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One of Smithsonian Magazine's Ten Best History Books of 2021 A captivating, surprising history of timekeeping and how it has shaped our world. For thousands of years, people of all cultures have made and used clocks, from the city sundials of ancient Rome to the medieval water clocks of imperial China, hourglasses fomenting revolution in the Middle

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Ages, the Stock Exchange clock of Amsterdam in 1611, Enlightenment observatories in India, and the high-precision clocks circling the Earth on a fleet of GPS satellites that have been launched since 1978. Clocks have helped us navigate the world and build empires, and have even taken us to the brink of destruction. Elites have used them to wield power, make money, govern citizens, and control lives—and sometimes the people have used them to fight back. Through the

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stories of twelve clocks, About Time brings pivotal moments from the past vividly to life. Historian and lifelong clock enthusiast David Rooney takes us from the unveiling of al-Jazari's castle clock in 1206, in present-day Turkey; to the Cape of Good Hope observatory at the southern tip of Africa, where nineteenth-century British government astronomers moved the gears of empire with a time ball and a gun; to the burial of a plutonium clock now sealed beneath a

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public park in Osaka, where it will keep time for 5,000 years. Rooney shows, through these artifacts, how time has been imagined, politicized, and weaponized over the centuries—and how it might bring peace. Ultimately, he writes, the technical history of horology is only the start of the story. A history of clocks is a history of civilization.

Inspired by true events, The Brightest Place in the World traces the lives of four characters haunted by

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an industrial disaster. On an ordinary sunny morning in 2012, a series of explosions level a chemical plant on the outskirts of Las Vegas. The shock waves are felt as far away as Fremont Street. Homes and businesses suffer broken windows and caved-in roofs. Hundreds are injured, and eight employees of the plant are unaccounted for, presumed dead. One of the missing is maintenance technician Andrew Huntley, a husband and father who is an orbital force in the novel

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*as those who loved him
grapple with his loss.
Andrew's best friend,
Russell Martin—an anxiety-
plagued bartender who
calms his nerves with a
steady inflow of
weed—misses him more than
he might a brother.
Meanwhile Emma, Russell's
wife—a blackjack dealer at
a downtown casino—tries to
keep her years-long affair
with Andrew hidden. Simon
Addison, a manager at the
plant who could have saved
Andrew's life, is
afflicted by daily
remorse, combined with a
debilitating knowledge of*

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his own cowardice. And then there's Maddie, Andrew's only child, a model high-school student whose response to the tragedy is to experiment with shoplifting and other deviant behavior. Against the sordid backdrop of Las Vegas—and inspired by the PEPCON disaster of May 4, 1988—this engaging novel is a story of grief and regret, disloyalty and atonement, infatuation and love.

In exploring the life and career of Ho Chi Minh, Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Halberstam

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provides a window into traditions and culture that influenced the American war in Vietnam, while highlighting the importance of nationalism in determining the war's outcome.

The “compelling” New York Times bestseller by the Pulitzer Prize–winning journalist, capturing the 1964 World Series between the Yankees and Cardinals (Newsweek). David Halberstam, an avid sports writer with an investigative reporter’s tenacity, superbly details the end of the fifteen-

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year reign of the New York Yankees in October 1964. That October found the Yankees going head-to-head with the St. Louis Cardinals for the World Series pennant. Expertly weaving the narrative threads of both teams' seasons, Halberstam brings the major personalities on the field—from switch-hitter Mickey Mantle to pitcher Bob Gibson—to life. Using the teams' subcultures, Halberstam also analyzes the cultural shifts of the sixties. The result is a unique blend of sports writing and

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*cultural history as
engrossing as it is
insightful. This ebook
features an extended
biography of David
Halberstam.*

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Largest Sex Trafficker
Taking Down Backpage
America and Vietnam During
the Kennedy Era
One Very Hot Day
Spokane Ho
Oct-64*

*Presents a selection of the
year's finest sports
writing, with excerpts by
both veteran and rookie
sports writers from national
and regional newspapers and
magazines*

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An acclaimed chronicle of the World Series in a seminal year finds the Yankees and Cardinals facing off as America confronts its feelings about race. From the author of Summer of '49. Reprint.

