

A Brief History Of The Crimean War Brief Histories

Financial crises happen time and again in post-industrial economies—and they are extraordinarily damaging. Building on insights gleaned from many years of work in the banking industry and drawing on a vast trove of data, Richard Vague argues that such crises follow a pattern that makes them both predictable and avoidable. *A Brief History of Doom* examines a series of major crises over the past 200 years in the United States, Great Britain, Germany, France, Japan, and China—including the Great Depression and the economic meltdown of 2008. Vague demonstrates that the over-accumulation of private debt does a better job than any other variable of explaining and predicting financial crises. In a series of clear and gripping chapters, he shows that in each case the rapid growth of loans produced widespread overcapacity, which then led to the spread of bad loans and bank failures. This cycle, according to Vague, is the essence of financial crises and the script they invariably follow. The story of financial crisis is fundamentally the story of private debt and runaway lending. Convinced that we have it within our power to break the cycle, Vague provides the tools to enable politicians, bankers, and private citizens to recognize and respond to the danger signs before it begins again.

This book leads readers through an intriguing examination how books began and have evolved through history, and explores where future technologies may lead them. From ancient clay tablet and scrolls to medieval manuscripts and printed books to personal computers and iPads, this guide examines the fascinating history of books from 4000 BCE to the present. At each step of this evolution, technologies are examined and evaluated to show how these ideas are present from the very beginning of written communication. Moving chronologically from the ancient world to the present, the book shows how written communication media evolved from cuneiform to the Kindle. Focusing on key technologies and vital periods of historical transition, it traces an evolution that elucidates the history of the written word, at each step examining and evaluating such aspects of technologies as memory capacity, readability and writability, durability, recyclability, information security, ease and mode of access, and cost. Additional attention is paid to how these technologies were made, how they were circulated, and who was reading them. Provides faculty and students with a brief but fascinating and engagingly written textbook Includes hands-on activities and course assignments that encourage student learning Features interesting factoids and illustrations, making this book useful as a text, as a professional guide, or for pleasure reading Utilizing a question and answer format, the philosopher and spiritual teacher discusses multiculturalism, political correctness, spiritual enlightenment, gender wars, modern liberation movements, and the course of evolution. Reprint.

A wonderfully concise and readable, yet comprehensive, history of the Mediterranean Sea, the perfect companion for any visitor -- or indeed, anyone compelled to stay at home. 'The grand object of travelling is to see the shores of the Mediterranean.' Samuel Johnson, 1776 The Mediterranean has always been a leading stage for world history; it is also visited each year by tens of millions of tourists, both local and international. Jeremy Black provides an account in which the experience of travel is foremost: travel for tourism, for trade, for war, for migration, for culture, or, as so often, for a variety of reasons. Travellers have always had a variety of goals and situations, from rulers to slaves, merchants to pirates, and Black covers them all, from Phoenicians travelling for trade to the modern tourist sailing for pleasure and cruising in great comfort. Throughout the book the emphasis is on the sea, on coastal regions and on port cities visited by cruise liners - Athens, Barcelona, Naples, Palermo. But it also looks beyond, notably to the other waters that flow into the Mediterranean - the Black Sea, the Atlantic, the Red Sea and rivers, from the Ebro and Rhone to the Nile. Much of western Eurasia and northern Africa played, and continues to play, a role, directly or indirectly, in the fate of the Mediterranean. At times, that can make the history of the sea an account of conflict after conflict, but it is necessary to understand these wars in order to grasp the changing boundaries of the Mediterranean states, societies and religions, the buildings that have been left, and the peoples' cultures, senses of identity and histories. Black explores the centrality of the Mediterranean to the Western experience of travel, beginning in antiquity with the Phoenicians, Minoans and Greeks. He shows how the Roman Empire united the sea, and how it was later divided by Christianity and Islam. He tells the story of the rise and fall of the maritime empires of Pisa, Genoa and Venice, describes how galley warfare evolved and how the Mediterranean fired the imagination of Shakespeare, among many artists. From the Renaissance and Baroque to the seventeenth-century beginnings of English tourism - to the Aegean, Sicily and other destinations - Black examines the culture of the Mediterranean. He shows how English naval power grew, culminating in Nelson's famous victory over the French in the Battle of the Nile and the establishment of Gibraltar, Minorca and Malta as naval bases. Black explains the retreat of Islam in north Africa, describes the age of steam navigation and looks at how and why the British occupied Cyprus, Egypt and the Ionian Islands. He looks at the impact of the Suez Canal as a new sea route to India and how the Riviera became Europe's playground. He shows how the Mediterranean has been central to two World Wars, the Cold War and ongoing conflicts in the Middle East. With its focus always on the Sea, the book looks at the fate of port cities particularly - Alexandria, Salonika and Naples.

