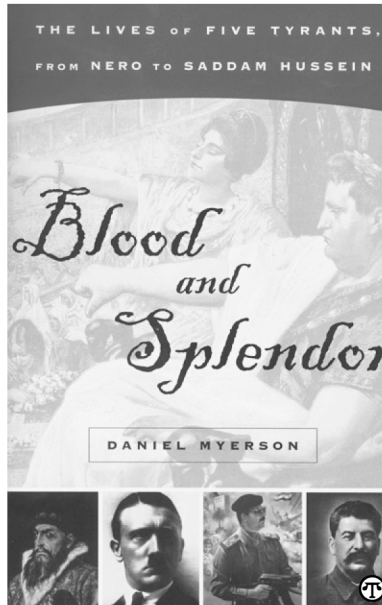




Psychopaths Of Power

(NAPS)—What makes a man a tyrant? In the course of history, there have been a few charismatic individuals whose horrific violence has dominated our imaginations. How did these tyrants manage to seize power? How are they able to commit such horrible atrocities?



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