David Halberstam's masterpiece, the defining history of the making of the Vietnam tragedy, with a new Foreword by Senator John McCain. "A rich, entertaining, and profound reading experience."—The New York Times Using portraits of America's flawed policy makers and accounts of the forces that drove them, The Best and the Brightest reckons magnificently with

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the most important abiding question of our country's recent history: Why did America become mired in Vietnam, and why did we lose? As the definitive single-volume answer to that question, this enthralling book has never been superseded. It is an American classic. Praise for The Best and the Brightest "The most comprehensive saga of how America became involved in Vietnam. . . . It is also the Iliad of the American empire and the Odyssey of this nation's search for its idealistic soul. The Best and the Brightest is almost like watching an Alfred Hitchcock

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thriller."—*The Boston Globe*
"Deeply moving . . . We
cannot help but feel the
compelling power of this
narrative. . . . Dramatic
and tragic, a chain of
events overwhelming in their
force, a distant war
embodying illusions and
myths, terror and violence,
confusions and courage,
blindness, pride, and
arrogance."—*Los Angeles*
Times "A fascinating tale of
folly and self-deception . .
. [An] absorbing, detailed,
and devastatingly caustic
tale of Washington in the
days of the Caesars."—*The*
Washington Post Book World
"Seductively readable . . .
It is a staggeringly

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*ambitious undertaking that
is fully matched by
Halberstam's performance. .*

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admirable and necessary
book."—Newsweek "A story
every American should
read."—St. Louis Post-
Dispatch*

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Firehouse*

Lincoln

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Man*

Andrew Carnegie

*A guide to examining night sky objects
beyond the moon and planets. Many of the
objects are accompanied by personal
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many can be viewed from backyards, including comets and the Milky Way. From New York Times bestselling author and nationally syndicated talk radio host Dave Ramsey comes the secret to how he grew a multimillion dollar company from a card table in his living room. If you're at all responsible for your company's success, you can't just be a hard-charging entrepreneur or a motivating, encouraging leader. You have to be both! Dave Ramsey, America's trusted voice on money and business, reveals the keys that grew his company from a one-man show to a multimillion-dollar business—with no debt, low turnover, and a company culture that earns it the "Best Place to Work" award year after year. This book presents Dave's playbook for creating work that matters; building an incredible group of passionate, empowered team members; and winning the race with steady momentum that will roll over any obstacle. Regardless

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of your business goals, you'll discover that anyone can lead any venture to unbelievable growth and prosperity through Dave's common sense, counterculture, EntreLeadership principles!

A Pulitzer Prize winner's in-depth look at four media-business giants: CBS-TV, Time magazine, the Washington Post, and the Los Angeles Times. In this fascinating New York Times bestseller, the author of The Best and the Brightest, The Fifties, and other acclaimed histories turns his investigative eye to the rise of the American media in the twentieth century. Focusing on the successes and failures of CBS Television, Time magazine, the Washington Post, and the Los Angeles Times, David Halberstam paints a portrait of the era when large, powerful mainstream media sources emerged as a force, showing how they shifted from simply reporting the news to becoming a part of it. By examining landmark events

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such as Franklin D. Roosevelt's masterful use of the radio and the unprecedented coverage of the Watergate break-in, Halberstam demonstrates how print and broadcast media as a whole became a player in society and helped shape public policy. Drawn from hundreds of exhaustive interviews with insiders at each company, and hailed by the Seattle Times as "a monumental X-ray study of power," The Powers That Be reveals the tugs-of-war between political ambition and the quest for truth in a page-turning read. This ebook features an extended biography of David Halberstam.

From the award-winning historian and filmmakers of The Civil War, Baseball, The War, The Roosevelts, and others: a vivid, uniquely powerful history of the conflict that tore America apart--the companion volume to the major, multipart PBS film to be aired in September 2017. More than

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forty years after it ended, the Vietnam War continues to haunt our country. We still argue over why we were there, whether we could have won, and who was right and wrong in their response to the conflict. When the war divided the country, it created deep political fault lines that continue to divide us today. Now, continuing in the tradition of their critically acclaimed collaborations, the authors draw on dozens and dozens of interviews in America and Vietnam to give us the perspectives of people involved at all levels of the war: U.S. and Vietnamese soldiers and their families, high-level officials in America and Vietnam, antiwar protestors, POWs, and many more. The book plunges us into the chaos and intensity of combat, even as it explains the rationale that got us into Vietnam and kept us there for so many years. Rather than taking sides, the book seeks to understand why the war happened the way it did, and

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to clarify its complicated legacy. Beautifully written and richly illustrated, this is a tour de force that is certain to launch a new national conversation.