A Brief History of Ireland

A Brief History

A Brief History of Creation: Science and the Search for the Origin of Life

A Brief History of Underpants

Mulcaster's Elementarie

Great Historians and the Epic Quest to Explain the Past

Present a history of the Caribbean islands from its ancient Pre-Columbian times up to the present day, with emphasis on the Spanish and French periods of occupation.

At the turn of the 19th century, the Ottoman Empire straddled three continents and encompassed extraordinary ethnic and cultural diversity among the millions of people living within its borders. This text provides a concise history of the late empire between 1789 and 1918, turbulent years marked by incredible social change.

From the dawn of history to the decline of the Celtic Tiger - how Ireland has been shaped over the centuries. Ireland has been shaped by many things over the centuries: geography, war, the fight for liberty. *A Brief History of Ireland* is the perfect introduction to this exceptional place, its people and its culture. Ireland has been home to successive groups of settlers - Celts, Vikings, Normans, Anglo-Scots, Huguenots. It has imported huge ideas, none bigger than Christianity which it then re-exported to Europe after the fall of the Roman Empire. In the Tudor era it became the first colony of the developing English Empire. Its fraught and sometimes brutal relationship with England has dominated its modern history. Killeen argues that religion was decisive in all this: Ireland remained substantially Catholic, setting it at odds with the larger island culturally, religiously and politically. But its own culture and identity have stayed strong, most obviously in literature with a magnificent tradition of writing from the Book of Kells to the modern masters: Joyce, Yeats, Beckett and Heaney.

Adrian Bardon's *A Brief History of the Philosophy of Time* is a short introduction to the history, philosophy, and science of the study of time—from the pre-Socratic philosophers through Einstein and

beyond. A Brief History of the Philosophy of Time covers subjects such as time and change, the experience of time, physical and metaphysical approaches to the nature of time, the direction of time, time travel, time and freedom of the will, and scientific and philosophical approaches to eternity and the beginning of time. Bardon employs helpful illustrations and keeps technical language to a minimum in bringing the resources of over 2500 years of philosophy and science to bear on some of humanity's most fundamental and enduring questions.

From the Phoenicians to the Present Day

A Brief History of Vice

A Brief History of Thought

A Brief History of the Caribbean

A Brief History of the Vikings

A Brief History of Happiness

An illustrated, large-format edition of the best-seller has been expanded to encompass the remarkable advances that have occurred in science and technology over the past eight years, with a new chapter on Wormholes and Time Travel and more than 240 full-color, captioned illustrations. 100,000 first printing.

THE book the Time Lords (including the Doctor) read when studying at the Academy, the full-color in-world history that pieces together the true story of Gallifrey from the many and contradictory accounts that survived the Last Great Time War. Doctor Who: A Brief History of Time Lords tells the story of all of this ancient, legendary civilization, of notable historical figures, of Gallifrey itself, of the Time War and much more. The planet Gallifrey. The Shining World of the Seven Systems. Often to be found in the constellation of Kasterborous. Birthplace of one of the oldest civilizations in the universe: The Time Lords. From their technologies and strategies to the renegades like the Master and the Doctor himself, this is the definitive guide to the oldest and most powerful civilization in the universe. They invented black holes, transmits, stellar manipulators, and they atrophied. A bunch of elderly academics in funny hats, the Time Lords watched the whole history of creation. This was the civilization that inflicted some of its most renowned and deadly renegades and criminals on the universe: the Master, the Rani, the Monk, the War Chief, yet it was also the benevolent power that rid the cosmos of the Great Vampires, the Racnoss and the Fendahl. Featuring full-color, never-before-seen illustrations and a beautiful interior design, this is a highly collectible in-world companion no Whovian can be without. This text presents a comprehensive view of the development of Western civilization in a book that is half the size of conventional survey texts. This book, which pioneered the brief format and is the only one of its kind that is not an abridgment of a longer book, makes convenient reading for students in survey courses and enables instructors to assign supplementary materials without overburdening student time or budgets. With its broad coverage of political, social, cultural and religious themes, "A Brief History of the Western World" lends itself to many different instructional approaches.

