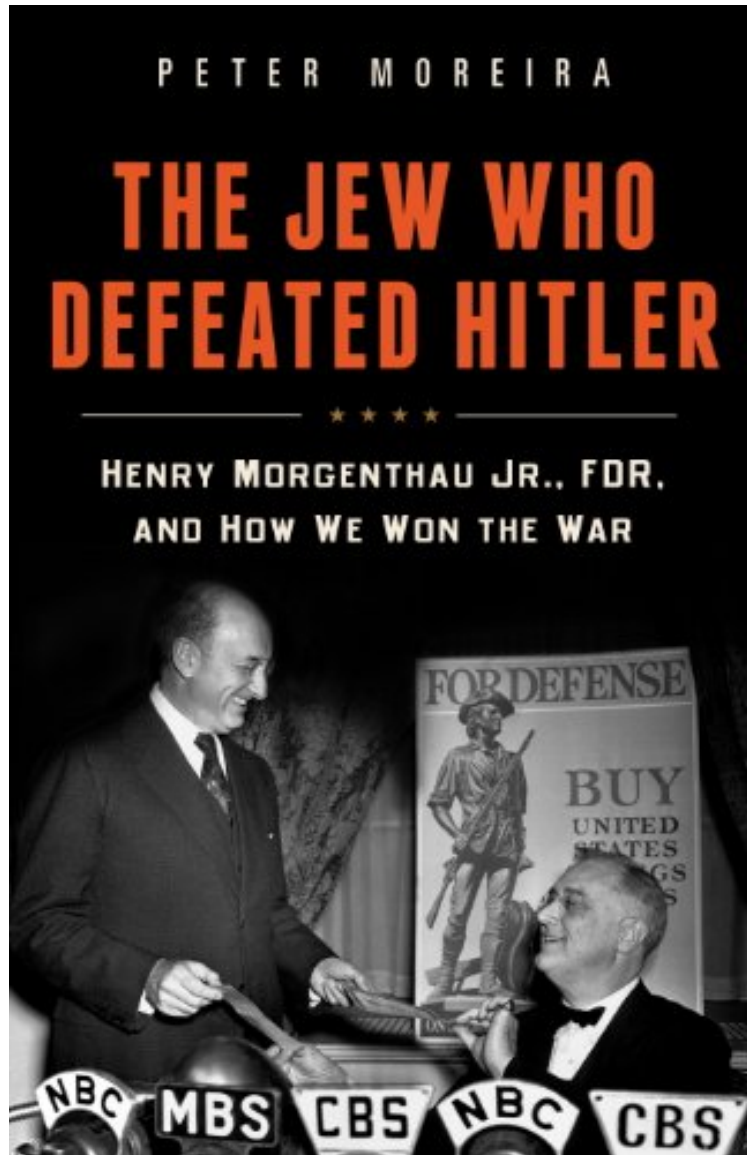


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. That Jew Morgenthau....By Fredschwan Full disclosure, I am a Morgenthau fan! I am a World War II buff with a special interest in the war bond programs so I cannot help but being

a Morgenthau fan. I have read several Morgenthau books. I think that this is the best one. The author does a great job of explaining the complexities of Treasury leadership during the war. The book title is a bit provocative, but not nearly as much as it should be! Instead of *The Jew Who*, it should have been *That Jew*,,,, That sounds terrible but it would have been perfect? Why? That Jew Morgenthau is what Hitler called the secretary of the Treasury! It would have been great irony to use that exact term for this book. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. True but misleading title! By tom perrodin Title is miss leading, but still a good read, as it gives many unknown background government calculations between government department heads. 2 of 6 people found the following review helpful. he is a pale character and fashioned his identity within FDR's good opinion. By Frank A. Vaughan Morgenthau is neither articulate nor personally dramatic or extreme, but he was a dedicated civil servant who understood his friend, neighbor and boss. His length of service to FDR, his ability to mobilize the power of the Treasury, and their mostly shared goals make him worth our interest in his influence. Alas, as this book makes clear, he is a pale character and fashioned his identity within FDR's good opinion.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt coined the slogan "The Arsenal of Democracy" to describe American might during the grim years of World War II. The man who financed that arsenal was his Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau Jr. This is the first book to focus on the wartime achievements of this unlikely hero—a dyslexic college dropout who turned himself into a forceful and efficient administrator and then exceeded even Roosevelt in his determination to defeat the Nazis. Based on extensive research at the FDR Library in Hyde Park, NY, author Peter Moreira describes Morgenthau's truly breathtaking accomplishments: He led the greatest financial program the world has ever seen, raising \$310 billion (over \$4.8 trillion in today's dollars) to finance the war effort. This was largely done without the help of Wall Street by appealing to the patriotism of the average citizen through the sale of war bonds. In addition, he championed aid to Britain before America entered the war; initiated and oversaw the War Refugee Board, spearheading the rescue of 200,000 Jews from the Nazis; and became the architect of the 1944 Bretton Woods Conference, which produced the modern economic paradigm. The book also chronicles Morgenthau's many challenges, ranging from anti-Semitism to the postwar "Morgenthau Plan" that was his undoing. This is a captivating story about an understated and often overlooked member of the Roosevelt cabinet who played a pivotal role in the American war effort to defeat the Nazis.

Peter Moreira ably demonstrates that Morgenthau was not just FDR's buddy but also a great secretary of the Treasury and American Jewish leader whose critical role in the Allied victory in World War II has been underestimated by historians. Morgenthau can now take his rightful place in the Roosevelt era. —Robert N. Rosen, author of *Saving the Jews: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Holocaust* About the Author Peter Moreira is the author of *Hemingway on the China Front: His WWII Spy Mission with Martha Gellhorn* and *Backwater: Nova Scotia's Economic Decline*. He is also the principal of *Entrevestor*, a consultancy that promotes and analyzes technology startups in Eastern Canada. For many years he also worked as a reporter for *The Deal*, *Bloomberg Financial News*, and *Knight-Ridder Financial News*.