

Response Page

The following responses were posted on the H-France discussion list in response to Donna Ryan's review of Denis Peschanski, *La France des camps: l'internement 1938-1946*.

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I've just read this interesting and informative review by Donna Ryan. It sounds like an excellent study, and Ryan's review has certainly persuaded me to order this work.

However, I'm puzzled by footnote 2: 'The definitive history of the Spanish Civil War refugees has not appeared in French or English'. What about Dreyfus-Armand's work? (Details below). It is 474 pages long, includes a 12 page bibliography and almost fifty pages of references. It was certainly intended to be 'definitive', and strikes me as extremely thorough.

To this could be added the study by Domergue (details below). Although these essays are limited to one town, they are imaginative in their range, and there is an argument that Toulouse was the centre of the exile community.

Geneviève Dreyfus-Armand, *L'exil des républicains espagnols en France; de la Guerre civile à la mort de Franco* (Paris: Albin Michel, 1999)

L. Domergue (ed), *L'exil republicain a Toulouse, 1936-39* (Toulouse: Presses Universitaire de Mirail, 1999).

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Louis Stein's *Beyond Death and Exile. The Spanish Republicans in France 1939-1955* (Harvard U.P., 1979) should not be forgotten. I don't know if it meets whatever criteria is assumed for a 'definitive' history, but it is important nonetheless.