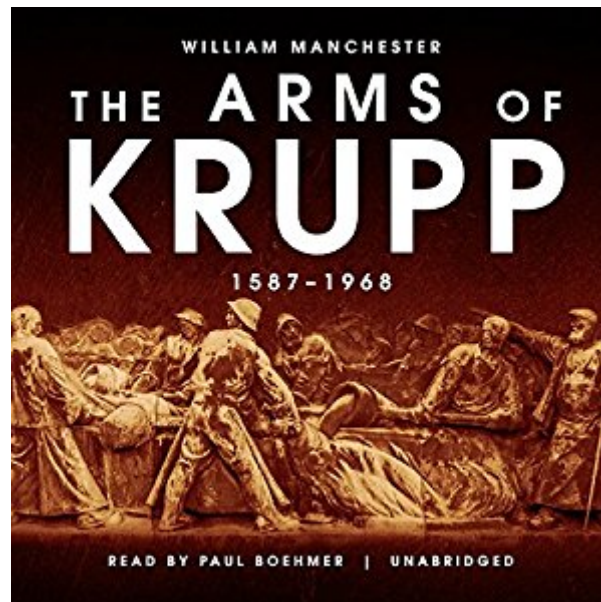




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# **The Arms Of Krupp: 1587-1968**



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## Customer Reviews

LOOOOOOONG unabridged William Manchester audio book. Now a little dated (2017). He's certainly advocating a point of view through his work - though it is unparalleled in mapping the fortunes of the Krupp dynasty and business with the rise in German militarism from Bismarck on. (Minus one star for its being a little dated and a bit one sided - esp about the WW2 period.)

Few Americans understand that Hitler and the Nazi Party were 99% funded by Germany's 25 richest industrialists and they were motivated solely by profit. Hitler in return for 4 million German Marks agreed to ban all unions in Germany. The industrialists over the succeeding 10 years obtained ownership of captured mines and a slave labor force in the occupied countries as well as massive government contracts for the creation of the German war machine. After the war, Alfred

Krupp was convicted of war crimes having caused the deaths of tens of thousands of slave laborers in his factories and imprisoned but later a sympathetic American pardoned Krupp and released all his assets so as of 1956, Krupp was the wealthiest man in all of Europe. This book provides an excellent review of how the Krupp family got into the armaments industry and how they perfected the arms race by pitting one country against the other with each new generation of cannons. The breadth of the Krupp operations has been surpassed by that of the Koch brothers, but the Krupp family paved the way and doubtless inspired many other brigands of industry.

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This is one of those books that any student of history should have read. I recognize that it was controversial as being factually inaccurate in portions, but the subject is one that deserves consideration. How do arms manufacturers influence our movements toward and away from involvement in war? Should a handful of people who benefit from the construction of weaponry be able to wield the influence that they do?

I had read Krupp many years ago. This book was for a friend. It is a wonderful history of Germany through the Krupp dynasty. I'd recommend it to anybody who is interested in where the 4 circles on the Audi automobile originated. It is a long, very detailed history, beautifully written.

Exhaustingly researched, holds up very well almost 50 years(!) after it was first published. A major work of journalism and biography, well worth the investment of time to get through it. If you're looking at this book, you probably already know you want to read it. So just do it.

Well written.

Fascinating history of the armorers of the Third Reich, and a timely cautionary tale about the dangers of getting into a corporate run arms race (sound familiar?).

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