The Back Channel

The Making of a Quagmire

A Human History of the Oceans

To 'Joy My Freedom

The Life and Times of Enrico Fermi,

Father of the Nuclear Age

The Reckoning

David Hamlet's *The Reckoning* examines and answers how a vile individual such as Hitler could thrive on mass murder while maintaining a large group of followers.

Pulitzer-prize winning author David Halberstam's eyewitness account of the

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most critical political period of U.S. involvement in Vietnam—the Kennedy/Diem era—remains as fresh and stimulating today as when it was first published in 1965. In the introduction to this edition, historian Daniel J. Singal provides crucial background information that was unavailable when the book was written.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist David Halberstam chronicles Washington politics and foreign policy in post Cold War America. Evoking the internal conflicts, unchecked egos, and power

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struggles within the White House, the State Department, and the military, Halberstam shows how the decisions of men who served in the Vietnam War, and those who did not, have shaped America's role in global events. He provides fascinating portraits of those in power—Clinton, Bush, Reagan, Kissinger, James Baker, Dick Cheney, Madeleine Albright, and others—to reveal a stunning view of modern political America. The Pulitzer Prize–winning journalist looks at the life and times of the Chicago Bulls

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superstar— “The best Jordan book so far” (The Washington Post). One of sport’s biggest superstars, Michael Jordan is more than an internationally renowned athlete. As illuminated through David Halberstam’s trademark balance of impeccable research and fascinating storytelling, Jordan symbolizes the apex of the National Basketball Association’s coming of age. Long before multimillion-dollar signings and lucrative endorsements, NBA players worked in relative obscurity, with most games woefully

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unattended and rarely broadcast on television. Then came Larry Bird and Magic Johnson, Jordan's two great predecessors, and the game's status changed. The new era capitalized on Jordan's talent, will power, and unrivaled competitiveness. In Playing for Keeps, Halberstam is at his investigative best, delving into Jordan's expansive world of teammates and coaches. The result is a gripping story of the athlete and media powerhouse who changed a game forever. This ebook features an extended biography of David Halberstam.

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Four Decades of Comet
Chasing
20 Years of Practical Business
Wisdom from the Trenches
The Children
How Anyone Can Be an
Entrepreneur and Successfully
Grow Their Startup
A Bright Shining Lie
Playing for Keeps***

A New York Times bestseller, David Halberstam's *The Breaks of the Game* focuses on one grim season (1979-80) in the life of the Bill Walton-led Portland Trail Blazers, a team that only three years before had been NBA champions. More than six years after his death David

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Halberstam remains one of this country's most respected journalists and revered authorities on American life and history in the years since WWII. A Pulitzer Prize-winner for his groundbreaking reporting on the Vietnam War, Halberstam wrote more than 20 books, almost all of them bestsellers. His work has stood the test of time and has become the standard by which all journalists measure themselves. The tactile authenticity of Halberstam's knowledge of the basketball world is unrivaled. Yet he is writing here about far more than just basketball. This is a story about a place in our society where power, money, and talent collide and

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sometimes corrupt, a place where both national obsessions and naked greed are exposed. It's about the influence of big media, the fans and the hype they subsist on, the clash of ethics, the terrible physical demands of modern sports (from drugs to body size), the unreal salaries, the conflicts of race and class, and the consequences of sport converted into mass entertainment and athletes transformed into superstars -- all presented in a way that puts the reader in the room and on the court, and *The Breaks of the Game* in a league of its own. "Sometimes sports mirrors society, sometimes it allows us to understand the larger society a

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little better. But mostly, it is a world of entertainment of talented and driven young men and women who do certain things with both skill and passion." --David

Halberstam David Halberstam was a distinguished journalist and historian of American politics. He was also a sports writer.

