

Stern Presents Hitler's Diaries (April 1983)

Abstract

On April 22, 1983, the news magazine *Stern* told the public that it had discovered Adolf Hitler's diaries. Three days later, it presented them at a press conference. The magazine had paid 9.3 million marks (more than 4 million U.S. dollars at the time) for 62 volumes of the so-called Hitler diaries, which were quickly revealed as forgeries. In July 1985, forger Konrad Kujau and former *Stern* reporter Gerd Heidemann were each sentenced to more than four and a half years in prison. This press scandal was instrumental in discrediting the tendency toward an "unprejudiced" and euphemistic assessment of the Third Reich in West German popular culture.

Source



Source: Two copies of *Stern* magazine in the Hamburg Police Museum. The museum displays materials relating to famous police cases, such as the alleged discovery of Hitler's diaries. Date: May 31, 2022. Location: Hamburg. Photo: Miriam Schmidt (dpa/Ino). Picture Alliance, media no. 24982105.

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