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- National Socialist justice and legislation
- History of the NSDAP
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- Resistance and persecution in the “Third Reich”
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- Deportation and exile

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- Indictments and judgements from NS courts at which thousands of cases of high treason against the opponents of the regime were heard
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- Joseph Goebbels’ diaries from 1923 to 1945
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The authoritative bibliography is well-known and respected by scholars worldwide, and a valuable index for libraries, researchers and individuals interested in European works that relate to the Americas. It was co-developed by John Alden and the Curator of European Books at The John Carter Brown Library, Dennis Landis. The John Carter Brown Library, founded in 1846, is a foremost repository of rare books and materials and is a centre for advanced research in history and the humanities.
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