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Chris Hedges's profound  
and unsettling  
examination of America  
in crisis is "an  
exceedingly...provocative

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book, certain to arouse  
controversy, but  
offering a point of view  
that needs to be heard”  
(Booklist), about how  
bitter hopelessness and  
malaise have resulted in

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a culture of sadism and  
hate. America, says  
Pulitzer Prize-winning  
reporter Chris Hedges,  
is convulsed by an array  
of pathologies that have  
arisen out of profound

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hopelessness, a bitter  
despair, and a civil  
society that has ceased  
to function. The opioid  
crisis; the retreat into  
gambling to cope with  
economic distress; the

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pornification of  
culture; the rise of  
magical thinking; the  
celebration of sadism,  
hate, and plagues of  
suicides are the  
physical manifestations

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of a society that is  
being ravaged by  
corporate pillage and a  
failed democracy. As our  
society unravels, we  
also face global  
upheaval caused by

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catastrophic climate  
change. All these ills  
presage a frightening  
reconfiguration of the  
nation and the planet.  
Donald Trump rode this  
disenchantment to power.



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In his “forceful and direct” (Publishers Weekly) America: The Farewell Tour, Hedges argues that neither political party, now captured by corporate

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power, addresses the systemic problem. Until our corporate coup d'état is reversed these diseases will grow and ravage the country.

“With sharply observed

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detail, Hedges writes a requiem for the American dream” (Kirkus Reviews) and seeks to jolt us out of our complacency while there is still time.

This sharp and

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authoritative account of  
American foreign  
relations analyzes the  
last fifteen years of  
foreign policy in  
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foreign relations from  
the viewpoint of one of  
the most respected

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authorities in the field  
Includes suggestions for  
further reading.

What went wrong in  
imperial Rome, and how  
we can avoid it: "If you  
want to understand where

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America stands in the  
world today, read this.”

–Thomas E. Ricks The  
rise and fall of ancient  
Rome has been on  
American minds since the  
beginning of our

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republic. Depending on  
who's doing the talking,  
the history of Rome  
serves as either a  
triumphal call to  
action—or a dire warning  
of imminent collapse. In



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this “provocative and lively” book, Cullen Murphy points out that today we focus less on the Roman Republic than on the empire that took its place, and reveals a

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wide array of  
similarities between the  
two societies (The New  
York Times). Looking at  
the blinkered, insular  
culture of our capitals;  
the debilitating effect

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of bribery in public  
life; the paradoxical  
issue of borders; and  
the weakening of the  
body politic through  
various forms of  
privatization, Murphy

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persuasively argues that  
we most resemble Rome in  
the burgeoning  
corruption of our  
government and in our  
arrogant ignorance of  
the world outside—two

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things that must be  
changed if we are to  
avoid Rome's fate. "Are  
We Rome? is just about a  
perfect book. . . . I  
wish every politician  
would spend an evening

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with this book." –James  
Fallows

Here it is, "God,  
Country and Telepathy"  
has the answers for what  
everyone has been asking  
about the United States

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and the strange new  
mystery government that  
has taken hold of the  
nation. You will find  
out who is in charge,  
why and what is the  
purpose of it all

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especially the  
destination for the  
population. You will be  
given explanations for  
the increasing toxicity  
of the food, soda and  
water, the medical



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preference for  
pharmaceutical drugs to  
"manage" diseases both  
mental and physical, the  
real purpose of the  
Patriot Act and Homeland  
Security, why events

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that are horrible are often described by onlookers as not real but "surreal" or abstract, why marijuana was made illegal, why despite numerous wars on

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Poverty, Drugs,  
Discrimination nothing  
ever gets better. You  
will find out why the  
government is so  
concerned about so  
called "man made global

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warming" but is  
indifferent to man made  
contamination of food  
and soil. It looks like  
"Terra-forming" the  
planet. Terrorism,  
political intrigue,

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world economic  
convulsions and mistrust  
of government form the  
backdrop for my life in  
New York. From out of  
nowhere intelligent  
beings from another

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dimension contacted me  
with important news  
about America. This is  
my story over several  
decades and collected  
from saved journals,  
notes and recollections.