Everything They Had brings together for the first time his articles from newspapers and magazines, a wide-ranging collection edited by Glenn Stout, selected over the full scope of Halberstam's five decades as one of America's most honored journalists. These are dazzling portraits of some of the most compelling sports figures of our

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era, the superstars of popular sports like basketball, football, and baseball, but also fishing, soccer, and rowing, and the amateur athletes who play for the love of the game. In "My Dinner with Theodore," Halberstam recounts his long anticipated--and unforgettable--meeting with Red Sox legend Ted Williams. Against the backdrop of 1960s Nashville, he beautifully recounts a lifelong love of football in "How I Fell in Love with the NFL." And "Men Without Women," set on a fishing expedition in Patagonia, is more than a hunt for giant brown trout--it is a story of fishing, friendship, and fellowship. These and many more stories exemplify

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the breadth and depth of David Halberstam's devotion to diverse sports and his respect and fascination for the men and women who play them so well. The result is an intimate and personal collection that reveals the issues and the ideals David Halberstam cared about--racial equality, friendship, loyalty, and character--and creates a vivid and unforgettable portrait of the author himself. *Everything They Had* takes its rightful place alongside Halberstam's bestselling sports titles, which include *The Breaks of the Game*, *The Amateurs*, *Summer of '49*, and *The Education of a Coach*. From the Pulitzer Prize-winning

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author of *The Fifties: An “intimate and monumental”* account of the people at the core of the civil rights movement (Publishers Weekly). The young men and women at the heart of David Halberstam’s brilliant and poignant *The Children* came together through Reverend James Lawson’s workshops on nonviolence. Idealistic and determined, they showed unwavering bravery during the sit-ins at the Nashville lunch counters and on the Freedom Rides across the South—all chronicled here with Halberstam’s characteristic clarity and insight. *The Children* exhibits the incredible strength of generations of black Americans,

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who sacrificed greatly to improve the world for their children. Following Diane Nash, John Lewis, Gloria Johnson, Bernard Lafayette, Marion Barry, Curtis Murphy, James Bevel, and Rodney Powell, among others, *The Children* is rooted in Halberstam's coverage of the civil rights movement for Nashville's Tennessean. A New York Times Notable Book, this volume garnered extraordinary acclaim for David Halberstam, the #1 New York Times–bestselling author of *The Best and the Brightest*. Upon its publication, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* called it “utterly absorbing . . . The civil rights movement already has produced superb works of history,

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books such as David J. Garrow ' s Bearing the Cross and Taylor Branch ' s recently published Pillar of Fire. . . . Halberstam adds another with The Children. ” This ebook features an extended biography of David Halberstam. In 1942, a team at the University of Chicago achieved what no one had before: a nuclear chain reaction. At the forefront of this breakthrough stood Enrico Fermi. Straddling the ages of classical physics and quantum mechanics, equally at ease with theory and experiment, Fermi truly was the last man who knew everything—at least about physics. But he was also a complex figure who was a part of both the Italian Fascist Party and the

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Manhattan Project, and a less-than-ideal father and husband who nevertheless remained one of history's greatest mentors. Based on new archival material and exclusive interviews, *The Last Man Who Knew Everything* lays bare the enigmatic life of a colossus of twentieth century physics.

Everything They Had
A Novel

The Vietnam War

Sports Writing from David
Halberstam

War in a Time of Peace

EntreLeadership

David Meltzer reveals proven business and life principles and how to “ make a lot of money, help a lot of people, and have a lot of fun. ”

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[U]nique in the world of amateur astronomy titles, pairing specifics on how and what to observe with a veteran comet chaser's exciting discoveries. -California

Bookwatch...Levy gives readers an awe-inspiring glimpse into the structure of the cosmos.

-Mercury...This one is born of serendipity, being a list of fuzzy celestial objects that the comet hunter must be aware of lest they be misidentified as comets...Levy personalizes the objects with an anecdote about how he first observed them over a period extending back to his early-1960s teenage days. His stories reflect the individuality of stargazing--one sky watcher gravitates to comets, another to galaxies--and allow Levy's readers to become better acquainted with their Canadian-born

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author. Levy loads his book with star maps and locating data-essential information for readers inspired to turn to the heavens.-BooklistLevy, of the famous comet-hunting team Shoemaker-Levy, compiles a comprehensive catalog of objects which can be observed in all light conditions and usually with low-power equipment. Targeting novice astronomers, Levy provides a brief astronomy primer-'permanent' objects, terms and definitions-before jumping into the lengthy list of deep sky sites...His excitement over these stars is palpable and infectious...Dedicated stargazers will appreciate the book's reference section, which includes the full Levy deep sky list, an inventory of objects commonly mistaken for comets, 29 star maps, a bibliography and a short

