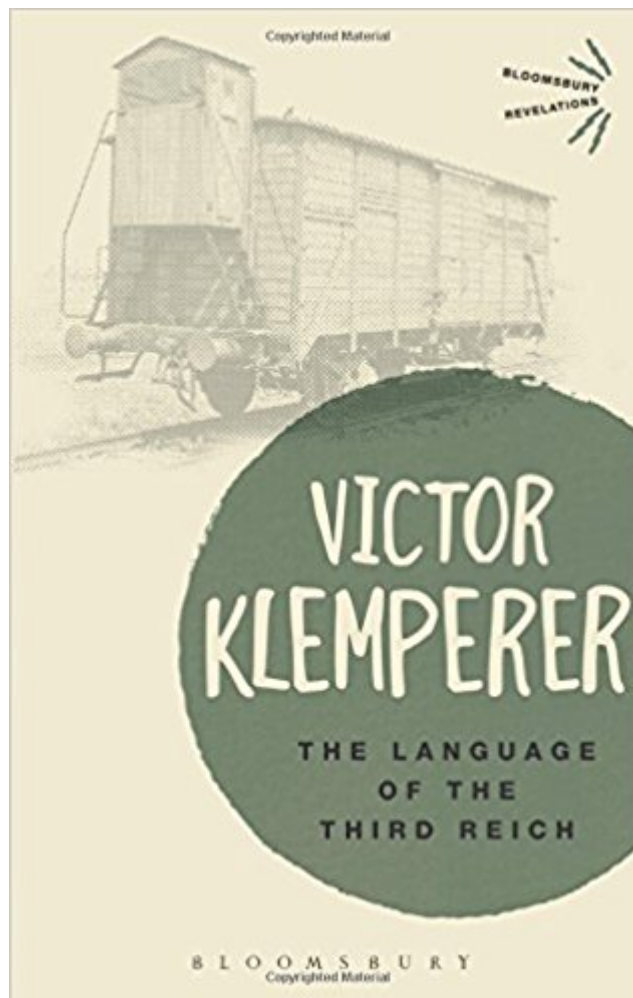




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Victor Klemperer (1881-1960), a front-line veteran of the First World War, became Professor of

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