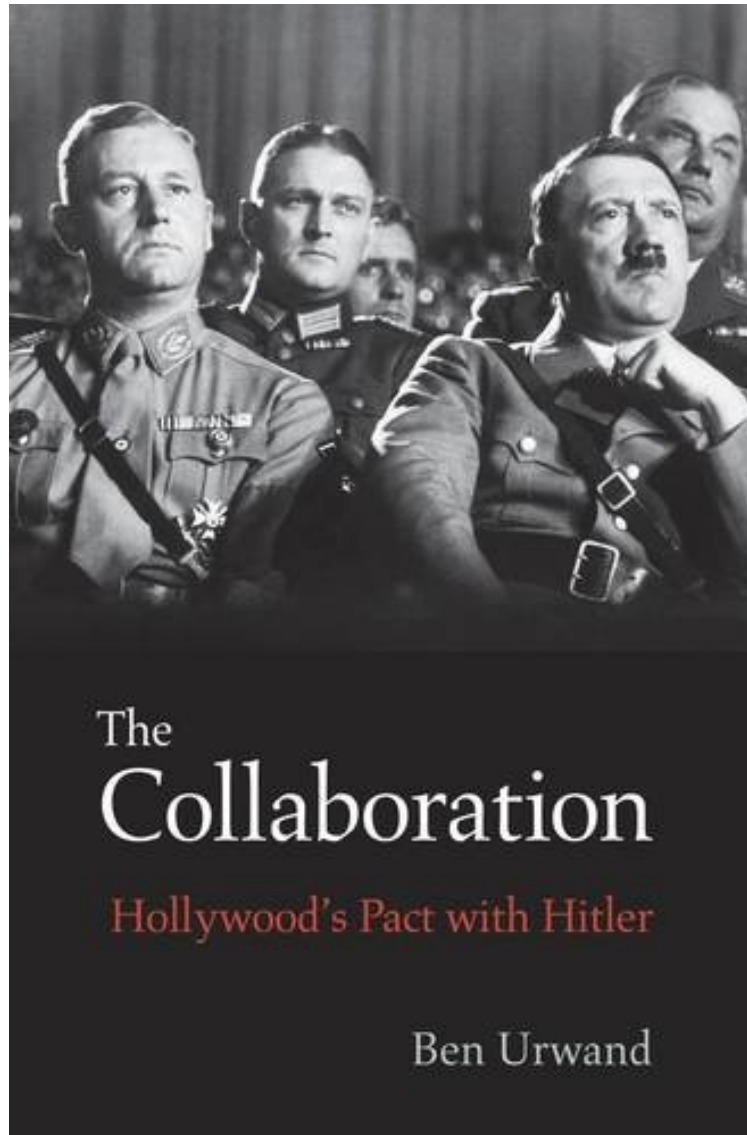


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What began with minor adjustments to scripts eventually reached a point where projects that were unsympathetic to Germany s past or critical of the Nazis were simply never made The studios didn t just follow a policy of accommodation they became willing partners with the Nazis to reach an understanding of what could be mutually beneficial to both parties. The book is such a revelation because it goes against the grain of commonly held assumptions Urwand is particularly good at marshalling hard facts and solid evidence that builds into a horrifying indictment of studios that continued to operate in Germany throughout the first eight years of Hitler s rule Even as the full horrors of the Nazi regime became apparent to the world, Hollywood continued to offer the hand of collaboration, a fact all the more ironic considering that many of the studio bosses were Jewish This is a book that challenges every rose-tinted view of Hollywood s Golden Age. 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