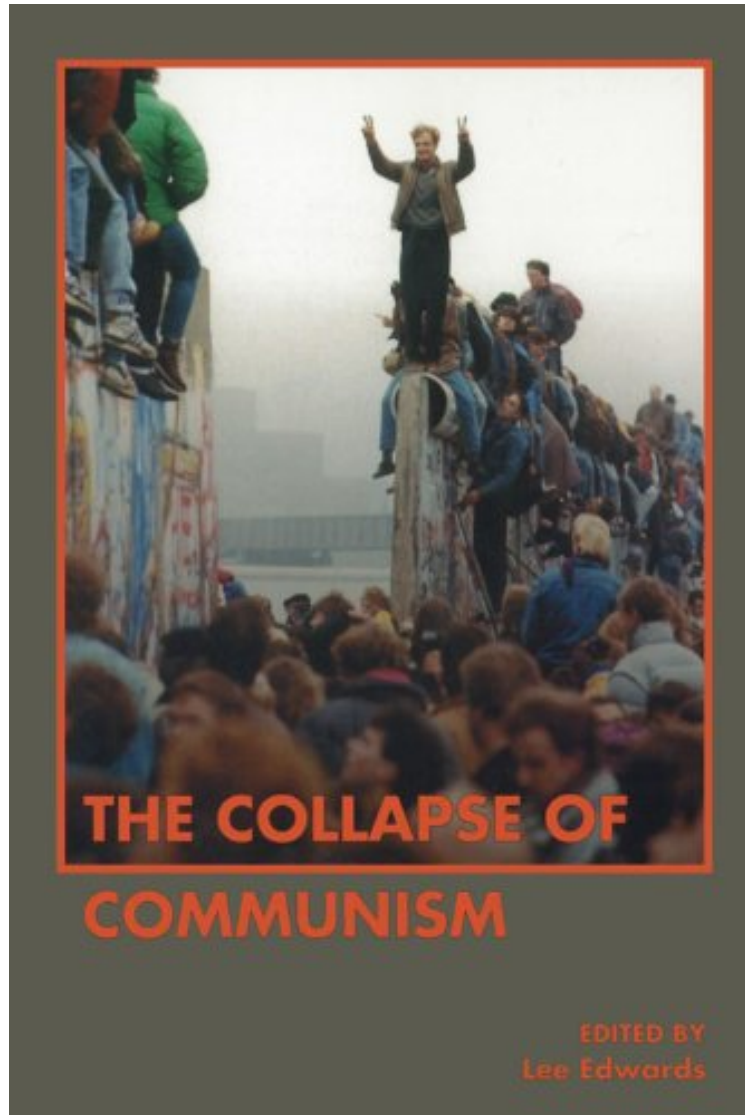


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Von Lee Edwards : Collapse of Communism (Hoover Institution Press Publication) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Collapse of Communism (Hoover Institution Press Publication):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Collapse of ReasonVon Ein KundeLee Edwardsf book on Communism and the unparalleled amount of suffering it incurred upon humanity, is quite similar to the newly-translated Black Book of Communism by French scholar Stephane Courtois and other contributors. Both raise immensely troubling questions about the historical interpretation

of the struggle between communism and anti-communism and the enormity of the horror both totalitarian Communism and capitalist Democracies have visited on those it sought to liberate. Edwards refers to Stalin's terror, the Ukrainian famine which claimed up to 6 million lives and the Chinese famines of 1958-61, with an alleged death toll of 25-40 million which constitute a sizeable portion of the 100 million corpses he attributes, correctly, to totalitarian Communism. In his condemnation of Communism, Edwards makes no reference to the authoritative work of economist Amartya Sen, whose comparison of the Chinese famine to the record of democratic India received much attention when he won the Nobel Prize a few years ago. Sen observed that India and China had "similarities that were quite striking" when development planning began 50 years ago, including death rates. "But there is little doubt that as far as morbidity, mortality and longevity are concerned, China has a large and decisive lead over India." Sen estimates the excess of mortality in India over China to be close to 4 million a year: "India seems to manage to fill its cupboard with more skeletons every eight years than China put there in its years of shame," 1958-1961. Using the same accounting methods as Edwards, it is reasonable to conclude that in India democratic capitalism since 1947 has caused more deaths than in the entire history of Communism everywhere since 1917: over 100 million deaths by 1979, tens of millions more since, in India alone. As a chronicle of humanities capacity to murder and maim in pursuit of utopia, this book tells only half the story and as such provides the reader with a highly skewed, biased interpretation of history.

0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Great view of Edward's "Collapse of Communism" Von Charles Miller This volume shows the total depravity of the system from many viewpoints. It is highly recommended. I could understand the prior reviewer's complaint if China had really been ECONOMICALLY Communist since the 1970s, but the comparative benefits vis a vis India are attributable to the actual workings of Capitalism in China despite the name up front. Of course, politically China is still as totalitarian as ever. One is reminded of Milton Friedman's analysis of India; its own problem is too much statism regardless of name. The best analysis is of the total losses in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Why doesn't the prior reviewer compare, say, East and West Germany, or the Ukraine and Iowa? Overall, this volume is more than worth having.

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