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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Some have described Rahn as the inspiration for the Indiana Jones movies. Indeed, after the publication of his first book, *Crusade Against the Grail* (1933), Rahn's quest for the relic came to be sponsored by the Nazis' SS. This is the first English translation of his travel diary as he searched for the Grail throughout Europe in the 1930s. For Rahn, Lucifer's court is composed of individuals who rebelled against the Christian takeover of pagan Europe, best exemplified by the Cathars of southern France who resisted Roman Catholicism in the 13th century. His disgust with and hatred for all things Christian, particularly the Roman popes, is highlighted on nearly every page. Although Rahn eventually repudiated the Nazis, his book is plagued with the same sort of racial and national fanaticism that formed the intellectual framework for that regime. What remains is a maddeningly repetitive, rambling and unoriginal treatise on folk religion. The book holds some interest as an historical document of the Nazi era, but little else. (Aug.)

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Review

" . . . a definite 'must read' for any serious student of lost wisdom, and certainly for any student of the Cathar tradition. It is well written, personal, and utterly riveting." (*Lesley Crossingham, New Dawn, Nov/Dec 2008*)

"New Age collections will find it intriguing and packed with adventure." (*The Midwest Book Review, May 08*)

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OTTO RAHN was born in Michelstadt, Germany, in 1904. After earning his degree in philology in 1924, he traveled extensively to the caves and castles of southern France, researching his belief that the Cathars were the last custodians of the Grail. Recruited by Himmler into the SS as a civilian archaeologist and historian, Rahn quickly grew disillusioned with the direction his country was taking and resigned in 1939. He died, an alleged suicide, on March 13, 1939, in the snows of the Tyrolean Mountains. *Lucifer's Court* was translated

into English by Christopher Jones, who also translated Otto Rahn's *Crusade Against the Grail*, published in 2006.

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