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Aparna

★★★★★ **A source of thought-provoking knowledge altogether!**

Reviewed in the United States on May 18, 2022

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The Damned of Magdeburg by author H Allenger is a historical fiction set in the 1500s. It's an intricate scripture of catholic nuances, apocalyptic chaos, and tragic end. The plotline is themed on the changes persisting in the era and the consequent problems lingering throughout the book. The character buildout is strong and resonates with rich cultural inclination. Followed by the initial plot setup, the book discovers deeper existing secrets in the city of Magdeburg. It presents the existing tensions between Catholics and Protestants, leading to warfare of displeasures and boundless aggression. It is a stunning historical take on the subject by the author and a source of thought-provoking knowledge altogether!



blancayroja

★★★★☆ **War historical fiction**

Reviewed in the United States on May 18, 2022

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The Damned of Magdeburg by H Allenger is a book of historical fiction. In my case, I liked the historical introduction with which the book begins and I think it is helpful. As the author says, it defines the setting of the history, and I liked it. Besides history we also find politics, and we can see the harshness of war, and how it affects the characters and the world in general. It is entertaining as it has action and adventure. The book is well narrated, I found the dialogues correct, as well as the different characters, but it was a bit long and heavy at times. I could not read it in one sitting, but still, I recommend it to lovers of the genre.



Martha Custis

★★★★☆ **Interesting Hypothesis**

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The Thirty Years War is an interesting period of history and I was excited to see that The Damned of Magdeburg by H. Allenger was set in this era. The novel as the title suggests is centered in the town of Magdeburg during its leaderless period in the mid 1600s. The book explores the hypothesis of individuals being self-fulfilling prophecies by the importance they give to actions designated as good or bad by religious beliefs. The hypothesis is interesting but the novel falls short of being anything insightful and stays at the cliché level of anti-religious bias. Allenger is a decent writer, but overall, I found the book to not have a strong plot line or persuasive thesis so to speak.



Ashley

★★★★☆ **1600s historical fiction**

Reviewed in the United States on May 19, 2022

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The Damned of Magdeburg by H. Allenger is a historical fiction novel zooming in on the lives of people living in Magdeburg, during a time period based on the Battle of Magdeburg. During the Thirty Years' War in the first half of the 1600s, the Roman Emperor, Ferdinand II, felt it was an imperial duty to guide religion within his kingdom. Ferdinand praised Catholicism and ordered all Protestants convert or be banished (or worse). This book is a fictional take on how Protestants living in Magdeburg, a city that refused to bend, would have handled being besieged. I liked the focus on moral dilemma, as sinners or not, the characters are being told that they are damned. It was an interesting read, well worth it for historical fiction fans, but there is a lack of fluidity as the book progresses. It's a bit complex, I struggled a time or two to follow.



Agustina

★★★★☆ **A solid book**

Reviewed in the United States on May 19, 2022

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H. Allenger is the author of this book called The Damned of Magdeburg. This book is not only a historical fiction but also gives the readers the opportunity to analyze the different points of view from not only the characters but also several situations. The plot is set in 1555, when the war between Catholics and Protestants is happening. I struggled a bit to read this book to be honest, even though there was a lot of incredible information and the book itself did invite the reader to be actively thinking about the several characters this book has. But once I was able to catch up with the reading, I enjoyed it. Filled with drama, action, and excitement, Allenger does a good job of keeping up with the historical facts of the 16th and 17th centuries. So, I do recommend this book to history lovers out there.



Sol Tyler


★★★★★ **i loved it way too much**

Reviewed in the United States on May 20, 2022

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The Damned of Magdeburg by author H. Allenger is a historical fiction tale which is tightly plotted and well-thought. The events chosen to set this story up are so exiting that the story seems realistic. While reading these pages, one can guess author Allenger has devoted a lot of time to think about how to weave the events together so that sixteenth and seventeenth centuries' backgrounds are shown almost in the exact same way as they may have actually been. Through prose and some dialogues as well, we get to learn a lot of details about politics, wars and history of times which are far away for some this present time.



