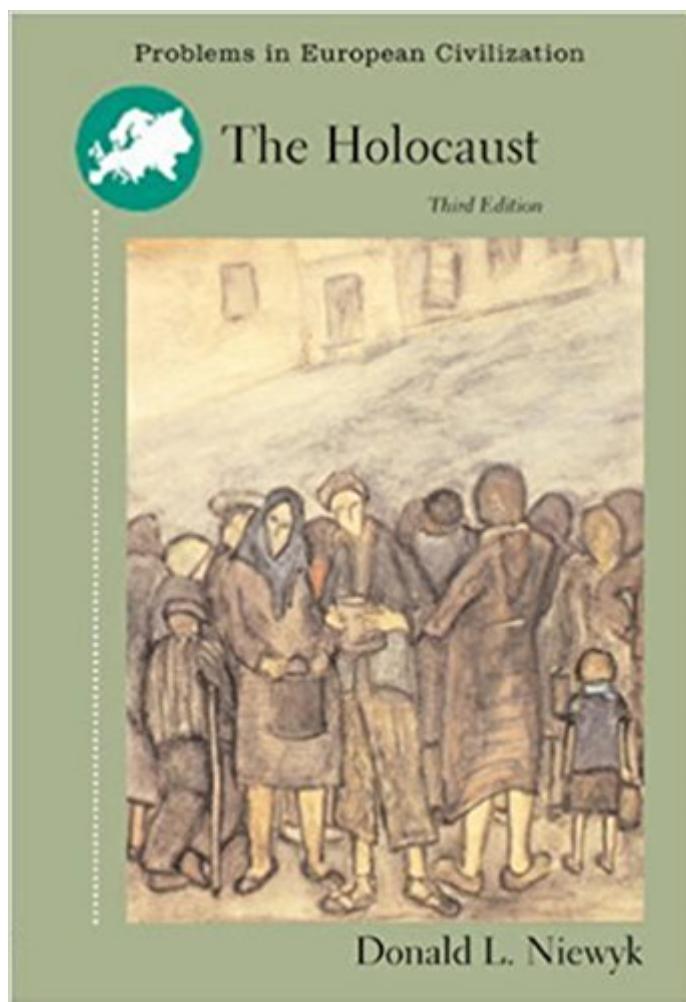


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Great book for comprehensive exam prep if you need an overview of the major arguments on a topic. I have several of these that were recommended by my advisor.

This book is a collection of works concerning six different aspects of the Holocaust. Each chapter consists of a theme. These themes in turn are discussed and debated by a number of different authors/ historians who each share a perspective of an event or belief about the Holocaust. I really

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