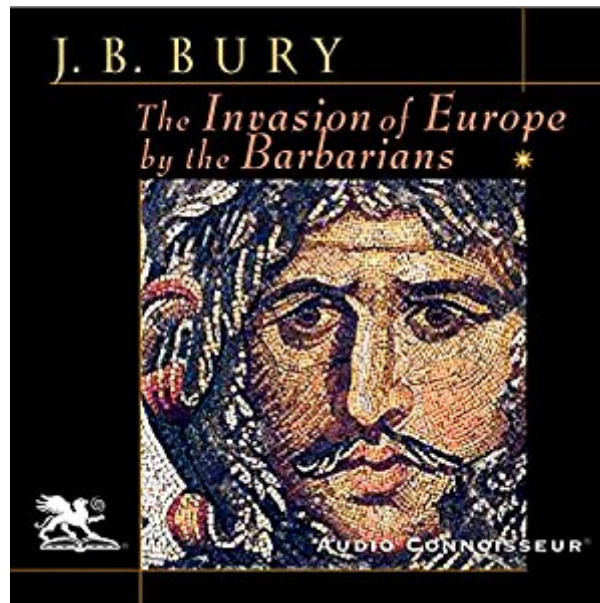




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The Invasion Of Europe By The Barbarians



Synopsis

In the last half of the fourth century, the Roman Empire began to feel the stress of renewed pressure on its borders as Germanic and Asian tribes moved westward. As these tribes settled, they began to form alliances and to convert to Christianity. But when these very capable tribesmen began to enlist in the Roman military, the empire began to fall under the control of mercenary soldiers. Men like the gifted Vandal Stilicho became supreme commanders and wielded enormous influence at a very crucial period in Roman history. But though the various German tribes were dangerous, they did not menace the Roman civilization in the same way as the feared Huns, who destroyed everything in their path. In this brilliant history, you will learn why Atilla turned his devouring hordes into Gaul, and how he came within a heartbeat of controlling all of Europe. Discover the truth behind the heroic legends of powerful men like Alaric, Theodoric, and Clovis, and the amazing journeys of tribes like the Visigoths, the Ostrogoths, the Franks, the Vandals, and the Lombards. And as you listen, you will also come to understand the underpinnings of the modern European nation state.

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Customer Reviews

This is actually a series of well knit lectures on the late Roman Empire's wars, and other interactions, with the German Barbarians. Many of the latter were actually admitted into the Empire when the various groups of peoples caused problems for, or attained ascendancy over, the Romans. This is a short book, and not covering everything (for example, the Vandal Kingdom in North Africa), but what it does cover, it does so well and succinctly. Professor Bury also does not

describe the evolution of early medieval France (Merovingian France), but one can attain this elsewhere. Further, the book does to a degree assume some general knowledge of the times, and is therefore not quite for the beginner. A book for an upper class history course in College, therefore. Well done.

Excellent coverage with appropriate repetition to remind the reader of successive rulers of each barbarian race to show the big picture of how barbarians influenced the dominion of various nations and empires. It's an enigma of when the Roman Empire actually ended. This can be answered various ways as author Bury points out. The downside of the book is the complex description of family intermarriages which distract and detract from the thematic flow which is the book's prime asset in capturing the reader's interest.

I really didn't know much about this time period. The book appears to put together as comprehensive a history, given the limited resources. I think I now have some idea of how the Goths flowed through Europe and some of the Med

I'm trying to learn a bit more about Europe's history. This book was a great introduction, even though there were so many "barbarian" tribes that it was somewhat difficult to keep track of all of them. Anyway, I liked the book very much and I'll buy others by the same author.

Very good read if you're interested in European history. Most of the time the narrative moved along at a good clip that kept my interest, but occasionally wandered off into superfluous detail that I skipped by. Was a very illuminating book.

Pretty good summary of the Barbarian infiltration and latter evolution into lawfully societies. THE invasion was actually a conversion. The Romans did not disappear they evolution bed into modern nationalities

An excellent easy to read text, that gives one a basic understanding of the waves of Barbarian tribes that entered Western Europe during the breakup of the Roman empire.

An interesting read, providing some color and detail to an often obscure period in western history. We see modern europe in its nascent stage as classical Roman culture begins to merge with the

Germanic. A fascinating insight into how two seemingly alien cultures could begin to blend into a brand new Christian culture. One cannot help but to draw parallels with modern events. A solid read for anyone interested in this period of history.

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