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Describes the history of the

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Berlin Wall, from its construction in 1961 to divide the city of Berlin to its destruction in 1989.

From a master of popular history, the lively, immersive story of the race to seize Berlin in the aftermath of World War II as it's

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never been told before  
BERLIN'S FATE WAS SEALED  
AT THE 1945 YALTA  
CONFERENCE: the city, along  
with the rest of Germany, was to  
be carved up among the  
victorious powers— the United

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States, Britain, France, and the Soviet Union. On paper, it seemed a pragmatic solution. In reality, once the four powers were no longer united by the common purpose of defeating Germany, they wasted little time

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reverting to their prewar hostility toward—and suspicion of—one another. The veneer of civility between the Western allies and the Soviets was to break down in spectacular fashion in Berlin. Rival systems, rival ideologies,

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and rival personalities ensured that the German capital became an explosive battleground. The warring leaders who ran Berlin's four sectors were charismatic, mercurial men, and Giles Milton brings them all to rich and

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thrilling life here. We meet unforgettable individuals like America's explosive Frank "Howlin' Mad" Howley, a brusque sharp-tongued colonel with a relish for mischief and a loathing for all Russians.

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Appointed commandant of the city's American sector, Howley fought an intensely personal battle against his wily nemesis, General Alexander Kotikov, commandant of the Soviet sector. Kotikov oozed charm as



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he proposed vodka toasts at his alcohol-fueled parties, but Howley correctly suspected his Soviet rival was Stalin's agent, appointed to evict the Western allies from Berlin and ultimately from Germany as well.

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Throughout, Checkmate in Berlin recounts the first battle of the Cold War as we've never before seen it. An exhilarating tale of intense rivalry and raw power, it is above all a story of flawed individuals who were determined

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to win, and Milton does a masterful job of weaving between all the key players' motivations and thinking at every turn. A story of unprecedented human drama, it's one that had a profound, and often

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underestimated, shaping force on the modern world – one that's still felt today.

On 13 August 1961 eighteen million East Germans awoke to find themselves walled in by an edifice which was to become

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synonymous with the Cold War:  
the Berlin Wall. Patrick Major  
explores how the border closure  
affected ordinary East Germans,  
from workers and farmers to  
teenagers and even party  
members, 'caught out' by Sunday

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the Thirteenth.

The Berlin Wall is arguably the most prominent symbol of the Cold War era. Its construction in 1961 and its dismantling in 1989 are broadly understood as pivotal moments in the history of

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the last century. In *A Wall of Our Own*, Paul M. Farber traces the Berlin Wall as a site of pilgrimage for American artists, writers, and activists. During the Cold War and in the shadow of the Wall, figures such as

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Leonard Freed, Angela Davis, Shinkichi Tajiri, and Audre Lorde weighed the possibilities and limits of American democracy. All were sparked by their first encounters with the Wall, incorporated their reflections in



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books and artworks directed toward the geopolitics of division in the United States, and considered divided Germany as a site of intersection between art and activism over the respective courses of their careers.

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Departing from the well-known stories of Americans seeking post-World War II Paris for their own self-imposed exile or traveling the open road of the domestic interstate highway system, Farber reveals the

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divided city of Berlin as another destination for Americans seeking a critical distance. By analyzing the experiences and cultural creations of "American Berliner" artists and activists, Farber offers a new way to view

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not only the Wall itself but also how the Cold War still structures our thinking about freedom, repression, and artistic resistance on a global scale.

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Memory and the Making of the

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New Germany, 1989 to the  
Present

The Accidental Opening of the  
Berlin Wall

Escapes Under the Berlin Wall  
and the Historic Films the JFK  
White House Tried to Kill

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170 Sites around the World

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identity.**

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**details from eyewitness accounts,  
magazine and newspaper clippings, TV  
recordings, and even Stasi files, as well  
as photos and memorabilia, this  
gripping book transports you back in  
the middle of those heady times shortly  
before the Berlin Wall fell and gives you  
a front-row spot at one of the biggest**



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**and most exciting rock concerts ever,  
anywhere. It takes you to an  
unforgettable journey with Springsteen  
through the divided city, to his hotel,  
and his dressing room at the open air  
concert grounds in Weissensee, where  
The Boss, live on stage, delivered a  
courageous speech against the Wall to a**

