

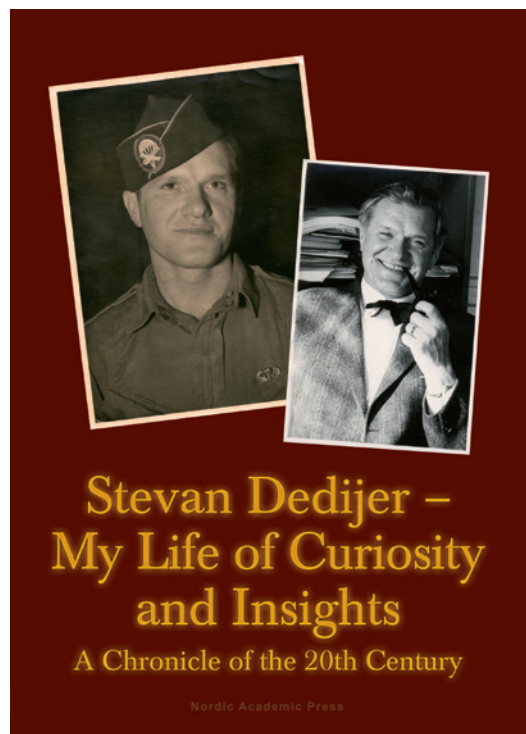
Stevan Dedijer

My Life of Curiosity and Insights

Stevan Dedijer (1911–2004) lived an exceptional life and saw world affairs in close-up. Born a Serb in Bosnia-Herzegovina, with a childhood marked by the disasters of the First World War, he entered a life-long strange odyssey through a turbulent century.

He tells his life-story as if sitting by the fi reside – the story is dramatic and personal. Dedijer emigrated to the U.S. during the Great Depression and studied physics at Princeton along side Albert Einstein. He later volunteered for the army and was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division. With them he parachuted in Operation Market Garden in 1944, and fought in the Battle of the Bulge, before joining the Yugoslav partisans.

Stevan made a lightning career in post-war Yugoslavia, but he became increasingly critical of Tito's dictatorship. Exiled he fled and via Copenhagen came to Sweden, where he established himself at Lund University. Exploring the field of information and knowledge production Dedijer formulated a theory of Social Intelligence where he foresaw the coming information-age. We can learn lots from his direct, unsentimental reflections, and be inspired by his personality of determination and curiosity.



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