

RESOURCE BOOK

FACING HISTORY AND OURSELVES



HOLOCAUST AND
HUMAN BEHAVIOR

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All the people like us are we, and everyone else is they.

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Many individuals quoted in this book use the terms man and men to refer to women as well as men. This usage reflects the era in which they lived.

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*Democracy is becoming rather than being. It can easily be lost,
but never is fully won. Its essence is eternal struggle.*

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*The shadowy figures that look out at us from the tarnished
mirror of history are - in the final analysis - ourselves.*

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Anyone who interprets National Socialism as merely a political movement knows almost nothing about it. It is more than a religion.

It is the determination to create the new man.

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*The world is too dangerous to live in - not because
of the people who do evil, but because of
the people who sit and let it happen.*

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*History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived,
but if faced with courage, need not be lived again.*

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*Only the spectators, who constitute the space of history (memory)
in which all actions and works of art fall...
can pass ultimate judgment on an event or action by
the quality of their attention.*

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*Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve
the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth
a tiny ripple of hope.*

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