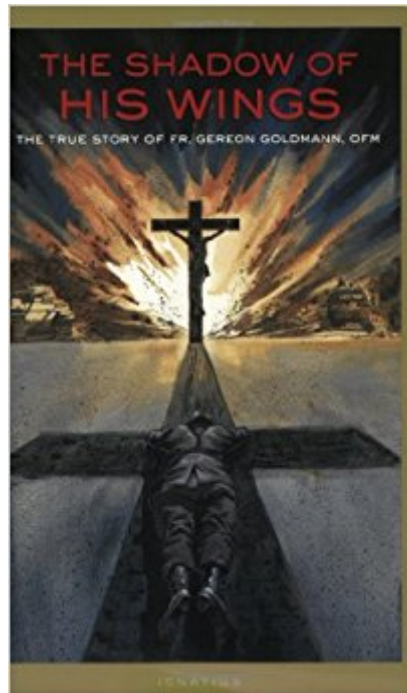




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# **The Shadow Of His Wings: The True Story Of Fr. Gereon Goldmann, OFM**



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We had to do it. We had to reprint this book. Rarely has a book had such an impact on so many of us here at Ignatius Press. It is one of the most powerful and moving books we have come across. If you can only buy one book this season, this must be the one. Here is the astonishing true story of the harrowing experiences of a young German seminarian drafted into Hitler's dreaded SS at the onset of World War II. Without betraying his Christian ideals, against all odds, and in the face of Evil, Gereon Goldmann was able to complete his priestly training, be ordained, and secretly minister to German Catholic soldiers and innocent civilian victims caught up in the horrors of war. How it all came to pass will astound you. Father Goldmann tells of his own incredible experiences of the trials of war, his many escapes from almost certain death, and the diabolical persecution that he and his fellow Catholic soldiers encountered on account of their faith. What emerges is an extraordinary witness to the workings of Divine Providence and the undying power of love, prayer, faith, and sacrifice. Illustrated

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"This book shows the workings of grace in the most difficult of conditions. A fascinating, gripping true story of a clerical

life we can hardly imagine." -- Fr. James V. Schall, S.J., Georgetown University

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This is the fascinating story of a young German seminarian drafted into the SS during World War II. He ends up serving as (the equivalent of) a corpsman during the Allied Italian offensive. Preserving his faith against all odds, he brought spiritual aid as well as medical help to his countrymen. With the unexpected help of nuns, bishops, and even the Pope, he was ordained a priest in the waning days of the war. The current edition includes the story of his later work as a missionary in post-war Japan. For believers, this is an inspiring story of God's providence allowing one man to touch the lives of many. But I think anyone can appreciate reading about a side of the war that is rarely, if ever, seen.

In light of all the controversy surrounding whether Pope Pius XII did enough for the Jews, and on the recent Papal apology for the past sins of the Church comes a book that demonstrates the actions of some in the face of Nazism. This true story follows the experiences of a young German seminarian, Gereon Goldmann, drafted into Hitler's SS in the beginning of World War II. The story tells how Goldmann, in the face of evil, was able to continue his training for the priesthood and minister to others. This is the best book of 2000!

This is an incredible account of a Catholic priest who also happened to be a Nazi. The encounters this priest experienced are amazing to say the least. How he served as a Catholic priest and the Nazi party simultaneously borders on the unbelievable. Fr. Geron's tenacity in adhering to his beliefs were much stronger than the Nazi dictates. Not once did he ever compromise his priesthood. Without giving away salient encounters, for me the most poignant one was when he placed a pistol in the face of another Nazi to - well I won't give the story away. Suffice it to say during his tenure while a Nazi soldier, he never fired even one shot. The lengths this priest endured in bringing the Blessed Sacrament to men in the battlefield are astounding. Equally heartwarming were the revelations of other Nazi soldiers who admitted to him their disdain for the Hitler regime. Even though you may not be a Catholic, I wholeheartedly encourage you to read this book to have some insight of the lengths one might pursue in practicing his beliefs regardless of seemingly insurmountable circumstance. I promise you, after you've read this book, you will have a different outlook on who you are as a person and what you are willing to acknowledge. Could serve a self

analyzing concept of your inner strength and how far you are willing to go to have the courage of your convictions.

I estimate that I have read over 10,000 books (including audio books, manuscripts, screenplays etc). This book ranks in my top five favorite books for the following reasons:1. It reads like a great novel.2. This book (perhaps like none other) will make you a believer in divine providence and the power of persistent prayer.3. This book captures some great humorous moments during a very dark war.4. Helped me to see WWII from the viewpoint of a faithful Catholic who was promoted to the SS (read book before passing judgement). 5. Really demonstrates how God makes all crooked lines straight when you submit to His will.(Special Note: I also recommend reading "In Solitary Witness" by Gordon Charles Zahn for another great perspective.)

I feel, in this modern day-and-age, our society has morphed into something secular and post-Christian . Today's policy and thought is not based on God's law but the law of nature. I saw a similarity between my journey through a godless modern age and Fr. Goldmann's journey as a German soldier during WWII's Nazi fascist state. I think strength can be drawn from seeing how he survived through faith. As Fr. Goldmann was able to navigate through the war, we also are able to navigate through the modern war on our faith. I loved this book and was inspired by every page.

This book was interest-grabbing! I could hardly put it down because I was determined to see what would happen next. this young man, Franciscan priest. had a blessed life and was protected all through his harrowing experiences. I fine read for everyone.

It is absolutely amazing! Definitely all seminarians should read it. This young seminarian and others were drafted into the German Army/ He even got as high as the SS without firing a shot. The very dangerous and intricate ways in which he made it from a to b and all the way to z without getting killed was due to prayer. The Power of Prayer wins every time. I wish Mel Gibson would make a movie about this seminarian who who was ordained a priest even before he left the army..He lived to write this book. Read it. Not all Germans were bad. I'm reading it for the second time.

An amazing true story of a German seminarian during WWII, who was conscripted into the Wehrmacht and sent to the front lines as many Christian men were. Fantastic happenings to this individual during the War shows the tremendous power of prayer and the the fantastic things that

God will do for those who love Him. Was put in the infamous SS as someone top officers could trust in a secret plot to assassinate Hitler. Amazing protections God put on this man who He used to bring the good news and help to many thousands after the war.

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