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The message for America  
is contained in this  
book alongside the  
catalog of incredible  
psychic experiences that  
often saved my life or  
proved illuminating in

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some way. They concluded  
that I might be able to  
make a difference in a  
leadership role and  
insisted I write a book  
to share my discoveries.  
If there was ever an



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unbelievable story to  
tell, this is the one. I  
can't imagine what I  
would think if I read  
this book unprepared;  
that is, not having had  
any personal experience

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with these kinds of  
spiritual forces. But  
then again, some people  
sky dive or swim with  
sharks. But I was  
subconsciously expecting  
this from a young age. I

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don't see things the way  
most people do. I sense  
a hidden meaning wherein  
lays the truth. I look  
for the connections to  
everything else, the  
whole fabric of

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existence. My mind was processing so fast everything was a blur; no time for elementary school topics or lessons. As a teenager I eagerly devoured every

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book I could lay my  
hands on concerning the  
occult, superstitions,  
magic, herbal lore,  
religious practices,  
spiritualism, astrology,  
numerology, psychology,

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mind reading,  
extrasensory perception  
and secret societies. I  
could have called this  
book "Report on the New  
Age" but it might not  
have had the same broad

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appeal.

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Are Destroying the  
American Dream

Midnight in the American  
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**Mr. Soberon has provided  
us with a fascinating**

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chronological review of  
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and Republicans, he  
chronicles the evolution  
of the various mediums  
of exchange and the  
power and influence held

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and wielded by those who  
possessed them in great  
amounts. This book is  
certain to hold the  
interest of both the  
high school student and  
the seasoned banker. It

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Mr. Soberon's narrative

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appears at a crucial  
juncture in world  
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Act Partisanship is on  
the rise, the economy is  
in a downward spiral,  
and there is a steady  
erosion of civil

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liberties. These factors  
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all contribute to a  
plotline that is as  
unthinkable as it is  
inevitable. A Second  
American Civil War. From  
the backroom deals in



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front lines of the  
battlefield. Daugherty  
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inept spies, our bad  
behavior in other  
countries, our ill-  
fought wars, and our  
capitulation to a  
military that has taken

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federal budget. There  
is, he proposes, only  
one way out: President  
Obama must begin to  
dismantle the empire  
before the Pentagon



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dismantles the American  
Dream. If we do not  
learn from the fates of  
past empires, he  
suggests, our decline  
and fall are  
foreordained. This is

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Johnson at his best:  
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warning and an urgent  
prescription for a  
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words, a collection of short stories, on the life of the author. It starts when he was growing up in the Philippine countryside of Ilocos Sur province. Just like a normal kid, he played with his friends, did crazy things, went to school and moved to Manila, for his college education. He got married

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George W. Bush's first year in office--he demolishes the view that the United States has failed to devise a replacement for containment as a basis for foreign policy. He finds instead that successive post-Cold War administrations have adhered to a well-defined "strategy of openness."

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Motivated by the imperative of economic expansionism, that strategy aims to foster an open and integrated international order, thereby perpetuating the undisputed primacy of the world's sole remaining superpower. Moreover, openness is not a new strategy, but has been an

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abiding preoccupation of policymakers  
as far back as Woodrow Wilson.