 Mayra Comolli

★★★★☆ **Very good novel. Great insights**

Reviewed in the United States on May 21, 2022

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The Damned of Magdeburg by H. Allenger is a historical novel with a nice fictional touch about the lives of people living in Magdeburg. The novel takes place during a time period based on the Battle of Magdeburg. The story focuses in a special group of people, the Protestants. It shows how Protestants living in a city that refused to bend would have handled being besieged. All this, because they live under the rules of the Roman Emperor Ferdinand II. He praised Catholicism and ordered all Protestants to convert or be banished or sometimes, even worse. I have always enjoyed this kind of books, but this one is special. The writing style of the author gives a great frame to the whole story. I highly recommend this book to anyone.

 Conscientious

★★★★☆ **A great historical fiction**

Reviewed in the United States on May 21, 2022

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The Damned of Magdeburg by H Allenger is a historical fiction encompassing varying threads of intensive human dilemmas. This is the story of the city of Magdeburg and its inhabitants and what conspired in the Battle of Magdeburg. The setting is in the eras of sixteen hundreds where Ferdinand II takes it upon himself the matters of religion in his kingdom. What ensued are Protestants refusing to give in and the consequences of what happened henceforth. The story strongly depicts and focuses on how the personages deal with the crisis. There focus is also on moral conduct.

The author has done an excellent job in setting the story as it helps readers to grasp the interaction among the characters. It is an interesting read as we can glimpse what those centuries contained and their atmosphere. I was intrigued with all the complex topics depicted and the whole backdrop to the story is very interesting. Unique and fascinating read, I highly recommend it for an exclusive experience.

 H.S

★★★★☆ **Post-apocalyptic and elaborate descriptions- Interesting!**

Reviewed in the United States on May 22, 2022

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This historical fiction shows character conflict and development in a way that makes you question what morality is. It is interesting how the author integrates the seven deadly sins and focuses on how each character behaves differently in a post apocalyptic scenario. The setting and description were elaborate but also helps the reader visualise where the plot is taking place. The book deals with themes of ethics and the right and wrong which exposes human nature and the implications of the seven sins. If you enjoy reading symbolic works and books that focus on fictional eras, then you might enjoy this one! Some readers might find the imagery appealing but the characterisation is what really caught my attention.

 Kourtney

★★★★☆ **perfect show of moral conflict**

Reviewed in the United States on May 22, 2022

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The Damned of Magdeburg was easily one of the most interesting stories I have had the opportunity to read in my recent experiences. I was immediately intrigued by the idea of seeing how people would react in the face of a pending apocalypse and this story gave the right amount of detail that I was hoping for. This one is a bit of a longer read, but I think that's well justified by the amount of detail that goes into the presentation of the story. Definitely a great reading recommendation for those who enjoy apocalypse or post-apocalyptic novels. The moral conflict expressed in the story is unlike anything I've read before.


 Brenda

★★★★☆ **Good historical fiction**

Reviewed in the United States on May 23, 2022

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The Damned of Magdeburg\* is a historical fiction with a really interesting plot. In the early years of 1600s, there was a war in Europe between the catholic church and the protestants leaving society in a chaotic and confused state during this time. The vocabulary in the book could have been a little more specific to the time being represented, but overall, the narrative, the characters and the action are really entertaining. And there are very interesting topics being touched beyond the war itself. I enjoyed the development of the characters throughout the book, it is funny to compare some parts to today's time. Sadly, I found a lot of common situations and points.