In this brief history, philosopher Nicholas White reviews 2,500 years of philosophical thought about happiness. Addresses key questions such as: What is happiness? Should happiness play such a dominant role in our lives? How can we deal with conflicts between the various things that make us happy? Considers the ways in which major thinkers from antiquity to the modern day have treated happiness: from Plato's notion of the harmony of the soul, through to Nietzsche's championing of conflict over harmony. Relates questions about happiness to ethics and to practical philosophy.

A Brief History of the Philosophy of Time

Four Billion Years in Eight Chapters

The Last Pagans Or the First Modern Europeans?

Twentieth-Century America

A Brief History of the Late Ottoman Empire

A Brief History of the Western World

This book is a clear and concise history of the soul in western philosophy, from Plato to cutting-edge contemporary work in philosophy of mind. Packed with arguments for and against a range of different, historically significant philosophies of the soul Addresses the essential issues, including mind-body interaction, the causal closure of the physical world, and the philosophical implications of the brain sciences for the soul's existence Includes coverage of theories from key figures, such as Plato, Aquinas, Locke, Hume, and Descartes Unique in combining the history of ideas and the development of a powerful case for a non-reductionist, non-materialist account of the soul

The epic story of the scientists through the ages who have sought answers to life's biggest mystery: How did it begin? In this essential and illuminating history of Western science, Bill Mesler and H. James Cleaves II seek to answer the most crucial question in science: How did life begin? They trace the trials and triumphs of the iconoclastic scientists who have sought to solve the mystery, from Darwin's theory of evolution to Crick and Watson's unveiling of DNA. This fascinating exploration not only examines the origin-of-life question, but also interrogates the very nature of scientific discovery and objectivity.

Presents a comprehensive history of the Netherlands from prehistoric settlement through the twenty-first century.

What will planet Earth be like in twenty years? At mid-century? In the year 2100?

Prescient and convincing, this book is a must-read for anyone concerned about the future. Never has the world offered more promise for the future and been more fraught with dangers. Attali anticipates an unraveling of American hegemony as transnational corporations sever the ties linking free enterprise to democracy. World tensions will be primed for horrific warfare for resources and dominance. The ultimate question is: Will we leave our children and grandchildren a world that is not only viable but better, or in

this nuclear world bequeath to them a planet that will be a living hell? Either way, he warns, the time to act is now.

Two Hundred Years of Financial Crises

A Brief History of Doom

A Brief History of Timekeeping

A Brief History of the Mind

A Brief History of the University of California

A Brief History with Documents

Based on the highly acclaimed A History of Western Society, this Brief Edition offers a welcome new approach for today's classrooms. A full-color design, extensive learning aids, rich illustration program, and affordable price combine with lively, descriptive writing and compelling first-hand accounts to provide the most vivid account available in a concise edition of what life was like for peoples of the past.

Harvard's acclaimed geologist "charts Earth's history in accessible style" (AP) "A sublime chronicle of our planet." – Booklist, STARRED review How well do you know the ground beneath your feet? Odds are, where you're standing was once cooking under a roiling sea of lava, crushed by a towering sheet of ice, rocked by a nearby meteor strike, or perhaps choked by poison gases, drowned beneath ocean, perched atop a mountain range, or roamed by fearsome monsters. Probably most or even all of the above. The story of our home planet and the organisms spread across its surface is far more spectacular than any Hollywood blockbuster, filled with enough plot twists to rival a bestselling thriller. But only recently have we begun to piece together the whole mystery into a coherent narrative. Drawing on his decades of field research and up-to-the-minute understanding of the latest science, renowned geologist Andrew H. Knoll delivers a rigorous yet accessible biography of Earth, charting our home planet's epic 4.6 billion-year story. Placing twenty first-century climate change in deep context, A Brief History of Earth is an indispensable look at where we've been and where we're going. Features original illustrations depicting Earth history and nearly 50 figures (maps, tables, photographs, graphs).

For every Earth resident, an essential primer by Harvard's acclaimed geologist "A fantastic distillation of Earth's history, from one of the world's leading geologists. Engrossing, witty, and eminently readable." --Steve Brusatte, author of The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs Odds are, where you're standing was once cooking under a roiling sea of lava, crushed by a towering sheet of ice, rocked by a nearby meteor strike, or perhaps choked by poison gases, drowned beneath ocean, perched atop a mountain range, or roamed by fearsome monsters. Probably most or even all of the above. The story of our home planet and the organisms spread across its surface is far more spectacular than any Hollywood blockbuster, filled with enough plot twists to rival a bestselling thriller. But only recently have we begun to piece together the whole mystery into a coherent narrative. Drawing on his decades of field research and up-to-the-minute understanding of the latest science, renowned geologist Andrew H. Knoll delivers a rigorous yet accessible biography of Earth, charting our home planet's epic 4.6 billion-year story. Placing twenty first-century climate change in deep context, A Brief History of Earth is an indispensable look at where we've been and where we're going. Features original illustrations depicting Earth history and nearly 50 figures (maps, tables, photographs, graphs). In an introduction to the world of cognitive science, a neurobiologist traces the evolution of the mind, from apes, Neanderthals, and human ancestors to a burst of creativity that began about fifty thousand years ago, suggesting that the mind will continue to evolve, with enhanced reasoning abilities, ethics, and other changes.

