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David Irving: BANGED UP: SURVIVAL AS A POLITICAL PRISONER
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BANGED UP is the first book from the pen of one-time best selling British historian DAVID IRVING in six years. It describes a piece of his own history – how he was invited to speak to students in Vienna in 2005, lured into an ambush by the Austrian secret state police, arrested at gunpoint, and held in solitary confinement in the country's oldest prison for fourteen months until an appeal judge ordered his immediate release. Even then the ministry held him for another twenty-four hours, while the judge tried to get a new charge sealed against him under Section 3(h) of the Prohibition Law, for speaking with the BBC, an “offence” carrying a prison sentence of twenty years to life.

Plus ça change, comments Mr Irving, who now lives in a country house in Windsor: “Things are not changing in Europe, they are *reverting*,” he says.

This amusing but disturbing book starts and ends with two “teasers” – chapters from Mr Irving's own future autobiography. He is currently working on that alongside the third volume of his biography of Winston Churchill and a thought-provoking biography of the forty-four years of Nazi mass murderer Heinrich Himmler, executor of what is now called The Holocaust. It is based on unknown diaries and materials – the hallmark of all author Irving's widely reviewed and best-selling works in the past.

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