

Ways Of The World A Brief Global History With

By 2050, we will have ten billion mouths to feed in a world profoundly altered by environmental change. How will we meet this challenge? In How to Feed the World, a diverse group of experts from Purdue University break down this crucial question by tackling big issues one-by-one. Covering population, water, land, climate change, technology, food systems, trade, food waste and loss, health, social buy-in, communication, and equal access to food, the book reveals a complex web of challenges. Contributors unite from different perspectives and disciplines, ranging from agronomy and hydrology to economics. The resulting collection is an accessible but wide-ranging look at the modern food system.

"The ideas in this book can help you take back your power, connect with yourself, feel strong connections within, and recognize that everything has a purpose. Coming from that perspective, you will not only believe that everything will be okay, you'll also feel it and live it every day." Finally achieve the inner peace for which you've always searched with #1 bestselling author Cindy Nolte's inspirational new book, "Finding Peace in an Out of Control World." As daily life pummels us with its everyday stresses and unexpected obstacles, it is sometimes difficult to see a way out. But with Nolte's no-nonsense approach, achieving your dreams is more possible now than ever before. Encouraging a balanced lifestyle that brings peace to the mind, body, and spirit, this easy-to-read volume guides you through the journey of becoming reacquainted-with yourself! Readers will be able to become present in their own lives and enjoy each moment for what it is instead of what they wish it to be. Embrace a life of passion with "Finding Peace in an Out of Control World" and gain a new clarity about what life has in store.

Comparisons, Connections, & Change-contexts for the particulars Ways of the World is the textbook preferred by AP World History teachers and students across North America. Like the AP course it supports, Ways of the World focuses on significant historical trends, themes, and developments in world history. Author Robert W. Strayer provides a thoughtful and insightful synthesis that helps students see the big picture. Each chapter then culminates with collections of primary sources (written and visual) organized around a particular theme, issue, or question, thus allowing students to consider the evidence the way historians do. The second edition includes a wealth of supporting resources and supplements for the AP course, including an AP Skills Primer and AP Chapter Wrap-Ups, and rolls out Bedford/St. Martin's new digital history tools, including LearningCurve, an adaptive quizzing engine that garners over a 90% student satisfaction rate, and LaunchPad, the all new interactive e-book and course space that puts high quality easy-to-use assessment at your fingertips. Featuring video, additional primary sources, a wealth of adaptive and summative quizzing, and more, LaunchPad cements student understanding of the text while helping them make progress toward learning outcomes. It's the best content joined up with the best technology.

A "fascinating" look at what students in Russia, France, Iran, and other nations are taught about America (The New York Times Book Review). This "timely and important" book (History News Network) gives us a glimpse into classrooms across the globe, where opinions about the United States are first formed. History Lessons includes selections from textbooks and teaching materials used in Russia, France, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Cuba, Canada, and others, covering such events as the American Revolution, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Iran hostage crisis, and the Korean War—providing some alternative viewpoints on the history of the United States from the time of the Viking explorers to the post-Cold War era. By juxtaposing starkly contrasting versions of the historical events we take for granted, History Lessons affords us a sometimes hilarious, often sobering look at what the world thinks about America's past. "A brilliant idea." —Foreign Affairs

Ways of the World with Sources, Combined Volume

Ways of the World: A Brief Global History, Value Edition, Volume 2

All the Ways the World Can End
Frederick Wilding, or the Ways of the World. A novel
How China's Soft Power is Transforming the World
How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World
From Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and bestselling author Ron Suskind comes a startling look at how America and the West lost their way, and at the struggles of their respective governments to reclaim the moral authority on which their survival depends. From the White House to Downing Street, and from the fault-line countries of South Asia tothe sands of Guantanamo, Suskind offers an astonishing story that connects world leaders to the forces waging their's shadow wars and to the next generation of global citizens. Tracking down truth and hope, Suskind delivers historic disclosures with this emotionally stirring and strikingly original portrait of the post 9-11 world.
An encyclopedia designed especially to meet the needs of elementary, junior high, and senior high school students.