 Santiago Flores

★★★★☆ **Well written with delightful characters.**

Reviewed in the United States on May 23, 2022

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What a reading! The Damned of Magdeburg by H Allenger is not a simple or light read, in fact I took my time with it because it is a bit long. But this length doesn't make it boring, in fact I was completely entertained from beginning to end. I really like historical fiction and this book did not disappoint; I liked the characters and the development of the plot. Characters were completely developed and described, making the reading enjoyable. Also, the author uses a descriptive narrative style that I liked a lot. I would recommend reading this book because I liked it very much.





Randa

★★★★★ **From One History Buff to Another...**

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I'm a history buff, so it's nice to know that Allenger is one as well. He proudly flaunts his extensive knowledge in a particular time during The Thirty Years War in the heart of The Reformation, so much so that he picks a specific year during this chaotic period, 1630, and spins a fascinating historical fiction tale of the mindsets of everyone who had to endure the calamity of religious movements that were entwined with the economy, law, and order. I remember being a bit younger and reading about the cannibalism Calvinists and Germans practiced in the 1500s and 1600s, and wondering why the descendants of those regions prided themselves on being "civil". Allenger took those thoughts of mine and helped me to both understand and humanize the desperation many humans felt during this time of warring. When one really thinks about it, the rallying pious people of this tale aren't so different from the people of the modern world, fighting large-scale and small-scale holy wars to prove who is right or wrong. We too question which sin is worse than the other, not realizing that even if we tried, we can't scrub away the innate knowing in all of us that is deemed as unclean. Allenger wrote about ways even the perceived enemy can look down on the human race as savages, but the real hidden moral of his story encourages us to stop looking outward and begin to curiously gaze inward.

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Thomas Myers

★★★★★ **The Damned is a perfect description**

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The cover certainly helps evoke the personal drama that the inhabitants of the titular city are about to experience. Thematically, The Damned part also refers to the characters' own internal actions and their guilt of it, but also the fact that they are sure to be doomed during the siege. The description of the siege and its beginning is pitch-perfect and the author drew on immense historical research for this tale, and the details really show in each scene.



Grady Harp Top Contributor: Children's Books **HALL OF FAME** **TOP 100 REVIEWER**

★★★★★ **How humans behave in an impending crisis – a novel with timely impact!**

Reviewed in the United States on September 3, 2022

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Washington state author Herbert Allenger earned his degrees in Political Science from Eastern Washington State College/University and in International Relations from the University of Arkansas. He served as an officer in the US Army in Okinawa, Vietnam and Germany, and has recently retired from the Seattle School District where he served in the transportation office. He is an historian at heart, and explores mythology, archaeology, and art – blending these into this his third novel, THE DAMNED OF MAGDEBURG. As Allenger states, 'Writing a novel about the Thirty Years' War is a daunting endeavor. With its multitude of treaties, alliances, conquests, and reconquests, it can best be described as a convoluted mishmash that seemingly defies coherence, whose intricacies and motivations ranged from expanding domains through royal marriages to outright plunder by outlaw mercenaries. I chose to cover the conflict by concentrating on just one year – the summer of 1630 to the destruction of Magdeburg in May of 1631...'

The author succeeds splendidly in crafting a story that is historically accurate and fascinating as a novel. In brief, 'The city of Magdeburg has been pegged a target by the Catholic forces of the Holy Roman Empire for its refusal to attend the Regensburg Summit called for by the Emperor Ferdinand and its failure to comply with the Edict of Restitution demanded by him. It is besieged by, first Pappenheim and then Tilly, commanders of the Catholic League, in retaliation for their omission, and the tale centers around the lives of the main personages residing within Magdeburg and how they respond and cope with the crisis, addressing the issue of each person's moral conduct; they commit one or more of the seven deadly sins as preached by the Church, including same sex relationships, so that they suffer from guilt complexes that makes them believe their impending doom may be merited by them. Their lives center around these complexities and are interwoven into the fabric of their behavior and conduct towards each other and themselves.' Allenger's fine prose lights up this period with both fact and polished storytelling, and the result is an historical novel that both educates and entertains. Very highly recommended.

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