A Brief History of Earth

Doctor Who: A Brief History of Time Lords

A Brief History of Humankind

A Brief History of History

A Brief History of The 1619 Project

A Brief History of Ancient Greece

2022 NATIONAL INDIE EXCELLENCE AWARDS WINNER — HISTORY: GENERAL ". . . inherently interesting, unique, and recommended addition to personal, professional, community, college, and academic library Physics of Time & Science Measurement history collections, and supplemental curriculum studies lists." —Midwest Book Review "A wonderful understanding and recording time, Orzel's latest is appropriate for all readers who are curious about those ticks and nearly every aspect of our lives." —Booklist "A thorough, enjoyable exploration of the history and science behind time." —Foreword Reviews It's all a matter of time—literally. From the movements of the spheres to the slipperiness of time, science unfolds through the fascinating history of humanity's efforts to keep time. Our modern lives are ruled by smartphones and calendar programs. While our gadgets may be new, however, the drive to measure and mark time is as old as but—and in A Brief History of Timekeeping, Chad Orzel traces the path from Stonehenge to your smartphone. Pre-linguistic language and marching on through human history, the desire for ever-better timekeeping has spurred technological innovations that sparked theories that radically reshaped our understanding of the universe and our place in it. Orzel, a physicist and author of Breakfast with Einstein and How to Teach Quantum Physics to Your Dog continues his tradition of demystifying scientific concepts by using the clocks and calendars central to our everyday activities as a jumping-off point to explore the underlying ways we keep track of our time. Ancient solstice markers (which still work perfectly 5,000 years later), the basic astrophysics of our solar system; mechanical clocks owe their development to Newtonian physics; and the timekeeping that enables GPS hinges on the predictable oddities of quantum mechanics. Along the way, Orzel visits the negotiations involved in Gregorian calendar reform, the intricate and entirely unique system employed by the Mayans to solve the problem of synchronizing clocks at different locations ultimately required us to abandon the idea of time as an absolute quantity. Sharp and engaging, A Brief History of Timekeeping is a story not just about the science of sundials, saris, and mechanical clocks, but also the politics of calendars and time zones, the philosophy of measurement, and the nature of time itself. For those interested in science, technology, or history, or anyone who's ever wondered about the instant our days into moments: the time you spend reading this book may fly, and it is certain to be well spent.

During the Mexican Revolution a remarkable alliance of peasants, working and middle classes, and elites banded together to overthrow General Porfirio Diaz's thirty-five year rule as dictator-president and created a radical new constitution that demanded universal education for all children, redistributed land and water resources, and established progressive labor laws. In this collection, Orzel examines the causes, conduct, and consequences of the revolution and carefully untangles the shifting alliances of the time. In his introduction Wasserman outlines the context for the revolution, rebels' differing goals for land redistribution,

battles between rebel leaders and their generals. He also examines daily life and the conduct of the revolution, as well as its international legacy. The accompanying selected sources include political documents along with dozens of accounts from politicians and generals to male and female soldiers, civilians, and journalists. Collectively they offer insight into the fighting, the politics behind the war, and the revolution's international legacy. Document headnotes, a chronology, a bibliography, and questions for consideration provide pedagogical support.

