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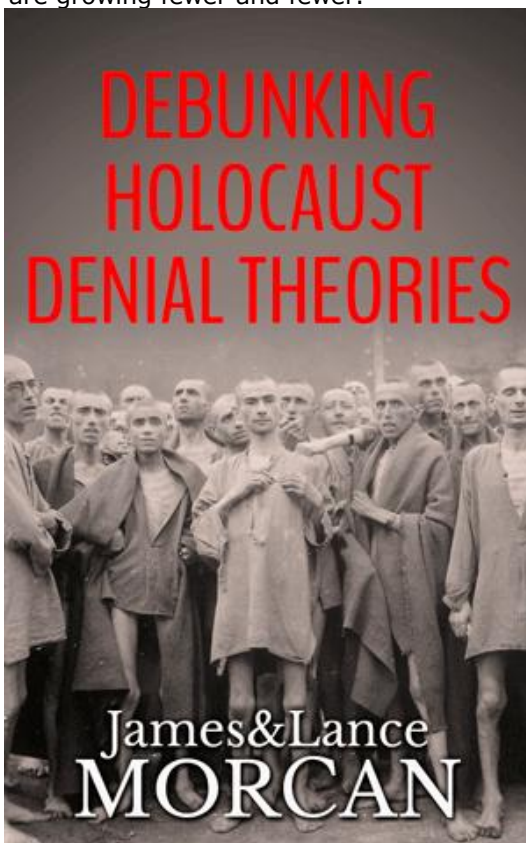
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Bear in mind when you come across the term ANTISEMITE that you should make yourself acquainted with TALMUD. There you will find quotes that celebrate hatred against all things non-Jewish. Just remember Lady Jane Birdwood's [THE LONGEST HATRED An Examination of Anti-Gentilism?](#)

Debunking Holocaust Denial Theories

...a book review by Alan Gold, May 9, 2016

Some books are 'must-read'. Others are 'should read'. And a lot are 'toss away without reading so you don't let the facts bother you.' The Gentile father and son team of Lance and James Morcan have produced a book about the insidious, evil and growing trend of Holocaust denialism, now that we're more than 70 years distant from the Second World War, and eye-witnesses to the greatest State-sanctioned mass murder in all of human history are growing fewer and fewer.



And unfortunately, this brilliant work of detailed, forensic research and analysis falls into each one of these reading categories.

It's a 'must-read' for all people, but especially for the young and for descendants to be armed with true knowledge and understanding of what actually took place during the few short years of the Shoah.

It's a 'should read' for everybody who knows that history repeats itself unless we learn the lessons of history.

And it's a toss-away book for anti-Semites and Holocaust deniers, a tribe of self-deluding and self-congratulating people who never let facts get in the way of a comforting conspiracy theory.

But hopefully, many many people will turn to "Debunking Holocaust Denial Theories" as a compendium of irrefutable facts, figures, investigation and evaluation to explain why the Final Solution wasn't a Jewish-created myth, but a hideous and perpetrated plan to exterminate Jews and other 'sub-humans' from the pure Aryan world which Hitler and his henchmen wanted to create.

What the Morcans decided to do was to drill down into history and show that the Holocaust was the culmination of thousands of years of anti-Semitism.

The reason that the Morcans have done this was to put an end, once and for all, to Holocaust denialism and to aid in the fight against anti-Semitism.

Regretfully, history shows us that the dark forces of irredeemable ignorance and vapid conspiracy theories will always trump the facts of what provably happened. But that mustn't stop such stalwart approaches as the Morcans have taken to exposing the myths upon which Holocaust deniers build their allegations.

Their book was written after lengthy discussions with survivors of Hitler's attempted genocide, as well as with academics and historians whose life-long studies have led them to certainty about what happened during those years following which Hitler and his gang of murderers took control of Europe. All the facts in the Morcans' book have been meticulously examined and verified to build a mosaic of detail from which the clear picture of the full evil and horror of the Shoah emerges. Their evidence is eye-witness accounts, original Nazi documentation, a library of photographs, and forensic analysis by scientists and researchers, proving that the most examined crime in the entire panoply of history actually happened.