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glossary. A thorough resource, the book will be a much-thumbed reference for amateur skywatchers. -Publishers Weekly

Veteran comet hunter and eloquent popular astronomy writer David H. Levy takes amateur sky-watchers on a fascinating journey into deep space in this enthusiastic and informative survey of the many far distant yet observable objects in the night sky. Light years beyond our solar system, deep sky objects include such intriguing phenomena as double and triple stars, nebulae, galaxies, and quasars. Designed to be accessible for even beginners, Levy's clear, elegant descriptions will guide astronomy buffs in any hemisphere and locale (light-polluted cities as well as dark countryside) to the wonders of our enormous universe. As the discoverer

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or codiscoverer of twenty-one comets, including the famous Shoemaker-Levy 9 that crashed into Jupiter in 1994, Levy has devoted many decades of experience to observing the night sky. Over the years he has located over 300 deep sky objects, of which more than 100 best and brightest are featured in this book. Levy offers a physical description and a discussion of each object's history and beauty, as well as a star atlas to aid in finding the objects. Proceeding from objects closest to our solar system to those farthest away, Levy gives readers an awe-inspiring glimpse into the structure of the cosmos. Complete with both color and black-and-white photos, plus many helpful illustrations, *Deep Sky Objects* is the ideal guide to the wonders of the universe for both experienced and

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novice star gazers. David H. Levy (Vail, AZ) is one of the world's most celebrated amateur astronomers. He is the science editor of Parade magazine and the author of many critically acclaimed popular science books, including Comets: Creators and Destroyers, The Quest for Comets, and Impact Jupiter.

This vivid New York Times bestseller about 1950s America from a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist is “ an engrossing sail across a pivotal decade ” (Time). Joe McCarthy. Marilyn Monroe. The H-bomb. Ozzie and Harriet. Elvis. Civil rights. It ’ s undeniable: The fifties were a defining decade for America, complete with sweeping cultural change and political upheaval. This decade is also the focus of David Halberstam ’ s triumphant *The Fifties*, which stands

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as an enduring classic and was an instant New York Times bestseller upon its publication. More than a survey of the decade, it is a masterfully woven examination of far-reaching change, from the unexpected popularity of Holiday Inn to the marketing savvy behind McDonald ' s expansion. A meditation on the staggering influence of image and rhetoric, *The Fifties* is vintage Halberstam, who was hailed by the *Denver Post* as “ a lively, graceful writer who makes you . . . understand how much of our time was born in those years. ” This ebook features an extended biography of David Halberstam.

One of the most acclaimed books of our time—the definitive Vietnam War exposé and the winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award.

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When he came to Vietnam in 1962, Lieutenant Colonel John Paul Vann was the one clear-sighted participant in an enterprise riddled with arrogance and self-deception, a charismatic soldier who put his life and career on the line in an attempt to convince his superiors that the war should be fought another way. By the time he died in 1972, Vann had embraced the follies he once decried. He died believing that the war had been won. In this magisterial book, a monument of history and biography that was awarded the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize for Nonfiction, a renowned journalist tells the story of John Vann—"the one irreplaceable American in Vietnam"—and of the tragedy that destroyed a country and squandered so much of America's young manhood

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worksheets, business plan documents, and much more

We all want to be successful and enjoy financial security, but we might not know how or don't think we can do it. The Eventual Millionaire will show you what it takes. Describes fifteen of the most unusual known stars, plus other interesting stellar objects.

"A masterful diplomatic memoir" (The Washington Post) from CIA director William J. Burns, a career ambassador who served five presidents and ten secretaries of state—an

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impassioned argument for the enduring value of diplomacy in an increasingly volatile world. Over the course of more than three decades as an American diplomat, William J. Burns played a central role in the most consequential diplomatic episodes of his time—from the bloodless end of the Cold War to the collapse of post-Cold War relations with Putin's Russia, from post-9/11 tumult in Afghanistan, Iraq, and the Middle East to the secret nuclear talks with Iran. In The Back Channel, Burns

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recounts, with novelistic detail and incisive analysis, some of the seminal moments of his career. Drawing on a trove of newly declassified cables and memos, he gives readers a rare inside look at American diplomacy in action. His dispatches from war-torn Chechnya and Qaddafi's bizarre camp in the Libyan desert and his warnings of the "Perfect Storm" that would be unleashed by the Iraq War will reshape our understanding of history—and inform the policy debates of the