University Press returns with another short and captivating book - a brief history of The 1619 Project. In August 1619, a slave ship sailed its way through the still-warm waters of The Atlantic Ocean, heading north along the coast of North America, that was then known to most Europeans as the New World. The ship arrived at Jamestown in the British colony, carrying an expensive cargo that the pirates hoped to sell to the colonists - Africans. The ship's crew had stolen the 200 captives from a Portuguese slave ship. And that slave ship had captured the men and women from an area of west Africa that was then known as Angola. Thus began a 250-year history of slavery in a land that would later become the United States of America. On the 400-year anniversary of the introduction of African slavery to America, The New York Times Magazine released a special issue called The 1619 Project, a collection of essays and profiles that discusses the history and legacy of slavery in the words of its authors, "aims to reframe the country's history by placing the consequences of slavery and the contributions of Black Americans at the very center of the United States' national narrative." But this bold reframing of America's history has withered criticism, generated intense controversy, and stimulated a fierce national debate. This short book peels back the layers to provide a clear-eyed glimpse into the explosive history of The 1619 Project - a glimpse that you can read in about 100 pages. New York Times Bestseller A Summer Reading Pick for President Barack Obama, Bill Gates, and Mark Zuckerberg. From renowned historian comes a groundbreaking narrative of humanity's creation and evolution—a #1 international bestseller that explores the ways in which biology and history have defined us and enhanced our understanding of what it means to be human. One hundred thousand years ago, at least six different species of humans inhabited Earth. Yet today there is only one. What happened to the others? And what may happen to us? Most books about the history of humanity pursue either a scientific or a biological approach, but Dr. Yuval Noah Harari breaks the mold with this highly original book that begins about 70,000 years ago with the appearance of modern cognition. From examining the role evolving humans have played in the global ecology to the rise of empires, Sapiens integrates history and science to reconsider accepted narratives, connect past developments to contemporary concerns, and examine specific events within the context of larger ideas. Dr. Harari also compels us to think about the future because over the last few decades humans have begun to bend laws of natural selection that have governed life on Earth for billions of years. We are acquiring the ability to design not only the world around us, but also ourselves. Where is this leading us? What do we want to become? Featuring 27 photographs, 6 maps, and 25 illustrations/diagrams, this provocative and insightful book is sure to spark debate and is essential reading for aficionados of Jared Diamond, James Gleick, Matt Ridley, Robert Wright, and Sharon Moalem.

A Brief History of the Soul

A Brief History of Everything

A Brave and Controversial Look at the Twenty-First Century

A Brief History of the Future

The Mexican Revolution

A Brief History of the Mediterranean

Revised and updated throughout, the fourth edition of Brief History of Ancient Greece presents the political, social, cultural, and economic history and civilization of ancient Greece in all its complexity and variety. Written by leading authorities on the classical world, this captivating study covers the entire period from the Bronze Age through the Hellenistic Era, while integrating the most recent research in archaeology, comparative anthropology, and social history.

Here, for the first time is a brief, balanced, and up-to-date history of Georgia from the early Indians to the twenty-first century.

Based on the most recent research, Georgia: A Brief History surveys the people and events that shaped our state's history in a style that reads easily and flows effortlessly. Beginning with the earliest Indian settlements, the story tells of first contacts between area natives and Spanish from Florida, British from Carolina, and James Oglethorpe leading the effort to found a colony called Georgia. That colony passed out of the British Empire during the American Revolution, a conflict that was as much a civil war as a war for independence. In the following decades, Creek and Cherokee Indians were driven out as Georgia was transformed into a cotton kingdom dominated by a minority of slaveholders, who finally sought to make slavery perpetual in a war that often pitted Georgians against each other. In the aftermath of the Civil War the state struggled with the consequences of the conflict, political, social, and economic. The postwar years were highlighted by economic stagnation, questions over the meaning of freedom, and one-party politics. Race relations pervaded the state's history after the Civil War until well into the twentieth century and those struggles are traced from Reconstruction to Jim Crow to the Civil Rights Era. In the latter half of the twentieth century, and carrying into the twenty-first, Georgia drifted away from the provincialism that characterized its history and moved toward modernity.

A reissue of a charming little illustrated volume originally published in 1974 which walks the reader through the highlights of the history of the University of California.

An engaging, entertaining reference to modern holidays explains the origins of Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, witches, and St. Valentine's Day as it discusses holiday traditions, celebrations, customs, and more.

How Bad Behavior Built Civilization

A Brief History of Liberty

A Brief History of the Book: From Tablet to Tablet

Georgia

From Apes to Intellect and Beyond

A Novel

A celebration of the brave, drunken pioneers who built our civilization one seemingly bad decision at a time, A Brief History of Vice explores a side of the past that mainstream history books prefer to hide. History has never been more fun—or more

intoxicating. Guns, germs, and steel might have transformed us from hunter-gatherers into modern man, but booze, sex, trash talk, and tripping built our civilization. Cracked editor Robert Evans brings his signature dogged research and lively insight to uncover the many and magnificent ways vice has influenced history, from the prostitute-turned-empress who scored a major victory for women's rights to the beer that helped create—and destroy—South America's first empire. And Evans goes deeper than simply writing about ancient debauchery; he recreates some of history's most enjoyable (and most painful) vices and includes guides so you can follow along at home. You'll learn how to: • Trip like a Greek philosopher. • Rave like your Stone Age ancestors. • Get drunk like a Sumerian. • Smoke a nose pipe like a pre-Columbian Native American. "Mixing science, humor, and grossly irresponsible self-experimentation, Evans paints a vivid picture of how bad habits built the world we know and love."—David Wong, author of *John Dies at the End*