The assault of the Holocaust deniers against truth and honesty, trotted out *ad nauseam* in their self-indulgent, self-defined, academic conferences, falls into a number of categories.

They claim that the numbers are wrong, and that six million Jews weren't murdered

Because there were no exhaust chimneys found in the ruins of the extermination camps, the gas chambers couldn't have been used for death, but for fumigation purposes. They also question concentrations used in the employment of the 'fumigant' such as Zyklon B, claiming it wasn't strong enough to kill a human being.

Hitler and the upper echelons of the Third Reich are being unnecessarily vilified because there were never any orders signed to authorize the Shoah. Indeed, all The Fuhrer wanted to do was to cause the Jews to leave Europe and resettle in other continents

And that these historical revisionists, masquerading as Holocaust researchers are being denied access to records because European laws discriminate against their endeavours

In every case, the Morcans debunk all of this nonsense and prove through original documentation, photos, and reports, that the deniers are creating questions where questions don't merit the dignity of being raised; that they're falsifying, ignoring and debasing proven facts in order to validate their nonsensical conclusions; and that the inevitable reason for their doing this is because of a hatred of Jews. Their self-righteous zeal to prove that the Holocaust never happened and that Hitler has to be absolved of blame is a transparent melange of hatred, hope and hypocrisy.

After the devastation of Europe, it's ancient culture, its history, its peoples, it's ways of governance, its institutions and its way of life, one surely has to ask why such Holocaust deniers are so hell-bent on proving the

impossible....that the Shoah, the Death and Concentration Camps, the charnel houses, gas chambers, the ashes spread across Europe.....were all myths created by the Jewish people to support the construction of the State of Israel.

But regrettably, no matter how forensic, how detailed, accurate and incisive the Morcan father and son have been in this classical work of scientific and historical record-straightening, it will have no impact upon the deniers. They're not, after all, interested in truth, only in the propagation of their own childish ideologies.

Yet there is some hope....that some of the majority of people who have little or no remembrance or knowledge of the Shoah...especially those who have no family relationship....will read the Morcans' book, and learn the truth. For even if it sways one percentage of the indifferent to understand what truly happened in the Holocaust, then the Morcan's work will have been worth while.

Alan Gold is a novelist, who has been fighting Holocaust Denial for much of his life.

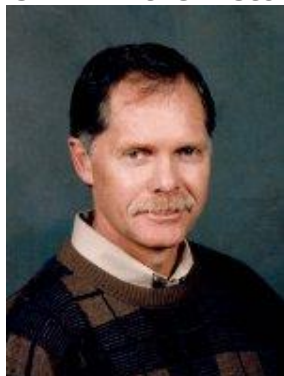
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DEBUNKING HOLOCAUST DENIAL THEORIES:

Two Non-Jews Affirm the Historicity of the Nazi Genocide - [Kindle Edition](#)



By [James Morcan](#)



[Lance Morcan](#)

DEBUNKING HOLOCAUST DENIAL THEORIES: Two Non-Jews Affirm the Historicity of the Nazi Genocide, by independent researchers and filmmakers James Morcan & Lance Morcan, aims to end Holocaust denial once and for all by tackling the bizarre phenomenon head-on.

Written in close consultation with Holocaust survivors and World War Two historians, no stone is left unturned in meticulously verifying the historical facts of the genocide. The Morcans present a wide array of sources including Nazi documentation, eyewitness accounts, scientific reports and shocking photographic evidence to shut down the debate deniers wish to create.

One by one, the various arguments Holocaust deniers use to try to discredit wartime records are carefully scrutinized and then systematically disproven. Theories debunked include: the six million death toll figure being an exaggeration; gas chamber exterminations being fictitious; Adolf Hitler and the Third Reich being wrongly vilified; the analysis of Holocaust records being a taboo due to specific laws in Europe criminalizing deniers; "Evil Zionists" and Israel being so powerful that they can censor history.

