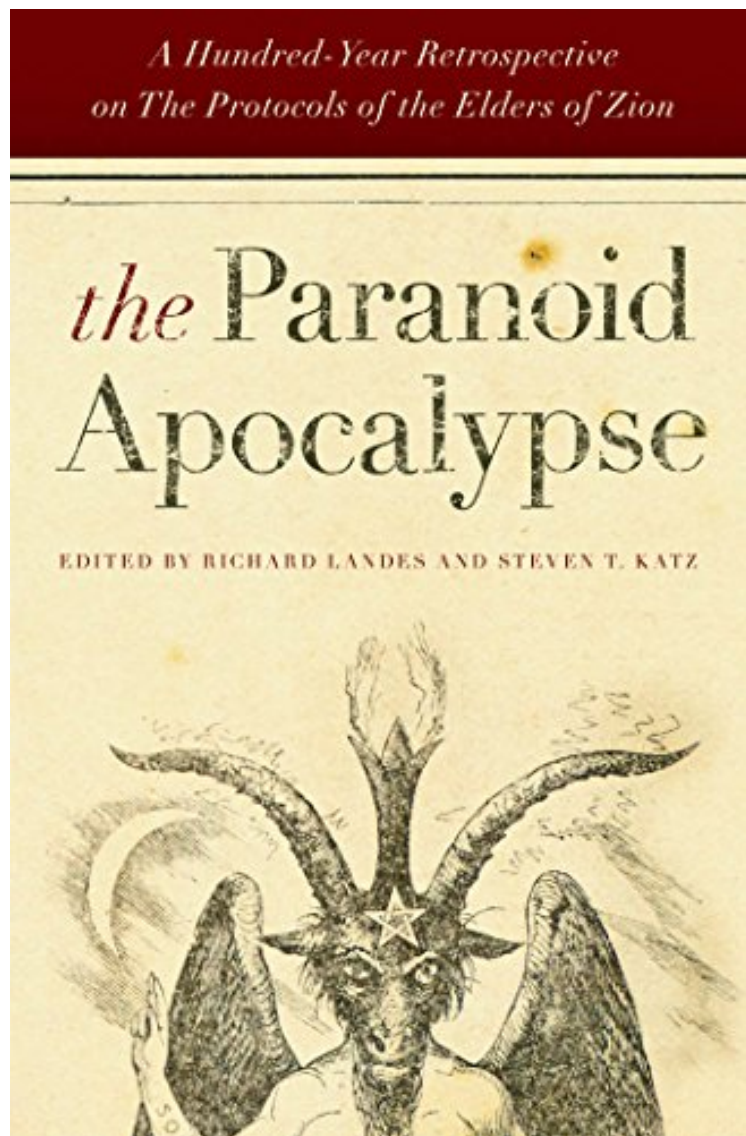


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4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. It is rooted in Christian apocalyptic traditions that have brought us other notable events like the Crusades. By CER The Apocalyptic tradition was alive and well in Imperial Russia. The Protocols was from the start not necessarily rooted in history but in the belief that Jews were aiming to control the world. It reflected a religious kind of belief that has shown itself to be very adaptable from America to Europe to Japan. It is rooted in Christian apocalyptic traditions that have brought us other notable events like the Crusades. But it is also rooted in a totally antisemitic mythology that just won't go away. This book is a welcome addition to the discussion about the wildly popular document. It steps outside of the forged document kind of rebuttal since people believe in the document because it corresponds to what they believe. That said this should be considered a supplement to books like Norman Cohn's standard treatise "Warrant for Genocide" or the popular level "The Plot" by Will Eisner. However if you ever read the Protocols document you might be bored by the arcane references to 1900 era political debates. Unfortunately they cover a whole range of issues in the world arena that are still not resolved today so this remains relevant. Conspiracy theorists and one world government fans can confirm their worst fears here. 14 of 39 people found the following review helpful. Creepy -- I cannot recommend this book. By Customer I'm sorry I bought this book. I should have known better: Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies. This book was not worth \$35 -- \$5 maybe. I'm glad I read "Rabbi Outcast" before reading this (I loved "Rabbi Outcast"). This anthology's sixteen writers are biased. Throughout each essay, invariably, there was no distinction between Zionism and Judaism. Zionism and Judaism are two entirely different things. I do not recommend this book. I'd sum up this book with one word: creepy.

The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, first published in Russia around 1905, claimed to be the captured secret protocols from the first Zionist Congress in Basel in 1897 describing a plan by the Jewish people to achieve global domination. While the document has been proven to be fake, much of it plagiarized from satirical anti-Semitic texts, it had a major impact throughout Europe during the first half of the 20th century, particularly in Germany. After World War II, the text was further denounced. Anyone who referred to it as a genuine document was seen as an ignorant hate-monger. Yet there is abundant evidence that The Protocols is resurfacing in many places. The Paranoid Apocalypse re-examines the text's popularity, investigating why it has persisted, as well as larger questions about the success of conspiracy theories even in the face of claims that they are blatantly counterfactual and irrational. It considers the medieval pre-history of The Protocols, the conditions of its success in the era of early twentieth-century secular modernity, and its post-Holocaust avatars, from the Muslim world to Walmart and Left-wing anti-American radicalism. Contributors argue that the key to The Protocols' longevity is an apocalyptic paranoia that lays the groundwork not only for the myth's popularity, but for its implementation as a vehicle for genocide and other brutal acts.

A timely and important volume that ought to be essential reading for students and scholars alike. The Shoah did not begin with concentration camps and trains. It began with words and ideas. The lies of the Protocols played a key role in marginalizing and dehumanizing European Jewry, paving the way for their brutal extermination. Remarkably, in the contemporary context, the Protocols are once again becoming widely used as effective propaganda, especially throughout much of the Middle East. . . . This text provides an interdisciplinary, high calibre, scholarly analysis of a subject matter that is under-studied and of profound importance." -Charles Asher Small, Former Executive Director of the Yale Initiative for the Interdisciplinary Study of Antisemitism A set of thoughtful essays that examine the origins and absurd persistence of this influential forgery, informative assessments of the anti-Semitic conspiratorial imagination in Europe, Japan, the United States and in the Middle East, and lively debates about the way Western and Jewish intellectuals have responded to the recent forms in which the old hatred has found expression. -Jeffrey Herf, author of *The Jewish Enemy: Nazi Propaganda During World War II and the Holocaust* About the Author Steven T. Katz is Slater Professor of Jewish and Holocaust Studies and former Director of the Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies at Boston University. His many publications include *The Holocaust in Historical Context*. Richard A. Landes is Professor at Boston University and Director and Co-Founder of their Center for Millennial Studies. His publications include *The Apocalyptic Year 1000: Studies in the Mutation of European Culture*.