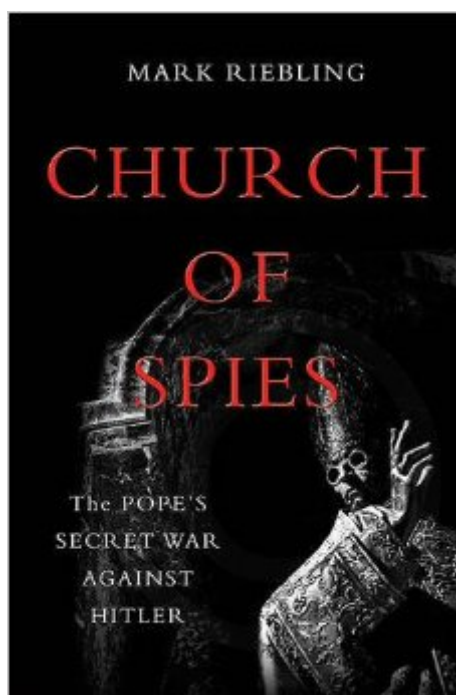


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Pius the Twelfth has long been vilified as 'Hitler's Pope,' but a key part of the story has remained untold. Pope Pius ran the world's largest church and oldest spy service. Under his leadership the Vatican spy ring actively plotted against the Third Reich and conspired to assassinate Hitler. Church of Spies throws open the Vatican's doors to reveal how the world's greatest religious institution dealt with the greatest moral crisis in history.

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World War. The books by John Cornwell, Susan Zuccotti, and David Kertzer have also worked to find Pius XII guilty as charged. Cornwell called his book on this subject HITLER'S POPE. Here we have some up to date research, new research, demonstrating without much doubt that Pope Pius XII participated both directly and indirectly in the many plots for the removal and even murder of Adolf Hitler and did all he could to help those targeted by the Nazis for death, principally the Jews and also the Polish intellectual elite which included the Polish clergy.

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