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Sophie Scholl and the White Rose

“This is an impressive, highly readable and beautifully researched account of two brave German youths and their comrades who rejected Hitler’s demonic vision and fought to open their countrymen’s eyes to the horrors that lay ahead—at the cost of their lives . . . This book drives home the high cost of courage in world gone mad, and the brilliant light these brave young people shone into the dark night of Nazi Germany.”

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Sophie Scholl and the White Rose

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Jewish Chronicle

TESTIMONIALS ABOUT THE WHITE ROSE BY NOTABLE CONTEMPORARIES

“Good, splendid young people! You shall not have died in vain; you shall not be forgotten. The Nazis have raised monuments to indecent rowdies and common Sophie Scholl and the White Rose killers in Germany—but the German revolution, the real revolution, will tear them down and in their place will memorialize these people, who, at the Sophie Scholl and the White Rose time Sophie Scholl and the White Rose when Germany and Europe were still enveloped in the dark of night, knew and publicly declared: ‘A new faith in freedom and honor is dawning.’”

Thomas Mann, Nobel Laureate (Broadcasting from Sophie Scholl and the White Rose exile to Germany on the radio series “German Listeners”, June 27, 1943)

“If [the White Rose manifesto] is genuine, and there is no reason to doubt that it is, we can see in it the beginning of the end of the nightmare period in Germany itself . . . These young Munich Sophie Scholl and the White Rose students—few or many—representative or otherwise—rose gloriously . . . protesting in the name of principles which Hitler thought he had Sophie Scholl and the White Rose killed forever. In years to come we, too, may honor Sergeant [sic] Hans Scholl, Sophie Scholl, Christophe Probst, Alexander Schmorell, Kurt Huber and William Graf, slain in Munich

for a cause that is also ours.”

The New York Times ('Young German Martyrs', Lead Editorial
Eulogizing the White Rose, August 2, 1943)

“I will never forget the excitement when a leaflet was pressed into my hand by somebody in the editorial room of the *Allgemeine Zeitung*. The leaflets were being Sophie Scholl and the White Rose circulated by White Rose followers in Hamburg. Something inflammatory, heartening—yes, magical!—emanated from these typewritten and hectographed [mimeographed] lines.

“We copied them off and passed them on. A wave of enthusiasm swept over us—we who risked so damned little in comparison.”

Ursula von Kardoff (reporter at Nuremberg War Crimes
Tribunal, Sophie Scholl and the White Rose 1945)

“I never saw these two young people. In my rural isolation I got only bits and pieces of the whole story of what they were doing, but the significance . . . was such that I could hardly believe it. The Scholls are the first in Germany to have had the courage to witness for the truth. The movement they have left at their death will go on . . . They died in all radiance of their courage and readiness for sacrifice, and thereby attained the pinnacle in lives well lived . . . We will all of us, someday, have to make a pilgrimage to their graves and stand before them, ashamed.”

Friedrich Reck-Malleczewen, 1943, memoirist; author of
Diary of a Man in Despair

“When we heard about what was happening in Munich, Sophie Scholl and the White Rose we embraced each other and applauded. There were, after all, still human beings in Germany.”

Former Concentration Camp Inmate

“I realized that she (Sophie Scholl) was the same age as me, and I realized that she was executed the same year I started working for Hitler. At that moment, I really sensed it was no excuse to be young and that it might have been possible to find out Sophie Scholl and the White Rose what was going on.”

Traudl Junge, *Blind Spot: Hitler's Secretary*

“DESPITE EVERYTHING, THEIR SPIRIT LIVES ON!”

“SCHOLL LIVES!”

Anonymous graffiti appearing on walls

(Munich, February and March, 1943)

MODERN-DAY TESTIMONIALS ABOUT THE WHITE ROSE

“THE MOST IMPORTANT WOMAN OF THE TWENTIETH
CENTURY”

Brigitte Magazine's readers (circ. 4,000,000) voted Sophie Scholl the most important woman of the last century, over Madeline Albright and Madonna.

“OUR BEST—THE GREATEST GERMANS”

ZDF, a German TV station, in 2005 invited its viewers to nominate the greatest Germans ever. Hans and Sophie Scholl of the White Rose were voted into fourth place, above Bach, Goethe, Albert Einstein, Willy Brandt, Gutenberg, and Bismarck. Among young people, they were voted first.

“‘Rip off the cloak of indifference . . . choose before it is too late.’ A half-century has passed since the White Rose called out these words before their arrest and death . . . Each new generation, including our own, realizes that those words are really addressed to us. Again and again, we feel Sophie Scholl and the White Rose their deep echo . . . Each person is responsible for what he Sophie Scholl and the White Rose does and for what Sophie Scholl and the White Rose he allows to happen. In the darkest moment of 20th century history, the White Rose demonstrated this truth.”

Richard von Weizsäcker, former President of Germany, in a special introduction to the German edition of this book

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