The Holocaust is shown in this book's pages to be one of the most well-documented and most historically and forensically-proven crimes of the 20th Century. In the

process, many of the world's most infamous deniers, including disgraced British historian David Irving and the former President of Iran Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, are revealed to be nothing but anti-Semites seeking to further denigrate, undermine and demoralize the world's Jewish population.

In this enlightening read that covers more than two millennia of global history, anti-Semitism is shown not only to be the root cause of every form of Holocaust denial, but also the reason for the relentless persecution of the Jews since Biblical times. The authors quote verbatim the often sickening and always baseless comments of kings, emperors, politicians, popes, bishops and muftis about the Jews and why they chose to commit numerous genocides against them over the centuries. These historical quotes prove eerily similar to the vicious anti-Semitic statements made by Holocaust deniers of this era...

If you wish to learn more about WW2 and the Nazi extermination camps, if you are confused by all the convoluted conspiracy theories circulating on the Internet about the Holocaust, or if you are currently a denier yourself, then DEBUNKING HOLOCAUST DENIAL THEORIES is a must read.

Editorial Reviews

★★★★★ - --*J-Wire Jewish News Daily*

"First-rate contribution to an important topic. This book is the result of prodigious research. I recommend to everyone who has an open mind and wishes to learn more." --Peter Kubicek (Holocaust survivor and author of *Memories of Evil: A World War II Childhood*)

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★★★★★ --Pam Blevins – Regional Museum Educator at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

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In this well documented book, they attack five areas deniers talk about and prove the deniers wrong. They discuss the 6 million number figure that deniers claim is wrong; the gas chamber exterminations that are claimed to be false; Hitler and the Third Reich being vilified over this issue; that access to many records are denied to deniers because of discriminate European laws; and the power that is assumed Israel has over every phase of our lives.

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The book is a must read for students of the Holocaust and World War II as well as for deniers or those who are conflicted as to the authenticity of the Holocaust."

Customer Review

★★★★★ Excellent book to debunk denial theories, May 2, 2016. By [P. Blevins](#)

This review is from: DEBUNKING HOLOCAUST DENIAL THEORIES: Two Non-Jews Affirm the Historicity of the Nazi Genocide (Kindle Edition)

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[Peter Kubicek](#) says:

[Memories of Evil: A World War II Childhood](#)

This book is the result of considerable research, using verifiable historical material. It is backed by books by recognized researchers and writers, as well as Holocaust

survivors, such as myself. After James Morcan discovered my book, he reviewed it on his website. He also e-mailed me lots of questions about concentration camps; about my life post-Holocaust in the U.S.; about anti-Semitism and Holocaust-deniers in the U.S. I kept feeding him material on this topic and he used a lot of this book. James Morcan and his father Lance are true renaissance men.

[Desdinova](#) says:

My first comment was inexplicably deleted. So, here's another five minutes of my time for someone to whine over.

This "well researched" book has a formula. First the "writers" set up a ridiculous anonymous straw man who says ridiculous straw headed things. Then the "writers" proceed to spend redundant pages discussing the inadequacies, flawed psychology and supposed motivation of the straw man they created. On the rare occasion an inference is made regarding the supposed subject in question; and some of the inferences are actually logical. There is no "proof" supplied, positive or negative, to what the straw man said. It has similarities to creating a "Frankenstein" and then saying "Frankenstein" is stupid.

It is also like a fireman who creates a fire in order to get paid and become a hero for spitting on it. That is the aspect which is most disturbing. Prior to that consideration this book could be dismissed as just another stupid book. But, in its detailing of inadequately dismissed theories, it serves as a document which could be used by anti-Semites in search of more stupid, hateful things to say. I'll admit that I've read of conspiracy theories over the last two years and that I had not heard of any of those in this book. I'm sure that I am not unique. Further, I have a friend who has been researching conspiracy theories for a decade and she hadn't heard of any of these either.

It is difficult not to question the motivations behind a book which disproves nothing, while informing people about new avenues to hatred.