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**record-breaking crowd of more than 300,000 delirious young East Germans full of joy and hope. Their thunderous reaction to his speech was so intense that it even briefly brought tears to Springsteen's eyes. And their tremendous, powerful cry for freedom became the "final nail in the coffin" of**

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**the Communist regime and subsequently helped fuel the uprising that brought down the Wall. "Inside this book is as clear a statement of the power of this music as anyone, ever, has come up with." - Dave Marsh "An illuminating and impressively detailed examination of a frequently overlooked**

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**moment in the nexus of rock music and political liberation. I learned a great deal and enjoyed doing so." -Eric Alterman Erik Kirschbaum, a native of New York City and long-time Springsteen fan, has lived in Germany for more than twenty-five years and in Berlin since 1993. He is a correspondent**

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**for the Reuters international news agency and has written about entertainment, politics, sports, economics, as well as disasters and climate change in nearly thirty countries. He is a devoted father of four, an enthusiastic cyclist, a solar power entrepreneur and an unabashed**

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**crusader for renewable energy. Rocking the Wall is his third book. Berlinica offers English-language books from Berlin, German; fiction, non-fiction, travel guides, history, Jewish life, art and photography, as well as books about nightlife, cookbooks, and maps. It also offers documentaries and feature**

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**films on DVD, as well as music CDs.  
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**and Andreas Austilat, "Berlin! Berlin!  
Dispatches From the Weimar  
Republic," by Kurt Tucholsky, "Jews in  
Berlin," by Andreas Nachama, Julius  
H. Schoeps, and Hermann Simon,  
"Wings of Desire-Angels of Berlin," by  
Lothar Heinke, "The Berlin Wall  
Today," by Michael Cramer,**



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**"Wallflower, a Novel," by Holly-Jane Rahlens, "Berlin For Free," by Monica Maertens; "Berlin in the Cold War," by Thomas Flemming, "The Berlin Cookbook," by Rose Marie Donhauser, the music CD "Berlin-mon amour," by chanteuse Adrienne Haan, and two documentaries, "The Red Orchestra,"**

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**by Stefan Roloff and "The Path to  
Nuclear Fission," by New York  
filmmaker Rosemarie Reed.**

**He escaped from one of the world's  
most brutal regimes. Then, he decided to  
tunnel back in. In the summer of 1962, a  
young student named Joachim Rudolph  
dug a tunnel under the Berlin Wall.**

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**Waiting on the other side in East Berlin were dozens of men, women, and children—all willing to risk everything to escape. From the award-winning creator of the acclaimed BBC Radio 4 podcast, Tunnel 29 is the true story of this most remarkable Cold War rescue mission. Drawing on interviews with the**

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**survivors and Stasi files, Helena Merriman brilliantly reveals the stranger-than-fiction story of the ingenious group of student-diggers, the glamorous red-haired messenger, the Stasi spy who threatened the whole enterprise, and the love story that became its surprising epilogue. Tunnel**

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**29 was also the first made-for-TV event of its kind; it was funded by NBC, who wanted to film an escape in real time. Their documentary—which was nearly blocked from airing by the Kennedy administration, which wanted to control the media during the Cold War—revolutionized TV journalism.**

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**Ultimately, Tunnel 29 is a success story about freedom: the valiant citizens risking everything to win it back, and the larger world rooting for them to triumph.**

**'Mr Gorbachev, tear down this wall!'  
This declamation by president Ronald Reagan when visiting Berlin in 1987 is**

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widely cited as the clarion call that brought the Cold War to an end. The West had won, so this version of events goes, because the West had stood firm. American and Western European resoluteness had brought an evil empire to its knees. Michael Meyer, in this extraordinarily compelling account of

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**the revolutions that roiled Eastern Europe in 1989, begs to differ. Drawing together breathtakingly vivid, on-the-ground accounts of the rise of Solidarity in Poland, the stealth opening of the Hungarian border, the Velvet Revolution in Prague, and the collapse of the infamous wall in Berlin, Meyer**



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**shows that western intransigence was only one of the many factors that provoked such world-shaking change. More important, Meyer contends, were the stands taken by individuals in the thick of the struggle, leaders such as poet and playwright Vaclav Havel in Prague; Lech Walesa; the quiet and**