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future. Burns sketches the contours of effective American leadership in a world that resembles neither the zero-sum Cold War contest of his early years as a diplomat nor the “unipolar moment” of American primacy that followed. Ultimately, The Back Channel is an eloquent, deeply informed, and timely story of a life spent in service of American interests abroad. It is also a powerful reminder, in a time of great turmoil, of the enduring importance of diplomacy. October 1964

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Michael Jordan and the
World He Made
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World
The Next Century
The Boundless Sea

*Lincoln is the
cornerstone of Gore
Vidal's fictional
American chronicle,
which includes Burr,
1876, Washington, D.C.,
Empire, and Hollywood.
It opens early on a
frozen winter morning in
1861, when President-
elect Abraham Lincoln
slips into Washington,*

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*flanked by two
bodyguards. The future
president is in
disguise, for there is
talk of a plot to murder
him. During the next
four years there will be
numerous plots to murder
this man who has sworn
to unite a
disintegrating nation.
Isolated in a ramshackle
White House in the
center of a proslavery
city, Lincoln presides
over a fragmenting
government as Lee's
armies beat at the
gates. In this*

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*profoundly moving novel,
a work of epic
proportions and intense
human sympathy, Lincoln
is observed by his loved
ones and his rivals. The
cast of characters is
almost Dickensian:
politicians, generals,
White House aides,
newspapermen, Northern
and Southern
conspirators, amiably
evil bankers, and a wife
slowly going mad.
Vidal's portrait of the
president is at once
intimate and monumental,
stark and complex, drawn*

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with the wit, grace, and authority of one of the great historical novelists. With a new Introduction by the author.

Ted Williams, Bobby Doerr, Dom DiMaggio, and Johnny Pesky were all members of the famed 1940's Boston Red Sox. Halberstam, the bestselling author of "Summer of '49, " has followed the members of the team and reveals how these four became friends, and how that friendship thrived for

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*more than 60 years.
A New York Times
bestseller! "Beautifully
crafted and fun to
read." -Louis Galambos,
The Wall Street Journal
"Nasaw's research is
extraordinary." -San
Francisco Chronicle
"Make no mistake: David
Nasaw has produced the
most thorough, accurate
and authoritative
biography of Carnegie to
date." -Salon.com The
definitive account of
the life of Andrew
Carnegie Celebrated
historian David Nasaw,*

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whom The New York Times Book Review has called "a meticulous researcher and a cool analyst," brings new life to the story of one of America's most famous and successful businessmen and philanthropists—in what will prove to be the biography of the season. Born of modest origins in Scotland in 1835, Andrew Carnegie is best known as the founder of Carnegie Steel. His rags to riches story has never been told as

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dramatically and vividly as in Nasaw's new biography. Carnegie, the son of an impoverished linen weaver, moved to Pittsburgh at the age of thirteen. The embodiment of the American dream, he pulled himself up from bobbin boy in a cotton factory to become the richest man in the world. He spent the rest of his life giving away the fortune he had accumulated and crusading for international peace. For all that he accomplished

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and came to represent to the American public—a wildly successful businessman and capitalist, a self-educated writer, peace activist, philanthropist, man of letters, lover of culture, and unabashed enthusiast for American democracy and capitalism—Carnegie has remained, to this day, an enigma. Nasaw explains how Carnegie made his early fortune and what prompted him to give it all away, how he

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was drawn into the campaign first against American involvement in the Spanish-American War and then for international peace, and how he used his friendships with presidents and prime ministers to try to pull the world back from the brink of disaster. With a trove of new material—unpublished chapters of Carnegie's Autobiography; personal letters between Carnegie and his future wife, Louise, and other family

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plumbs the core of this fascinating and complex man, deftly placing his life in cultural and political context as only a master storyteller can.

