of Germany, where the first modern European army was born. A new society of front fighters emerged from many different European nations; it was a society that had been forged in the sacrifice, sweat, and blood on the battlefield. Maybe their heritage and culture was different but their uniforms and motto were one and the same: Meine Ehre Heisst Treue! Foreword by Jennifer Georg Cover art by Jacob Donaldson