Although based on expectations that  
eliminating barriers to the movement  
of trade, capital, and ideas nurtures  
not only affluence but also democracy,  
the aggressive pursuit of openness  
has met considerable resistance. To

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overcome that resistance, U.S. policymakers have with increasing frequency resorted to force, and military power has emerged as never before as the preferred instrument of American statecraft, resulting in the progressive militarization of U.S. foreign policy. Neither indictment nor

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celebration, American Empire sees the drive for openness for what it is--a breathtakingly ambitious project aimed at erecting a global imperium. Large questions remain about that project's feasibility and about the human, financial, and moral costs that it will entail. By penetrating the illusions

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debate...Bacevich's argument  
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relentless accumulation of  
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into which the pursuit and maintenance of this hegemony may lead America. --Anatol Levin, Washington Monthly Reviews of this book: American Empire is an immensely thoughtful book. Its reflections go beyond the narrow realm of U.S. security policy and

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mirror to self-styled idealists and realists alike. Read all the books you want about the post-Cold War, post-9/11 world, just be sure American Empire is one of them. --Walter A. McDougall, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, University of Pennsylvania  
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polemical book is precisely what Americans, in and outside of the academy, needed before 9/11 and need now even more. Crisp, lively, biting prose will help them enjoy it. Among its many themes are hubris, hegemony, and the fatuousness of claims by the American military that

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they can now achieve "transparency" in war-making. --Michael S. Sherry, Northwestern University  
The United States could not possibly have an empire, Americans think. But we do. And with verve and telling insight Andrew Bacevich shows how it works and what it means. --Ronald Steel,

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author of Temptations of a  
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New York Times bestselling author Andrew J. Bacevich, with a new afterword by the author From the end of World War II until 1980, virtually no American soldiers were killed in action while serving in the Greater Middle East. Since 1990, virtually no American soldiers have been killed in

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action anywhere else. What caused this shift? Andrew J. Bacevich, one of the country's most respected voices on foreign affairs, offers an incisive critical history of this ongoing military enterprise—now more than thirty years old and with no end in sight. During the 1980s, Bacevich argues, a great



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transition occurred. As the Cold War wound down, the United States initiated a new conflict—a War for the Greater Middle East—that continues to the present day. The long twilight struggle with the Soviet Union had involved only occasional and sporadic fighting. But as this new war unfolded,

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hostilities became persistent. From the Balkans and East Africa to the Persian Gulf and Central Asia, U.S. forces embarked upon a seemingly endless series of campaigns across the Islamic world. Few achieved anything remotely like conclusive success. Instead, actions undertaken with

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expectations of promoting peace and stability produced just the opposite. As a consequence, phrases like “permanent war” and “open-ended war” have become part of everyday discourse. Connecting the dots in a way no other historian has done before, Bacevich weaves a compelling

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narrative out of episodes as varied as the Beirut bombing of 1983, the Mogadishu firefight of 1993, the invasion of Iraq in 2003, and the rise of ISIS in the present decade.

Understanding what America's costly military exertions have wrought requires seeing these seemingly

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discrete events as parts of a single war. It also requires identifying the errors of judgment made by political leaders in both parties and by senior military officers who share responsibility for what has become a monumental march to folly. This Bacevich unflinchingly does. A twenty-

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year army veteran who served in  
Vietnam, Andrew J. Bacevich brings  
the full weight of his expertise to this  
vitally important subject. America's  
War for the Greater Middle East is a  
bracing after-action report from the  
front lines of history. It will  
fundamentally change the way we

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view America's engagement in the world's most volatile region. Praise for America's War for the Greater Middle East "Bacevich is thought-provoking, profane and fearless. . . . [His] call for Americans to rethink their nation's militarized approach to the Middle East is incisive, urgent and essential."—The

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***award-winning author. In  
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Watts offers a new history  
of the fall of the Roman  
Republic that explains why  
Rome exchanged freedom***

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***for autocracy. For  
centuries, even as Rome  
grew into the  
Mediterranean's premier  
military and political power,  
its governing institutions,  
parliamentary rules, and***

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***political customs  
successfully fostered  
negotiation and  
compromise. By the 130s  
BC, however, Rome's  
leaders increasingly used  
these same tools to***

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***cynically pursue individual  
gain and obstruct their  
opponents. As the center  
decayed and dysfunction  
grew, arguments between  
politicians gave way to  
political violence in the***