With a new preface: A “stunning” analysis of the troubled Republican president by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Lincoln at Gettysburg (The New York Times Book Review). In this acclaimed biography that earned him a spot on Nixon’s infamous “enemies list,” Garry

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Wills takes a thoughtful, in-depth, and often "very amusing" look at the thirty-seventh US president, and draws some surprising conclusions about a man whose name has become synonymous with scandal and the abuse of power (Kirkus Reviews). Arguing that Nixon was a reflection of the country that elected him, Wills examines not only the psychology of the man himself and his relationships with

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others—from his wife, Pat, to his vice-president, Spiro Agnew—but also the state of the nation at the time, mired in the Vietnam War and experiencing a cultural rift that pitted the young against the old. Putting his findings into moral, economic, intellectual, and political contexts, he ultimately “paints a broad and provocative landscape of the nation’s—and Nixon’s—travails” (The

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*Civilization in Twelve
Clocks*

The Eventual Millionaire

As the Civil War drew to a close, newly emancipated black women workers made their way to Atlanta--the economic hub of the newly emerging urban and industrial south--in order to build an independent and free life on the rubble of their enslaved past. In an original and dramatic work of scholarship, Tera Hunter traces their lives in the postbellum era and reveals the centrality of their labors to the African-American struggle for freedom and justice. Household laborers and washerwomen were constrained by their employers' domestic worlds but constructed their own world of work, play, negotiation, resistance, and community organization. Hunter

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follows African-American working women from their newfound optimism and hope at the end of the Civil War to their struggles as free domestic laborers in the homes of their former masters. We witness their drive as they build neighborhoods and networks and their energy as they enjoy leisure hours in dance halls and clubs. We learn of their militance and the way they resisted efforts to keep them economically depressed and medically victimized. Finally, we understand the despair and defeat provoked by Jim Crow laws and segregation and how they spurred large numbers of black laboring women to migrate north. Hunter weaves a rich and diverse tapestry of the culture and experience of black women workers in the post-Civil War south. Through anecdote and data,

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analysis and interpretation, she manages to penetrate African-American life and labor and to reveal the centrality of women at the inception--and at the heart--of the new south.

“ If you have tears, prepare to shed them. ” --Frank McCourt "In the firehouse, the men not only live and eat with each other, they play sports together, go off to drink together, help repair one another's houses, and, most important, share terrifying risks; their loyalties to each other must, by the demands of the dangers they face, be instinctive and absolute." So writes David Halberstam, one of America ' s most distinguished reporters and historians, in this stunning New York Times bestselling book about Engine 40, Ladder 35, located on the West Side of Manhattan near Lincoln

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Center. On the morning of September 11, 2001, two rigs carrying thirteen men set out from this firehouse: twelve of them would never return. Firehouse takes us to the epicenter of the tragedy. Through the kind of intimate portraits that are Halberstam's trademark, we watch the day unfold--the men called to duty while their families wait anxiously for news of them. In addition, we come to understand the culture of the firehouse itself: why gifted men do this; why, in so many instances, they are eager to follow in their fathers' footsteps and serve in so dangerous a profession; and why, more than anything else, it is not just a job, but a calling. This is journalism-as-history at its best, the story of what happens when one small institution gets caught in an apocalyptic day. Firehouse is a book

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that will move readers as few others have in our time.

Up until now, the Korean War has been the black hole of modern American history. The Coldest Winter changes that, giving readers a masterful narrative of the political decisions and miscalculations on both sides. He charts the disastrous path that led to the massive entry of Chinese forces near the Yalu, and that caught Douglas MacArthur and his soldiers by surprise. He provides astonishingly vivid and nuanced portraits of all the major figures -- Eisenhower, Truman, Acheson, Kim, and Mao, and Generals MacArthur, Almond, and Ridgway. At the heart of the book are the individual stories of the soldiers on the front lines who were left to deal with the consequences of the dangerous

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misjudgments and competing agendas of powerful men. We meet them, follow them, and see some of the most dreadful battles in history through their eyes. As ever, Halberstam was concerned with the extraordinary courage and resolve of people asked to bear an extraordinary burden. Contemporary history in its most literary and luminescent form, *The Coldest Winter* provides crucial perspective on the Vietnam War and the events of today.

One of the most influential leaders of the twentieth century, Ho Chi Minh was founder of the Indochina Communist Party and its successor, the Viet-Minh, and was president from 1945 to 1969 of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam). In exploring the life and career of Ho Chi Minh, Pulitzer Prize-winning author

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"David Abulafia's new book guides readers along the world's greatest bodies of water to reveal their primary role in human history. The main protagonists are the three major oceans-the Atlantic, the Pacific, and the Indian-which together comprise the majority of the earth's water and cover over half of its surface. Over time, as passage through them gradually extended and expanded, linking first islands and then continents, maritime networks developed,

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