

Civil War in Europe, 1905-1949

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balance and objectivity about an emotionally provocative and complex period that still has a certain impact upon our politics today although, having read this, one really wonders why, the circumstances of the period being so different from our own and impossible to replicate. However, one does see the eternal patterns of revolution and counter revolution where these succeeded as well as where established authority was able to resolve the issues of the day and maintain power. One will encounter names and political parties one never knew existed which were all part of the political mosaic. It's kind of like watching today's political commentary circa 1905-1949. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Pretty Cool Stuff By Truden I read this for my Europe in the Age of War and Dictatorship Class. What a book! It's refreshing to learn about something besides Hitler, Stalin, or one of the World Wars in Europe in the Twentieth Century. This book essentially starts at the Finnish Civil War, details the Russian Civil War, then events in Germany and countries like Portugal and Italy, and the Spanish Civil War. Finally, it ends with a summary of the wars in Yugoslavia and Greece. This was a very exciting read and I would highly recommend it. 1 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Hard to read! By Carrie I needed this book for a history class that I took. I found this book extremely difficult to read and understand, and so did all of the members in my small group. That being said, I am not a history major and was taking the class for a general credit. I did not have a lot of background knowledge concerning this time period. The AI for the class did say in her presentation one day that she found the book very dry, difficult, and hard to read, and she was a graduate student in the area of history. If you are really interested in this topic than maybe you will like this book, but I did not.

This is the first account in any language of the civil wars in Europe during the era of the world wars, from 1905 to 1949. It treats the initial confrontations in the decade before World War I, the confusing concept of "European civil war," the impact of the world wars, the relation between revolution and civil war, and all the individual cases of civil war, with special attention to Russia and Spain. The civil wars of this era are compared and contrasted with earlier internal conflicts, with particular attention to the factors that made this era a time of unusually violent domestic contests, as well as those that brought it to an end. The major political, ideological, and social influences are all treated, with a special focus on violence against civilians.

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Republic, 1933-1936: Origins of the Civil War; Franco and Hitler and Spain: A Unique History.