★★★★★ [First-rate contribution to an important topic.](#)

By [Peter Kubicek](#) on May 8, 2016

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This book is the result of prodigious research. James and Lance Morcan consulted noted scholars of the Holocaust. After James Morcan discovered my book, entitled "Memories of Evil -- Recalling a World War II Childhood," he wrote a review of same on his website. Thereafter he asked me lots of questions via e-mail: about life in the concentration camps, about my life in the U.S. after the WWII. He also asked me many questions about anti-Semitism and Holocaust-denial in the U.S. I kept feeding him material on this topic and it turned that he used in his book.

I consider James and Lance Morcan true renaissance men. I recommend their book to everyone who has an open mind and wishes to learn more about this important topic.

★★★★★ [Organized overview](#)

[Novalison](#) May 5, 2016

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The subject overview in this book is commendable and adds one further nail in the coffin of Holocaust denial. The insight delivered within the chapters articulates the moral aptitude to deliver one more eulogy to the pseudo-

historical rhetoric and pseudo-research buttressing the deniers' faux arguments.

The clear organization of the information here chronicles the myopic and irrelevant constructs (forest vs. trees scenario) of Holocaust revisionism.

The author dutifully deposes the systemic ignorance that permeates the entire genre of Holocaust denial.

The book should also carry a warning: Unmasking Historical Denial Schemes or Deflating Historical Fictions or Discrediting Historical Fantasy. Holocaust Denial is not any type of credible Theory in the sense of the Theory of Gravity or the Theory of Evolution; rather Denial and Revisionism are not any form of Theory, but simple the equivalent of counterfeit money.

This work compliments the excellent book from 2000, [Denying History: Who Says the Holocaust Never Happened and Why Do They Say It?](#) by Shermer and Grobman.

★★★★★ [A must read...](#)

By [Sheri A. Wilkinson](#) on May 4, 2016

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DEBUNKING HOLOCAUST DENIAL THEORIES: Two Non-Jews Affirm the Historicity of the Nazi Genocide By James & Lance Morcan

A fantastic book about the people who do not believe the Holocaust happened, or happened the way it was reported in History. The Authors did a fantastic job with research and plenty of reliable sources. They had stories from Nazi documents, eyewitnesses, scientific report, and graphic photographs. In my opinion this is one of the best books about the horrific crimes of the Holocaust. A definite "must read" for young/adult and adult readers of all genres. DEBUNKING HOLOCAUST DENIAL THEORIES: Two Non-Jews Affirm the Historicity of the Nazi Genocide is a true five-star read!

★★★★★ [The Evil Men Do](#)

By [J. Rogers Barrow](#) on May 2, 2016

[Format: Kindle Edition](#)

The Morcans give the reader an important examination of the issues of the mass murder of the Jewish people. Over the years I have seen endless attacks on the Jewish community. Moreover, I have read the views of those who defend the Nazis. Indeed, I once heard a person say that Hitler did indeed kill most of the Jews of Europe. And that the only mistake he made was not killing them all. I live in Thailand. Even in the East, such views are in circulation. The conflicts in the Levant are only part of the picture. The Morcans record these heartless crimes. The book includes maps and photos. The violence and evil in the world are with us all, and the future may hold more of the same.

★★★★★ [DOUBLE DEALING](#)

By [Desdinova](#) on May 2, 2016

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This book is essential reading if you wish to be informed about the entirety of the "theories" which claim that the holocaust either did not happen or was greatly exaggerated. The supposed "debunking" aspect was entirely inferential and drew the inferences from "facts" taken from sources which would not be allowed to appear in an undergraduate level term paper. It is regularly interspersed with book-filling pictures we all have

previously seen; and would probably preferred to have not.

The net result of reading this possibly double-dealing book is that you will not be convinced of any "debunking," and you will be possibly be made aware of hateful, anti-Jewish propaganda that you have not previously heard.

This "study" is highly recommended to Jew haters in search of more stupidity, with which to infect their surroundings.

