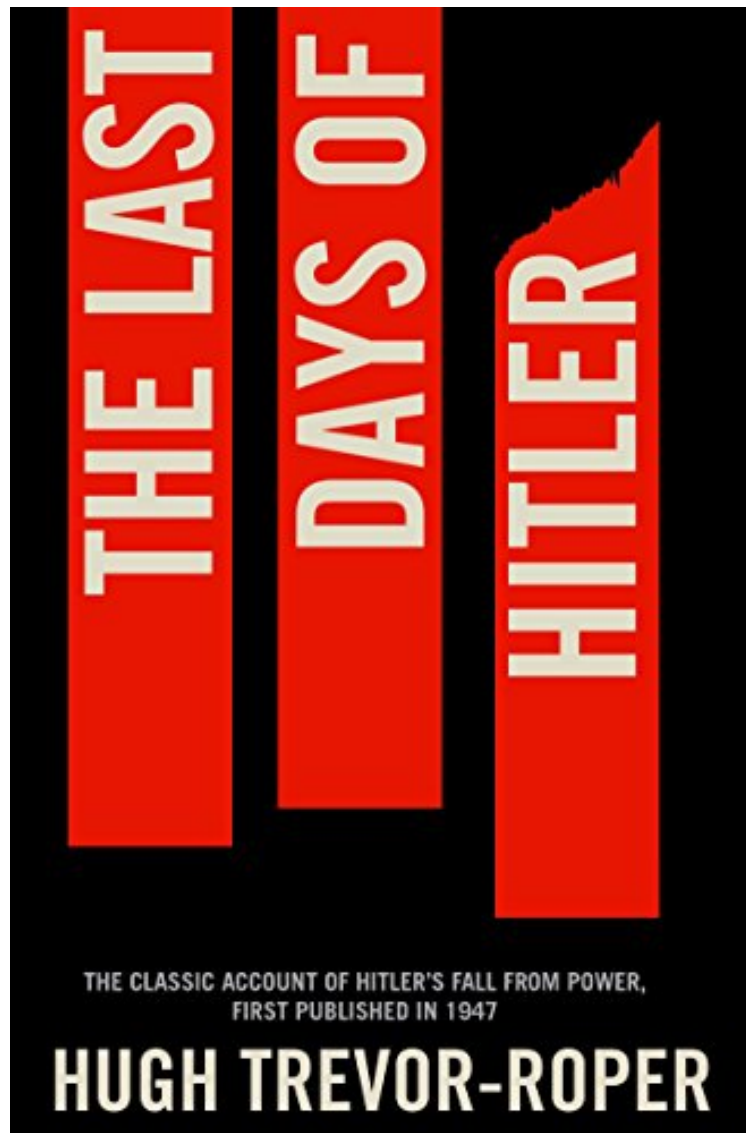


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Hugh Trevor Roper (1914–2003) was one of the most famous historians of his generation. His books include *Archbishop Laud, A Hidden Life, The Last Days of Hitler, The Reformation and Social Change, Princes and Artists, and Renaissance Essays*.