A Brief History of Underpants explores the history of underwear with zany facts and illustrations. The cover features an interactive reveal wheel that turns to show underwear through the ages.

As this most tumultuous century draws to a close, the need for a concise and trustworthy history is clear. Recent decades have seen the publication of American histories that are either bloated with unnecessary detail or infused with a polemical purpose that undermines their authority. In *Twentieth-Century America*, Thomas C. Reeves provides a fluidly written narrative history that combines the rare virtues of compression, inclusiveness, and balance. From Progressivism and the New Deal right up to the present, Reeves covers all aspects of American history, providing solid coverage of each era without burying readers in needless detail or trivia. This approach allows readers to grasp the major developments and continuities of American history and to come away with a cohesive picture of the whole of the twentieth century. The volume stresses social and well as political history, emphasizing the roles played by all Americans--including immigrants, minorities, women, and working people--and pays special attention to such topics as religion, crime, public health, national prosperity, and the media. Reeves is careful throughout to present both sides of controversial subjects and yet does not leave readers bewildered about which interpretations are most strongly supported or where to explore these issues more thoroughly. At the conclusion of each chapter, the author cites ten authoritative volumes for further study. The bibliographies, as well as the text, are refreshing in their lack of ideological bent. "Objectivity," Reeves suggests, "is an illusive but worthy goal for the historian." For anyone wishing to achieve a lucid historical overview of the past 100 years, *Twentieth-Century America* is the best place to start.

A book to challenge the status quo, spark a debate, and get people talking about the issues and questions we face as a country!

The Illustrated a Brief History of Time

A Brief History of the Netherlands

A Brief History of Harrison County, Ohio

Sapiens

The 1619 Project Book

Western Society: A Brief History, Volume 1

THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER From the timeless wisdom of ancient Greece through to Christianity, the Enlightenment, existentialism and postmodernism, *A Brief History of Thought* brilliantly and accessibly explains the enduring teachings of philosophy - including its profound relevance in today's world as well as its essential role in achieving happiness and living a meaningful life. This lively journey through the great thinkers challenges every one of us to learn to think for ourselves and asks us the most important question of all: how can we live better?

Through a fusion of philosophical, social scientific, and historical methods, *A Brief History of Liberty* provides a comprehensive, philosophically-informed portrait of the elusive nature of one of our most cherished ideals. Offers a succinct yet thorough survey of personal freedom Explores the true meaning of liberty, drawing philosophical lessons about liberty from history Considers the writings of key historical figures from Socrates and Erasmus to Hobbes, Locke, Marx, and Adam Smith Combines philosophical rigor with social scientific analysis Argues that liberty refers to a range of related but specific ideas rather than limiting the concept to one definition

An accessible account of Viking warrior culture between the eighth and eleventh centuries considers mysteries about their identities and descendants, sharing biographical sketches of such figures as Erik Bloodaxe and Lief the Lucky while drawing on new research in the fields of ritual magic, genetic profiling, and climatology. Original.

From Kevin Brockmeier, one of this generation's most inventive young writers, comes a striking new novel about death, life, and the mysterious place in between. The City is inhabited by those who have departed Earth but are still remembered by the living. They will reside in this afterlife until they are completely forgotten. But the City is shrinking, and the residents clearing out. Some of the holdouts, like Luka Sims, who produces the City's only newspaper, are wondering what exactly is going on. Others, like Coleman Kinzler, believe it is the beginning of the end. Meanwhile, Laura Byrd is trapped in an Antarctic research station, her supplies are running low, her radio finds only static, and the power is failing. With little choice, Laura sets out across the ice to look for help, but time is running out. Kevin Brockmeier alternates these two storylines to create a lyrical and haunting story about love, loss and the power of memory.

A Philosophical Guide to Living

A Brief History of the Ampersand: A brief history of the Ampersand

A Brief History of the Cold War

The Book of the Year

A Brief History of Our Seasonal Holidays

The Brief History of the Dead