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★★★★★ [Successfully debunks Holocaust denial for good](#)

By [Elisabet Norrison](#) on May 1, 2016

[Format: Kindle Edition](#)

Holocaust denier or not, this book is for you. It covers more of what the Holocaust is truly about than you will find in any one place. Not only does the book cover numerous claims from Holocaust deniers, but the great detail the authors go into explaining why their claims are a hoax, should not leave a doubt in any an intelligent mind... so after reading this book and you still have doubts...

As a reader, I was taken on a traumatic historical journey of the 'Unfortunates'. Included in this journey are powerful and emotive photographs of Holocaust victims and their oppressors. The photographs chosen for this book are haunting and also a great tool in helping to tie the words to images, and together, the Holocaust becomes all too real.

We owe it to the victims and their families to acknowledge the terror they endured and the fight for justice they still struggle with today.

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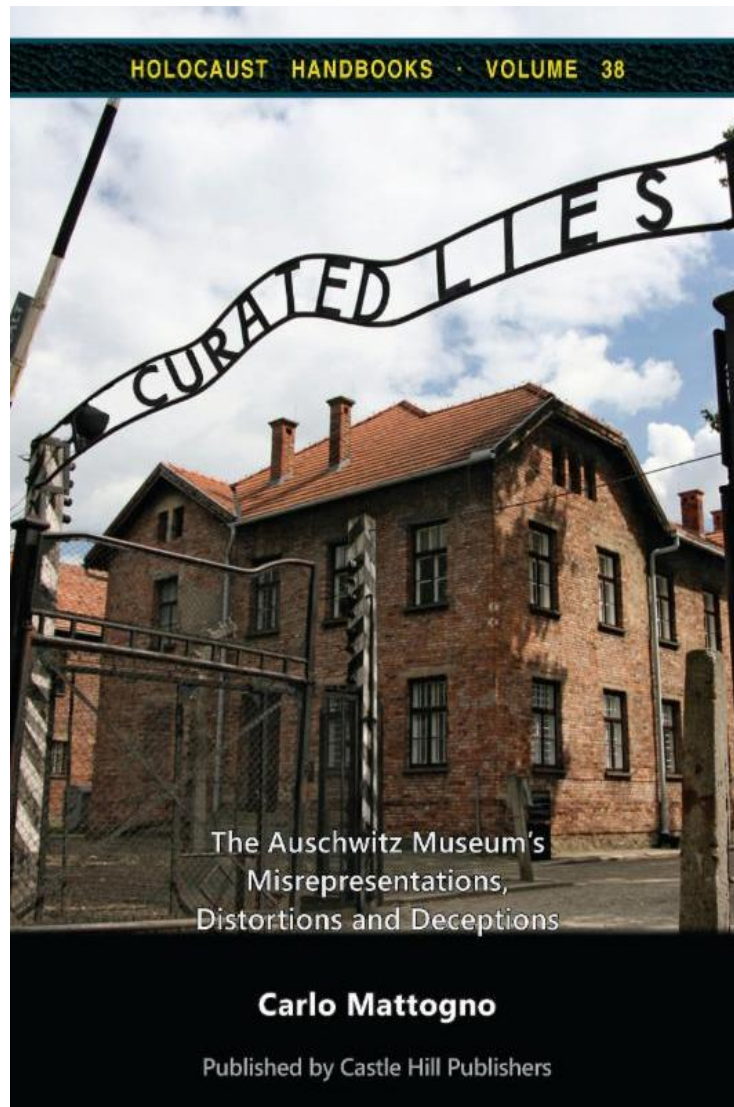
The Real Deal:

A Presentation on Carlo Mattogno's New Book:

Curated Lies

By Germar Rudolf , James H. Fetzer

On May 9, 2016, Dr. James Fetzer, retired professor of philosophy of science (until 2006 at the University of Minnesota, Duluth), hosted Germar Rudolf during Episode 198 of his internet broadcast series The Real Deal. Rudolf presented a two-hour slideshow giving an overview of the recently released study [**"CURATED LIES: The Auschwitz Museum's Misrepresentations & Deceptions"**](#) by Italian Holocaust Historian Carlo Mattogno.



