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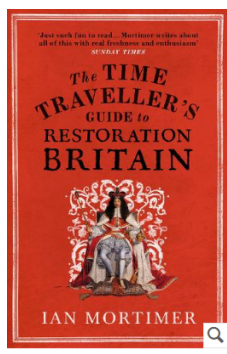
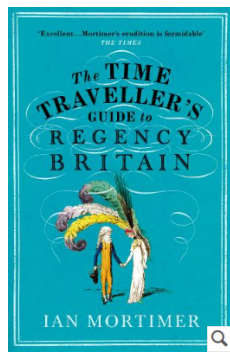
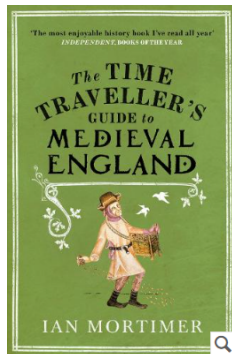
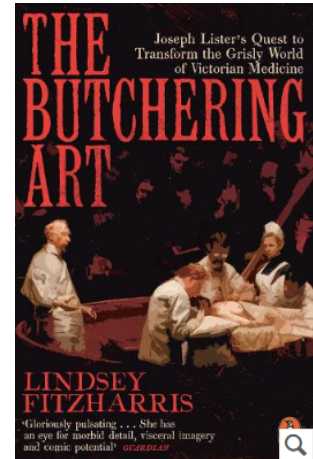
History

The Butchering Art; Joseph Lister's Quest to Transform the World of Victorian Medicine by Lindsey Fitzharris

The story of a visionary British surgeon whose quest to unite science and medicine delivered us into the modern world - the safest time to be alive in human history

In The Butchering Art, historian Lindsey Fitzharris recreates a critical turning point in the history of medicine, when Joseph Lister transformed surgery from a brutal, harrowing practice to the safe, vaunted profession we know today. At a time when surgery couldn't have been more dangerous, an unlikely figure stepped forward: Joseph Lister, a young, melancholy Quaker surgeon. By making the audacious claim that germs were the source of all infection - and could be treated with antiseptics - he changed the history of medicine forever.

With a novelist's eye for detail, Fitzharris brilliantly conjures up the grisly world of Victorian surgery, revealing how one of Britain's greatest medical minds finally brought centuries of savagery, sawing and gangrene to an end.

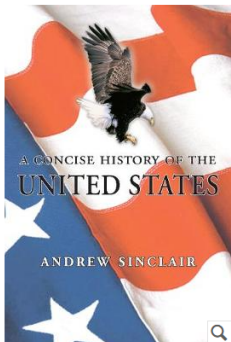
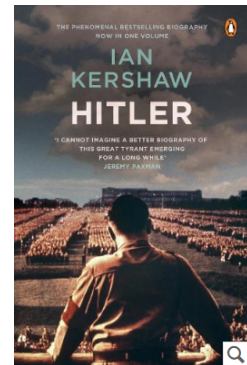


The Time Traveller's Guide to..... By Ian Mortimer

Hitler by Ian Kershaw

Ian Kershaw's two volume biography, Hitler 1889-1936: Hubris and Hitler 1936-1945: Nemesis, was greeted with universal acclaim as the essential work on one of the most malign figures in history, from his earliest origins to the final days of the Second World War.

Now this landmark historical work is available in one single, abridged edition, tracing the story of how a bitter, failed art student from an obscure corner of Austria rose to unparalleled power, destroying the lives of millions and bringing the world to the brink of Armageddon.