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**determined reform prime minister in  
Budapest, Miklos Nemeth; and the man  
who realized his empire was already lost  
and decided, with courage and  
intelligence, to let it go in peace, Soviet  
president Mikhail Gorbachev. Michael  
Meyer captures these heady days in all  
their rich drama and unpredictability.**

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**In doing so he provides not just a thrilling chronicle of perhaps the most important year of the 20th century but also a crucial refutation of American mythology and a misunderstanding of history that was deliberately employed to lead the United States into some of the intractable conflicts it faces today.**

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**The Berlin Wall**

**Checkmate in Berlin**

**The Berlin Wall and the Fall of Soviet  
Communism**

**Plan D**

**Where in the World is the Berlin Wall?**

*The Berlin Wall Crisis*

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*dominated the presidency  
of John F. Kennedy from  
his inauguration in 1961  
until his historic trip  
to the city in June  
1963. W.R. Smyser's  
Kennedy and the Berlin*

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*Wall offers new insights into the Berlin events that riveted global attention, especially as Soviet and American tanks faced each other at point-blank range*

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*over "Checkpoint  
Charlie." Drawing on his  
experience as an  
American diplomat in  
Berlin at the time;  
personal interviews;  
memoirs; and Soviet,*

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*East German, and  
American documents,  
Smyser ties together the  
full story of what  
actually happened on the  
ground and in world  
capitals.*



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*“This vivid account of the Wall and all that it meant reminds us that symbolism can be double-edged, as a potent emblem of isolation and repression became, in*

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*its destruction, an even more powerful totem of freedom.” – The Atlantic Monthly* On the morning of August 13, 1961, the residents of East Berlin found themselves cut off

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*from family, friends,  
and jobs in the West by  
a tangle of barbed wire  
that ruthlessly split a  
city of four million in  
two. Within days the  
barbed-wire entanglement*

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*would undergo an extraordinary metamorphosis: it became an imposing 103-mile-long wall guarded by three hundred watchtowers. A physical*

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*manifestation of the  
struggle between Soviet  
Communism and American  
capitalism that stood  
for nearly thirty years,  
the Berlin Wall was the  
high-risk fault line*

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*between East and West on  
which rested the fate of  
all humanity. In the  
definitive history on  
the subject, Frederick  
Taylor weaves together  
official history,*

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*archival materials, and personal accounts to tell the complete story of the Wall's rise and fall.*

*In Forty Autumns, Nina Willner recounts the*

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*history of three  
generations of her  
family - mothers,  
sisters, daughters and  
cousins - separated by  
forty years of Soviet  
rule, and reunited after*



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*the fall of the Berlin  
Wall. Shortly after the  
end of the Second World  
War, as the Soviets took  
control of the eastern  
part of Germany, Hanna,  
a schoolteacher's*

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*daughter, escaped with  
nothing more than a  
small suitcase and the  
clothes on her back. As  
Hanna built a new life  
in the West, her  
relatives (her mother,*

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*father and eight  
siblings) remained in  
the East. The  
construction of the  
Berlin Wall severed all  
hope of any future  
reunion. Hanna fell in*

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*love and moved to  
America. She made many  
attempts to establish  
contact with her family,  
but most were  
unsuccessful. Her father  
was under close*

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*observation; her mother,  
younger sister Heidi and  
the others struggled to  
adjust to life under a  
bizarre and brutal  
regime that kept its  
citizens cut off from*

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*the outside world. A few  
years later, Hanna had a  
daughter - Nina - who  
grew up to become the  
first female US Army  
intelligence officer to  
lead sensitive*

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*intelligence collection  
operations in East  
Berlin at the height of  
the Cold War. At the  
same time, Heidi's  
daughter, Cordula, was  
training to become a*

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*member of the East  
German Olympic cycling  
team. Though separated  
by only a few miles,  
Nina and her relatives  
led entirely different  
lives. Once the Berlin*



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*Wall came down, and the families were reunited, Nina Willner discovered an extraordinary story. In Forty Autumns she vividly brings to life many accounts of courage*

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*and survival, set  
against the backdrop of  
four decades that  
divided a nation and the  
world.*

