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IN THE SERVICE OF EVIL TOTALITARIAN WOMEN



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History remembers the women who fought for progress. But what about the women who chose the wrong side of history?

In the Service of Evil brings eleven women out of the footnotes of history – women who did not merely support totalitarian regimes and radical movements, but helped shape them.

From Gertrud Scholtz-Klink in Nazi Germany and Jiang Qing during China's Cultural Revolution to Ulrike Meinhof of the Red Army Faction, these women organised, indoctrinated and exercised real power. They were not simply wives, followers or victims, but political actors driven by ideology, ambition and a will to power.

Structured as a journey through a century of totalitarianism, the book explores how radical ideologies emerge, evolve and collide – and challenges the persistent idea that fanaticism, brutality and political violence belong primarily to men. At a time when extremism is once again on the rise, *In the Service of Evil* offers a timely reminder: radicalisation has no gender.

An important book that recognises women's role in politics – for better and for worse.

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An engaging and accessible book about women in totalitarian movements.

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