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***streets. The stage was set  
for destructive civil wars --  
and ultimately the imperial  
reign of Augustus. The  
death of Rome's Republic  
was not inevitable. In  
Mortal Republic, Watts***

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***shows it died because it was  
allowed to, from thousands  
of small wounds inflicted by  
Romans who assumed that  
it would last forever.  
Corporate America is no  
longer content doing what***

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***it does best, which is  
making money. These  
business behemoths are  
aggressively attempting to  
control the entire  
economic, cultural and  
political realms of***

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***American life. They have  
nearly succeeded. Most  
Americans would agree that  
corporate power should be  
prohibited from disrupting  
the natural rhythm of our  
democratic institutions. Yet***

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***we the people are thwarted  
from addressing the subject  
of corporate power, not  
because we do not wish to  
have the conversation, but  
because we have nobody to  
address the issue. Our***

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***political representatives,  
hostages as they are to  
corporate campaign  
donations and government  
lobbyists, cannot seriously  
debate the question of  
corporate power. Indeed,***

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***their very careers depend  
on corporate power.***

***Meanwhile, the media, the  
so-called Fourth Estate,  
refuses to discuss the issue  
of excessive corporate  
power because the media***

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***itself is a corporation. At  
the same time, the  
consequences of excessive  
corporate power are  
becoming acutely obvious  
inside of the corporate  
universe. Today, fewer U.S.***



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***workers are spending more  
time on the job to produce a  
greater amount of products,  
while not receiving fair  
recompense. Meanwhile,  
wages for American  
workers, adjusted for***

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***inflation, have remained  
stagnant for the past 30  
years, while U.S. vacation  
time in the United States is  
the lowest of all the  
industrial economies. The  
blatant lack of***

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***representation in the  
workplace is directly  
responsible for these  
shameful statistics. Just 7  
percent of the American  
workforce today enjoys  
union representation, a***

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***percentage that pales in  
comparison with past  
generations. There is also  
the question of  
corporations disrupting the  
fabric of cultural life.  
Indeed, today Main Street***

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***U.S.A. is largely  
unrecognizable. This can be  
witnessed in everything  
from the preponderance of  
fast food restaurants and  
hyper-stores, to Corporate  
America's aggressive***

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***monopoly on all forms of  
entertainment, which is on  
a downward spiral to total  
degeneracy. Since  
corporate-owned cultural  
venues (e.g., television,  
film, books) have more***

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***influence over our children  
than do educational  
institutions, it should come  
as no surprise that violence  
and unsocial behavior is on  
the rise. History has already  
proven that no nation can***

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***survive for long once its  
moral fabric has been  
shredded. Finally, the  
symptoms of extreme levels  
of corporate power in our  
lives are becoming  
increasingly conspicuous in***



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***a variety of ways. From the  
rise of destructive behavior  
at home, to the sadistic  
treatment prisoners of war  
in foreign lands (read:  
Guantanamo Bay), to the  
reckless disregard for the***

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***collapse of the natural  
environment, something  
has gone awry in the heart  
of America (I call it  
'corporate zombyism'). The  
nature of the problem  
suggests that the American***

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***psyche is being guided and  
influenced by less than  
respectable influences.  
Since it is Corporate  
America that is largely  
responsible for the  
degraded mental and***

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***physical content that we are  
now feeding the people, this  
institution must accept a  
large part of the blame for  
America's fall from grace.  
The time has come to tame  
this beast of burden; the***

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***time has come to remove  
corporate power from the  
halls of power. It is time for  
the American people - like  
their proud and  
independent ancestors who  
founded this country many***

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***years ago - to regain control  
of their country once again.  
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unconventional approach  
and a broad historical  
perspective - analyses the  
American Empire, the***

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***current world order, its  
defining features, the  
relations and motivations of  
the major players and the  
grand strategies that they  
outline. In this multi-valued  
world, what goals and***

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***guidelines can safely lead  
us towards global  
prosperity? Do we need to  
set frameworks for our  
national visions in the 21st  
century, and if so, what are  
our main reference points***