*Presents a selection of  
primary and secondary*

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*source articles*

*featuring diverse*

*opinions about the*

*construction and the*

*fall of the Berlin Wall.*

*A Cold War History*

*Critical Stages in the*

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*History of Divided  
Germany*

*Forty Autumns*

*A Wall of Our Own*

*The Untold Story Behind  
the Fall of the Berlin  
Wall*

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A thrilling Cold War narrative of superpower showdowns, media suppression, and two escape tunnels beneath the Berlin Wall. In the summer of 1962, the year after the rise of the Berlin Wall, a group of young West Germans risked prison, Stasi torture, and even death to liberate

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friends, lovers, and strangers in East Berlin by digging tunnels under the Wall. Then two U.S. television networks heard about the secret projects and raced to be first to document them from the inside. NBC and CBS funded two separate tunnels in return for the right to film the

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escapes, planning spectacular prime-time specials. President John F. Kennedy, however, was wary of anything that might spark a confrontation with the Soviets, having said, "A wall is better than a war," and even confessing to Secretary of State Dean Rusk, "We don't care about East

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Berlin.” JFK approved unprecedented maneuvers to quash both documentaries, testing the limits of a free press in an era of escalating nuclear tensions. As Greg Mitchell’s riveting narrative unfolds, we meet extraordinary characters: the legendary cyclist who became East



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Germany's top target for arrest; the Stasi informer who betrays the "CBS tunnel"; the American student who aided the escapes; an engineer who would later help build the tunnel under the English channel; and the young East Berliner who fled with her baby, then married one of the tunnelers. The

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Tunnels captures the chilling reach of the Stasi secret police as U.S. networks prepared to “pay for play” but were willing to cave to official pressure, the White House was eager to suppress historic coverage, and ordinary people in dire circumstances became subversive. The Tunnels is

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breaking history, a propulsive read whose themes still reverberate.

Discusses the demolition of the Berlin Wall and the impact this had on the world.

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The appearance of a hastily-

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constructed barbed wire entanglement through the heart of Berlin during the night of 12-13 August 1961 was both dramatic and unexpected. Within days, it had started to metamorphose into a structure that would come to symbolise the brutal insanity of the Cold War: the Berlin Wall. A city of

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almost four million was cut ruthlessly in two, unleashing a potentially catastrophic East-West crisis and plunging the entire world for the first time into the fear of imminent missile-borne apocalypse. This threat would vanish only when the very people the Wall had been built to imprison,

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breached it on the historic night of 9 November 1989. Frederick Taylor's eagerly awaited new book reveals the strange and chilling story of how the initial barrier system was conceived, then systematically extended, adapted and strengthened over almost thirty years. Patrolled by vicious dogs and

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by guards on shoot-to-kill orders, the Wall, with its more than 300 towers, became a wired and lethally booby-trapped monument to a world torn apart by fiercely antagonistic ideologies. The Wall had tragic consequences in personal and political terms, affecting the lives of Germans

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and non-Germans alike in a myriad of cruel, inhuman and occasionally absurd ways. The Berlin Wall is the definitive account of a divided city and its people.

When the Wall Came Down

The Berlin Concert That Changed the  
World



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The Year that Changed the World  
Kennedy and the Berlin Wall

*This series provides a quick-read introduction to key events in history. This volume looks at the removal of the Berlin Wall.*

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*There is perhaps no greater symbol of both political oppression and the human spirit of the twentieth century than the Berlin Wall. Built during the height of the Cold War in 1961, the Wall was meant to both stop the number of*

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*citizens trying to leave East Germany for the freedoms and opportunities of the West and to prevent people spreading the ideals of democracy from coming in. In the 28 years the Wall stood, it is estimated over 1,000 people*

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*were killed trying to escape into West Berlin. In the end, the Wall fell without a shot being fired. As Mikhail Gorbachev was laying the foundations for the peaceful dismantling of the Soviet Union, the people of East Berlin and East*

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*Germany began demanding their city and country be freed from Soviet occupation. Finally, in November 1989, the Wall was torn down and Germany was once again reunited. This is the story of the dark rise and the eventual*

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*uplifting triumph over the Wall that split not only a city and nation, but friends and families. More than two decades after the Wall's collapse, this book brings together leading authorities who offer a fresh look at how leaders in*

