THE WAR FOR THE GERMAN MIND
Re-educating Hitler's Soldiers

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DESCRIPTION
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Read the full-text online edition of The War for the German Mind: Re-Educating Hitler's Soldiers (1996). Since thousands of German war prisoners attended the re-education courses during the 1940s, it occurred to me that many of these men were still alive and would perhaps give me personal accounts of their experiences. I knew their testimony would greatly enhance my study and provide valuable insights that might otherwise be soon lost. There are several important studies on Allied efforts to re-educate German civilians after the fall of Nazism. The simultaneous major program of the U. S., Britain and Soviet Union to influence the future of German politics and society through the re-education of prisoners of war has not previously been studied. Based on extensive archival research, including hitherto unknown material from the Soviet archives, as well as interviews with participants, this book draws a fascinating picture of the war for the postwar German mind. It also explores the question of the impact of the returnees upon t