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Left: "ground-plan in 1942" Right: "ground-plan today"

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Introduction

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Only at the beginning of the 1990s, with the declassification of the records of the SS Central Construction Board that had been held until then in Moscow, did it become possible to access German documentation making it possible to fill in to a considerable degree the historical knowledge about the functioning of the first gas chambers in Auschwitz.

This does not, however, mean that the authors of subsequent studies have based their work on all the material in this field. This resulted above all from

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Three monographs on the claimed early history of homicidal gassings at Auschwitz by Carlo Mattogno

- ▶ *Auschwitz: la prima gasazione*. Edizioni di Ar, Padua, 1992; most recent English translation: *Auschwitz: The First Gassing. Rumor and Reality*, 3rd ed., Castle Hill Publishers, Uckfield, 2016, 190 pp., 15 documents and 33 photographs (1st ed. 2005);
- ▶ *Auschwitz: Crematorium I and the Alleged Homicidal Gassing*. Theses & Dissertations Press, Chicago, 2005, 138 pages, 35 documents;
- ▶ *Debunking the Bunkers of Auschwitz: Black Propaganda versus History*. Most recent edition: Castle Hill Publishers, Uckfield 2016, 264 pp., 26+7 documents and 21 photographs. (1st ed. 2004)

the fact that the records for particular building projects were scattered and incomplete. This probably occurred back in October in 1945, when Jewish soldiers were leading them onto trucks. Furthermore, the document collection is neither extensive (more than 150,000 pages) and the lack of any kind of index made using it exceptionally difficult and time-consuming. Recently, however, painstaking work by Auschwitz Museum archivist has put it in order, and now it is much easier to access information useful to historians.

As a result of extensive searches conducted in both the Zentralbauleitung of Berlin and the other archival resources, a range of interesting and previously unknown documents has been discovered. The majority of them are presented in this work, divided into six main thematic sections:

- the history of the gas chambers at concentration I in the Auschwitz I camp;
- the functioning of the provisional gas chambers in Birkenau, known as bunkers I and II ("The Little Red House" and "Little White House");
- the sinister tactics used to seducing victims for the people murdered in bunkers I and II;
- the history of the subcamp camp where Jews deported to Auschwitz underwent selection;
- the establishment of the Sonderkommando and its first stage of existence;
- the most sinister, known as "special operations," carried out in the camp.

These documents make it possible to conclusively verify the chronology of events and to confirm facts known until now only through witness accounts. It should, nevertheless be noted that the documents do not usually refer directly to killings in the gas chambers, and interpreting the written testimonies requires a detailed familiarity not only with other documents, but also with the reality of the camp. For instance, when analysing a report on the inspection of Auschwitz in September 1942 by WVAH chief Oswald Pohl, it is necessary to know that the car carrying Pohl and his entourage of officers along the road from the camp would pass, in turn, the 20 equipped warehouses (TWs), the building materials depot (Bunker), the carpentry shops (ZAW), the watchrooms known as "Kamrad's" ("Unternehmung u. Eiferkammer - Altmann Reichardt") for property plundered from Jews, the cow stables, and the Birkenau camp - and that, carrying on along the same road, it would next come to gas chamber/bunker II, the so-called "Little White House" (described in the schedule for the visit as "Stanza 7 der Altmann Reichardt").

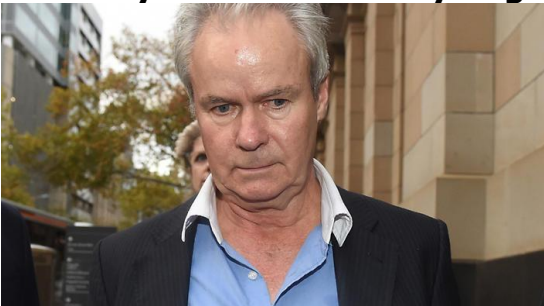
1. The authors wish to thank Ingrid Kubiak for her help and invaluable suggestions during the redaction of the book.

