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From Library Journal

In this montage of essays, first published in 1935, the Marxist philosopher explained the rise of German fascism in terms of primitive and archaic survivals in modern society (such as racism and pagan beliefs) and manifestations unique to a mass capitalistic society (such as adoration of movie stars and dance marathons). He also explored using these irrational elements to further the aims of socialism and devoted attention to phenomena that seem capable of aiding the development of a progressive consciousness. Although the translators are to be praised for their attempt at rendering this insightful study into English, their overly literal adherence to Bloch's oblique German style and occasionally confusing Britishisms make it difficult to recommend this work to anyone but the specialist.

- *Michael T. O'Pecko, Towson State Univ., Md.*

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### **Review**

"This work is a philosophical look at the rise of digital libraries and some of the ramifications inherent in the move towards digital access and storage of information."--"Journal of Academic Librarianship

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