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*four vital centers of world politics--the United States, the Soviet Union, Europe, and China--viewed the world in the aftermath of this momentous event. Jeffrey Engel contributes a chronological narrative of this*

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*tumultuous period, followed by  
substantive essays by Melvyn  
Leffler on the United States, Chen  
Jian on China, James Sheehan on  
Germany and Europe, and William  
Taubman and Svetlana  
Savranskaya on the Soviet Union.*



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*"An illustration of the ways in which people construct global iconic events through the case study of the fall of the Berlin Wall"--*

*From Harvard to Karl-Marx-Allee  
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*A Family's Story of Courage and  
Survival on Both Sides of the  
Berlin Wall*

*Imagine a World in Which the  
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*What Was the Berlin Wall?*

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**pictures\*Includes  
accounts written about  
the construction and fall  
of the wall by people at  
the time\*Includes  
footnotes and a  
bibliography for further**

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**reading\*Includes a table  
of contents“From Stettin  
in the Baltic to Trieste in  
the Adriatic an 'Iron  
Curtain' has descended  
across the continent.  
Behind that line lie all the**

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**capitals of the ancient  
states of Central and  
Eastern Europe. Warsaw,  
Berlin, Prague, Vienna,  
Budapest, Belgrade,  
Bucharest and Sofia; all  
these famous cities and**

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**the populations around  
them lie in what I must  
call the Soviet sphere,  
and all are subject, in one  
form or another, not only  
to Soviet influence but to  
a very high and in some**

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**cases increasing measure  
of control from Moscow.”**

**- Winston Churchill,**

**1946" This is a historic**

**day. East Germany has**

**announced that, starting**

**immediately, its borders**

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**are open to everyone.  
The GDR is opening its  
borders ... the gates in  
the Berlin Wall stand  
open." - German  
anchorman Hans Joachim  
Friedrichs** Though it never



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**got “hot,” the Cold War  
was a tense era until the  
dissolution of the USSR,  
and nothing symbolized  
the split more than the  
Berlin Wall, which  
literally divided the city.**

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**Berlin had been a  
flashpoint even before  
World War II ended, and  
the city was occupied by  
the different Allies even  
as the close of the war  
turned them into**

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**adversaries. After the  
Soviets' blockade of West  
Berlin was prevented by  
the Berlin Airlift, the  
Eastern Bloc and the  
Western powers  
continued to control**

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**different sections of the city, and by the 1960s, East Germany was pushing for a solution to the problem of an enclave of freedom within its borders. West Berlin was**

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**a haven for highly-  
educated East Germans  
who wanted freedom and  
a better life in the West,  
and this “brain drain”  
was threatening the  
survival of the East**

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**German economy. In order to stop this, access to the West through West Berlin had to be cut off, so in August 1961, Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev authorized**

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**East German leader  
Walter Ulbricht to begin  
construction of what  
would become known as  
the Berlin Wall. The wall,  
begun on Sunday August  
13, would eventually**

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**surround the city, in spite  
of global condemnation,  
and the Berlin Wall itself  
would become the symbol  
for Communist repression  
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**against Communism,  
noting its role in  
revolutions, the  
reunification of Germany,  
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**multiple nations that  
contributed to the  
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**construction and fall of  
the wall by people at the  
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Stettin in the Baltic to**

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**Trieste in the Adriatic an  
'Iron Curtain' has  
descended across the  
continent. Behind that  
line lie all the capitals of  
the ancient states of  
Central and Eastern**

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**Europe. Warsaw, Berlin,  
Prague, Vienna,  
Budapest, Belgrade,  
Bucharest and Sofia; all  
these famous cities and  
the populations around  
them lie in what I must**

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**call the Soviet sphere,  
and all are subject, in one  
form or another, not only  
to Soviet influence but to  
a very high and in some  
cases increasing measure  
of control from Moscow."**

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- **Winston Churchill, 1946**

**"This is a historic day.**

**East Germany has  
announced that, starting  
immediately, its borders  
are open to everyone.**

**The GDR is opening its**

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**borders ... the gates in  
the Berlin Wall stand  
open." - German  
anchorman Hans Joachim  
Friedrichs Though it  
never got "hot," the Cold  
War was a tense era until**