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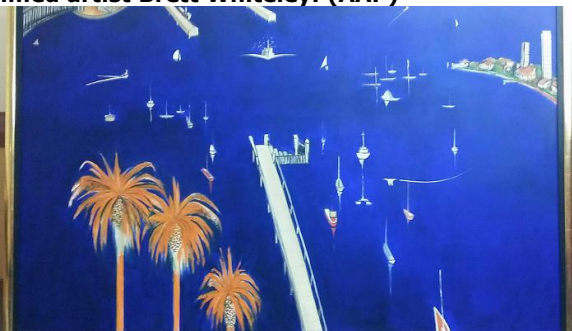
This is a rather hypocritical understatement. In fact, the documents in question never refer, directly or indirectly, to killings in homicidal gas chambers, or any other sinister activities!

- ▶ Documents contradict witness accounts.
- ▶ Familiarity with other documents refutes homicidal claims.
- ▶ "Finding" homicidal intent in them requires either unfamiliarity with the documents or mendacity about their contents and context.

Jail likely for Brett Whiteley forgers – some fakers of facts get jail in Australia!



Two men have been found guilty of faking artworks by acclaimed artist Brett Whiteley. (AAP)



File image of Brett Whiteley's painting Blue Lavender Bay which is believed to be part of the forgery case (AAP) Two Melbourne men found guilty of forging Brett Whiteley paintings and selling them for millions face up to 10 years imprisonment.

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Eight years ago Brett Whiteley's former wife looked at artwork said to have been painted by her husband and thought to herself "it's not right". A Victorian Supreme Court jury agreed with her on Thursday, finding two Melbourne men, art restorer Mohamed Aman Siddique and dealer Peter Gant, guilty of obtaining and attempting to obtain financial advantage by deception by selling fake Whiteley paintings for millions. At the centre of their month-long trial were two large Lavender Bay paintings and a third artwork called Through the Window. Siddique was accused of creating the paintings at a studio in Collingwood.

Sydney Swans chairman Andrew Pridham bought Blue Lavender Bay for \$2.5 million, while Orange Lavender Bay sold for \$1.1 million. The third painting was set to be sold for \$950,000. At trial, Whiteley's former wife Wendy testified she knew there was something wrong as soon as she saw the paintings. The Blue Lavender painting was the first thing she saw walking into Mr Pridham's multi-million-dollar Mosman home in April 2008. She thought to herself "it's not right" but didn't say anything. "It's a big deal to tell someone 'you've got a huge fake on the wall'," Ms Whiteley told the court on April 22. Ms Whiteley said the Blue and Orange Lavender Bay paintings were inconsistent with her former husband's work. Orange Lavender Bay, which she inspected in 2009, was not painted by her former husband as it had a lack of spontaneity, a lack of wit, and a lack of spirit, she said. "It looked as though as though it had been traced and knitted together badly," Ms Whiteley said. The star witness told the trial how she spent years travelling and helping Whiteley as he painted the works that made him famous. Defence counsel for Gant, Trevor Wraight QC, had said it was possible Ms Whiteley was unfamiliar with some of her husband's work because they had lived apart between 1987 and 1988 while Ms Whiteley underwent rehab for heroin addiction in London.

His style had changed following their divorce, defence said. Ms Whiteley, who controls the copyright to the late artist's works, said separation had not dimmed her knowledge of his technique. "I don't know everything that Brett did, but I certainly know what he didn't do," Ms Whiteley said. The maximum penalty for obtaining financial advantage by deception in Victoria is 10 years.

Some of the men's supporters cried after the verdicts. Crown prosecutor Susan Borg opposed bail for both men, saying it was likely they faced custodial sentences. But Justice Michael Croucher granted bail on the basis they had not breached any of their conditions since being charged in 2014. Neither men commented to media as they left the court. It's understood they plan to appeal the convictions, but will wait until sentencing is finalised.

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