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***in this volatile, uncertain,  
complex and ambiguous  
world? In order to restore  
the global balance of power,  
Europe have to give up its  
imperial ambitions and it  
has to return to its 16th***

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***century roots when  
European open-  
mindedness, cultural  
diversity and spiritual  
revolutions led to the cradle  
of future breakthroughs in  
science, technology and***

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***governance. The new global  
player, China also has an  
important role in restoring  
the global balance of power.  
The USA and China, the two  
world powers that  
complements each other in***

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***character can bring the new  
golden age of the global  
community.. "--Abstract.  
In 1845 a blight of  
unknown origin destroyed  
the potato crop in Ireland  
triggering a series of events***

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***that would change forever  
the course of Ireland's  
history. The British  
government called the  
famine an act of God. The  
Irish called it genocide. By  
any name the famine***

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***caused the death of over  
one million men, women,  
and children by starvation  
and disease. Another two  
million were forced to flee  
the country. With the  
famine as a backdrop, this***

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***is a story about two families  
as different as coarse wool  
and fine silk. Michael  
Ranahan, the son of a  
tenant farmer, dreams of  
breaking his bondage to the  
land and going to America.***

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***The passage money has  
been saved. He's made up  
his mind to go. And then-  
the blight strikes and  
Michael must put his dream  
on hold. The landlord, Lord  
Somerville, is a***



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***compassionate man who  
struggles to preserve a way  
of life without  
compromising his ideals. To  
add to his troubles, he has  
to deal with a recalcitrant  
daughter who chafes at***

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***being forced to live in a  
country of "bog runners." In  
The Time Of Famine is a  
story of survival. It's a story  
of duplicity. But most of all,  
it's a story of love and  
sacrifice.***

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***Unknown America***

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Agreement (NAFTA) Global  
companies open in Mexico. The  
flow North of young Mexican men  
slows dramatically...\$1.4 billion

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**that sued for her freedom,  
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**4th is not our Independence  
day, and what day really is  
...And so much more  
Excerpts from Baklava for  
President: "The first clue that  
a meal was unsavory was our  
father's claim he was  
presenting us with a**

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**delicacy." "Maybe priests  
were just as bad at math as  
Jesus." "Frankly, Homeland  
Security would be wise to  
contact our yiayias for a  
diplomacy consult." "Once the  
egg cracking contest began,  
we were no longer family-we**

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**were soldiers on a battlefield  
trying to vanquish our  
adversaries." "When I die, I  
want to go to Heaven  
savoring that last, rich, salty  
bite of spanakopita on my  
lips." For K. D. Papandreou,  
growing up in a Greek-**

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**American family was a topsy-turvy experience. While breakfast cereal and morning cartoons were allowed on Saturdays, Sundays were always church daze. And trips to Grandma's house were fun because there was always**

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**plenty of spanakopita and  
honey candies. Still they  
knew, once they crossed that  
threshold, that American  
rules and customs no longer  
applied. That meant no Oreos,  
pizza, or TV. It also meant  
trying to avoid eating tripe**

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**stew on the holidays. Luckily,  
the tooth fairy was a regular  
visitor, so they had pocket  
change to spend on gum,  
chocolate, and other  
essentials. K. D. has decided  
to call Baklava for President a  
memoir so there's no finger**



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**pointing about her childhood  
recollections. And she's taken  
the liberty of cleverly altering  
everyone's names so she  
won't have to go into the  
Witness Protection Program  
after her family reads this.  
But she knows there is one**

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**thing they all agree about:  
food is love and, if something  
is good, more is better.  
Why, Timothy Melley asks,  
have paranoia and conspiracy  
theory become such  
prominent features of  
postwar American culture? In**

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**developments, he believes,  
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crisis in the way Americans  
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reveals this crisis more than  
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panic"—an intense fear that  
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**to control human beings.**

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As the corporate-consumerist  
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