A Concise History of the United States by Andrew Sinclair

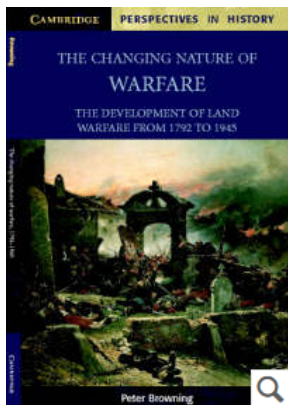
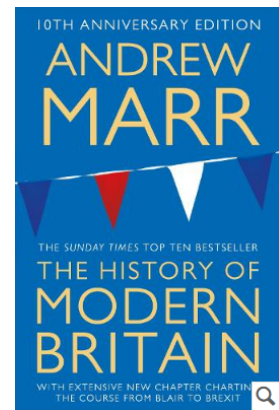
Though America is a new country by the standards of earlier civilisations, its history makes up in breadth, dynamism and sheer flamboyance what it lacks in actual duration; for only a few centuries ago the most powerful single nation in the world was nothing more than a network of trading-posts. In this acclaimed short survey, Andrew Sinclair concentrates on those qualities in the American people that made their country's rapid transition not only possible but inevitable. He combines awareness of real issues with concern for documented fact. Instead of presenting us with a mere catalogue of dates, he traces the origins of the American ideal, the rural-urban conflict, the rise of the two great political parties, and analyses the effect of Puritanism on the national character. He also explains American attitudes in the age of Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

The History of Modern Britain by Andrew Marr

A History of Modern Britain by Andrew Marr confronts head-on the victory of shopping over politics. This edition also includes an extra chapter charting the course from Blair to Brexit.

It tells the story of how the great political visions of New Jerusalem or a second Elizabethan Age, rival idealisms, came to be defeated by a culture of consumerism, celebrity and self-gratification. In each decade, political leaders think they know what they are doing, but find themselves confounded. Every time, the British people turn out to be stropplier and harder to herd than predicted.

Throughout, Britain is a country on the edge - first of invasion, then of bankruptcy, then on the vulnerable front line of the Cold War and later in the forefront of the great opening up of capital and migration now reshaping the world. This history follows all the political and economic stories, but deals too with comedy, cars, the war against homosexuals, Sixties anarchists, oil-men and punks, Margaret Thatcher's wonderful good luck, political lies and the true heroes of British theatre.



The Changing Nature of Warfare by Peter Browning

A succinct survey of the changing complexities of modern warfare - with particular emphasis on land warfare - and offers a useful introduction to this important aspect of European and world history. Peter Browning examines how and why warfare changed between 1792 and 1945. He traces the development from the 'impulse' warfare of Napoleon, via the political wars of the mid nineteenth century and the trench warfare of 1914-18, to Blitzkrieg in 1939-45. These practices are studied with reference to the theory of warfare and especially the ideas of Carl von Clausewitz - one of the great theorists of war.

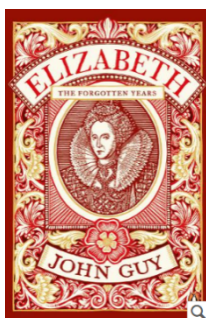
Adventures in Time – The First World War by Dominic Sandbrook

Take a journey to a vanished world with the ADVENTURES IN TIME series - stories so exciting you won't believe they're all true

'The whistles blew, the cheers went up, and thousands of men were scrambling up into the rolling fields of No Man's Land ...'

Travel back in time to The First World War, as historian Dominic Sandbrook takes us from the soaring heights of an aeroplane cockpit to the desperate depths of the enemy trenches. We are plunged first hand into a conflict like no other as, amid the greatest clash of empires ever known, the future of the world hangs in the balance...

The Adventures in Time series brings the past alive for twenty-first century children. These stories are every bit as exciting as those of Harry Potter or Matilda Wormwood. The only difference is they actually happened...



Elizabeth – The Forgotten Years by John Guy

History has pictured Elizabeth I as Gloriana, an icon of strength and power -- and has focused on the early years of her reign. But in 1583, when Elizabeth was fifty, there was relentless plotting among her courtiers -- and still to come is the Spanish Armada and the execution of Mary, Queen of Scots. We have not, until now, had the full picture.

This gripping and vivid portrait of her life and times -- often told in her own words (and including details such as her love of chess and marzipan) -- reveals a woman who was insecure, human ('You know I am no morning woman'), and unpopular even with the men who fought for her. This is the real Elizabeth, for the first time.