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Editorial Review

From the Inside Flap

PEARL HARBOR WAS MORE THAN A SURPRISE ATTACK

It was, argues celebrated historian John Koster, part of a deep Soviet plot—"Operation Snow"—to divert the Japanese into fighting the Americans rather than the Russians.

Even more startling, Koster reveals how Harry Dexter White, one of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's most important men in the Treasury Department—and also a Soviet spy—was a key figure in the plot.

In *Operation Snow* Koster reveals:

- The previously neglected (and untranslated) sources that expose the Soviet conspiracy
- How Harry Dexter White got away with one of the most devastating acts of treason in American history
- How Japan and the United States were manipulated by Russian agents and propaganda
- Why, if Operation Snow had failed, the Soviet Union might have collapsed under the combined might of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan
- Stalin's unwitting stooge—how FDR's Secretary of the Treasury was manipulated to promote policies that provoked war with Japan
- It didn't end with Pearl Harbor: how Harry Dexter White continued to act as a Soviet agent into the postwar era, until exposure prompted a disguised suicide.

Full of shocking detail, *Operation Snow* is a riveting exposé of an extraordinary intelligence operation that radically altered the Second World War, with consequences that are almost impossible to measure.

Think you know the story of Pearl Harbor? You don't know the full story until you read *Operation Snow*.

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