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**the dissolution of the  
USSR, and nothing  
symbolized the split more  
than the Berlin Wall,  
which literally divided the  
city. Berlin had been a  
flashpoint even before**

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**World War II ended, and the city was occupied by the different Allies even as the close of the war turned them into adversaries. After the Soviets' blockade of West**

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**Berlin was prevented by  
the Berlin Airlift, the  
Eastern Bloc and the  
Western powers  
continued to control  
different sections of the  
city, and by the 1960s,**

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**who wanted freedom and  
a better life in the West,  
and this "brain drain" was  
threatening the survival  
of the East German  
economy. In order to stop  
this, access to the West**



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**through West Berlin had  
to be cut off, so in August  
1961, Soviet premier  
Nikita Khrushchev  
authorized East German  
leader Walter Ulbricht to  
begin construction of**

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**what would become  
known as the Berlin Wall.  
The wall, begun on  
Sunday August 13, would  
eventually surround the  
city, in spite of global  
condemnation, and the**

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Checkpoint Charlie, the  
famous military gate on  
the border of East and**

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**West Berlin where the  
United States confronted  
the USSR during the Cold  
War. In the early 1960s,  
East Germany committed  
a billion dollars to the  
creation of the Berlin**

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**Wall, an eleven-foot-high barrier that consisted of seventy-nine miles of fencing, 300 watchtowers, 250 guard dog runs, twenty bunkers, and was**

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**operated around the  
clock by guards who shot  
to kill. Over the next  
twenty-eight years, at  
least five thousand  
people attempt to smash  
through it, swim across**

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**it, tunnel under it, or fly  
over it. In 1989, the East  
German leadership  
buckled in the face of a  
civil revolt that  
culminated in half a  
million East Berliners**

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**demanding an end to the  
ban on free movement.  
The world's media  
flocked to capture the  
moment which, perhaps  
more than any other,  
signaled the end of the**

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**Cold War. Checkpoint  
Charlie had been the  
epicenter of global  
conflict for nearly three  
decades. Now, “in  
capturing the essence of  
the old Cold War**

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**[MacGregor] may just have helped us to understand a bit more about the new one” (The Times, London)—the mistrust, oppression, paranoia, and fear that**

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**gripped the world  
throughout this period.  
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about the nerve-wracking  
confrontation between  
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**important global figures  
as Eisenhower, Stalin,  
JFK, Nikita Khrushchev,  
Mao Zedung, Nixon,  
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**before-heard interviews  
with the men who built  
and dismantled the Wall;  
children who crossed it;  
relatives and friends who  
lost loved ones trying to  
escape over it; military**

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**policemen and soldiers  
who guarded the  
checkpoints; CIA, MI6,  
and Stasi operatives who  
oversaw operations  
across its borders;  
politicians whose**

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**ambitions shaped it;  
journalists who recorded  
its story; and many more  
whose living memories  
contributed to the full  
story of Checkpoint  
Charlie.**

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massive crowds surged toward the

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Berlin Wall, drawn by an announcement that caught the world by surprise: East Germans could now move freely to the West. The Wall—infamous symbol of divided Cold War Europe—seemed to be falling. But the opening of the gates that night was not planned by the East German ruling regime—nor was it the

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Cold War order.

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human strength of will and a  
relic of the Cold War.

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Wall were scattered around  
the globe after the Wall fell in

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1989. These pieces of Wall embody the Berliners fight for freedom. More than 240 of these sections - each weighing tonnes - can be found in over 140 countries and on every continent. They have been

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market can bear in today's united Germany. Having been a freelance journalist and traveling lecturer – and the only person in the world to hold diplomas from both Harvard and the Karl Marx

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trappings of capitalism, on the crowded, polluted, Eastern side of the Wall, the GDR is facing bankruptcy. The ailing government's only hope lies in economic talks with the West, but then an ally of the GDR's



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chairman is found murdered --  
and all the clues suggest that  
his killer came from within the  
Stasi. Detective Martin  
Wegener is assigned to the  
case, but, with the future of  
East Germany hanging over

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him, Wegener must work with the West German police if he is to find the killer, even if it means investigating the Stasi themselves. It is a journey that will take him from Stasi meeting rooms to secret

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