



The Interpreter

Alice Kaplan

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

The Interpreter

Alice Kaplan

The Interpreter Alice Kaplan

No story of World War II is more triumphant than the liberation of France, made famous in countless photos of Parisians waving American flags and kissing GIs, as columns of troops paraded down the Champs Élysées. Yet liberation is a messy, complex affair, in which cultural understanding can be as elusive as the search for justice by both the liberators and the liberated. Occupying powers import their own injustices, and often even magnify them, away from the prying eyes of home.

One of the least-known stories of the American liberation of France, from 1944 to 1946, is also one of the ugliest and least understood chapters in the history of Jim Crow. The first man to grapple with this failure of justice was an eyewitness: the interpreter Louis Guilloux. Now, in *The Interpreter*, prize-winning author Alice Kaplan combines extraordinary research and brilliant writing to recover the story both as Guilloux first saw it, and as it still haunts us today.

When the Americans helped to free Brittany in the summer of 1944, they were determined to treat the French differently than had the Nazi occupiers of the previous four years. Crimes committed against the locals were not to be tolerated. General Patton issued an order that any accused criminals would be tried by court-martial and that severe sentences, including the death penalty, would be imposed for the crime of rape. Mostly represented among service troops, African Americans made up a small fraction of the Army. Yet they were tried for the majority of capital cases, and they were found guilty with devastating frequency: 55 of 70 men executed by the Army in Europe were African American -- or 79 percent, in an Army that was only 8.5 percent black.

Alice Kaplan's towering achievement in *The Interpreter* is to recall this outrage through a single, very human story. Louis Guilloux was one of France's most prominent novelists even before he was asked to act as an interpreter at a few courts-martial. Through his eyes, Kaplan narrates two mirror-image trials and introduces us to the men and women in the courtrooms. James Hendricks fired a shot through a door, after many drinks, and killed a man. George Whittington shot and killed a man in an open courtyard, after an argument and many drinks. Hendricks was black. Whittington was white. Both were court-martialed by the Army VIII Corps and tried in the same room, with some of the same officers participating. Yet the outcomes could not have been more different.

Guilloux instinctively liked the Americans with whom he worked, but he could not get over seeing African Americans condemned to hang, Hendricks among them, while whites went free. He wrote about what he had observed in his diary, and years later in a novel. Other witnesses have survived to talk to Kaplan in person. In Kaplan's hands, the two crimes and trials are searing events. The lawyers, judges, and accused are all sympathetic, their actions understandable. Yet despite their best intentions, heartbreak and injustice result. In an epilogue, Kaplan introduces us to the family of James Hendricks, who were never informed of his fate, and who still hope that his remains will be transferred back home. James Hendricks rests, with 95 other men, in a U.S. military cemetery in France, filled with anonymous graves.

 [Download The Interpreter ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The Interpreter ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online The Interpreter Alice Kaplan

From reader reviews:

Larry Carvajal:

Spent a free time and energy to be fun activity to perform! A lot of people spent their sparetime with their family, or their very own friends. Usually they undertaking activity like watching television, going to beach, or picnic inside park. They actually doing same thing every week. Do you feel it? Do you wish to something different to fill your own free time/ holiday? Could possibly be reading a book might be option to fill your no cost time/ holiday. The first thing that you will ask may be what kinds of publication that you should read. If you want to try out look for book, may be the publication untitled The Interpreter can be great book to read. May be it can be best activity to you.

Steven Purdy:

Often the book The Interpreter has a lot info on it. So when you read this book you can get a lot of profit. The book was authored by the very famous author. The author makes some research prior to write this book. This specific book very easy to read you can find the point easily after perusing this book.

Brenda Wright:

The reason? Because this The Interpreter is an unordinary book that the inside of the reserve waiting for you to snap the idea but latter it will surprise you with the secret the idea inside. Reading this book close to it was fantastic author who have write the book in such incredible way makes the content inside easier to understand, entertaining way but still convey the meaning entirely. So , it is good for you for not hesitating having this anymore or you going to regret it. This amazing book will give you a lot of gains than the other book have such as help improving your skill and your critical thinking means. So , still want to hesitate having that book? If I were being you I will go to the publication store hurriedly.

Terry Tatum:

Are you kind of busy person, only have 10 or 15 minute in your time to upgrading your mind skill or thinking skill perhaps analytical thinking? Then you are receiving problem with the book compared to can satisfy your short time to read it because this time you only find reserve that need more time to be read. The Interpreter can be your answer because it can be read by a person who have those short extra time problems.

Download and Read Online The Interpreter Alice Kaplan
#2XGLZ5R0HQD

Read The Interpreter by Alice Kaplan for online ebook

The Interpreter by Alice Kaplan Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read The Interpreter by Alice Kaplan books to read online.

Online The Interpreter by Alice Kaplan ebook PDF download

The Interpreter by Alice Kaplan Doc

The Interpreter by Alice Kaplan Mobipocket

The Interpreter by Alice Kaplan EPub