1919. The eyes of the world are on Paris, where statesmen, diplomats and politicians have gathered to discuss the fate of half the world's nations in the aftermath of the cataclysm that was the Great War. A horde of journalists, spies and opportunists have also gathered in the city and the last thing the British diplomatic community needs at such a time is the mysterious death of a senior member of their delegation. So, when Sir Henry Maxted falls from the roof of his mistress's apartment building in unexplained circumstances, their first instinct is to suppress all suspicious aspects of the event. But Sir Henry's son, ex Royal Flying Corps ace James 'Max' Maxted, has other ideas. He resolves to find out how and why his father died – even if this means disturbing the impression of harmonious calm which the negotiating teams have worked so hard to maintain. In a city where countries are jostling for position at the crossroads of history and the stakes could hardly be higher, it is difficult to tell who is a friend and who a foe.And Max will soon discover just how much he needs friends, as his search for the truth sucks him into the dark heart of a seemingly impenetrable mystery.

The bizarre bestseller by the man who talks to time travelers, faith healers, Venusians, spiritualists and other denizens of THE WAY OUT WORLD EXTRA-SENSORY PERCEPTION...UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS...VISITS TO OTHER PLANETS...EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL VISITORS...HEALERS...REINCARNATION...SPIRITUALISM, MEDIUMS & MYSTICS...STRANGE CREATURES OF THE EARTH...TIME TRAVEL...UNUSUAL INVENTIONS For six years, "Long John Nebel" has been interviewing his "way out workers" on his free-swinging radio and TV show. For instance you'll meet Orfeo Angelucci, who followed a red glow that turned into two green balls with a voice coming from them, and his experiences with five-inch blondes. There's Otis T. Carr, who will build you an "OTC-XI Circular Foil Spacecraft" for a mere twenty million dollars. You'll be introduced to magician Dr. William Neff who faded away to invisibility on the Paramount Theatre stage and insisted he didn't even know it happened! This provocative, fascinating book is the result of "Long John's" 10,000 hours of interviewing people.

Ways of the World with Sources: For the AP® Course

Ways of the World

How the Bible Created the Soul of Western Civilization

How to Rule the World

A Brief History with Sources

How Soccer Explains the World

A Language History of the World

At the beginning of the twenty-first century, China is poised to become a major global power. And though much has been written of China's rise, a crucial aspect of this transformation has gone largely unnoticed: the way that China is using soft power to appeal to its neighbours and to distant countries alike. This original book is the first to examine the significance of China's recent focus on soft power, that is, diplomacy, trade incentives, cultural and educational exchange opportunities, and other techniques, to project a benign national image, pose as a model of social and economic success, and develop international alliances. Drawing on years of experience tracking China's policies in Southeast Asia, Latin America, and Africa, Joshua Kurlantzick reveals how China has won the world with a charm offensive that has largely escaped the attention of American policymakers. Beijing's new diplomacy has altered the political landscape in Southeast Asia and far beyond, changing the dynamics of China's relationships with other countries. China also has worked to take advantage of American policy mistakes, the author contends. In a provocative conclusion, he considers a future in which China may be the first nation since the Soviet Union to rival the U.S. in international influence.

Introduces hundreds of inspirational ideas and suggestions on how to implement social change, covering such areas as economics and business, environment and ecology, relationships and spirituality, crime and the law, children and education, and more. Original. 50,000 first printing.

We live in a world positively teeming with threats and apocalyptic scenarios. Many of them are familiar: terrorism, deadly viruses, global warming and war, but many others most of us can't even imagine: self-replicating nanobots that can devour an entire planet, high-energy experiments that threaten to suck the Earth into a mini black hole, and even super-sophisticated scientific contraptions that can put an end to the entire universe.

Edited by Bjorn Lomborg, this abridged version of the highly acclaimed Global Crises, Global Solutions provides a serious yet accessible springboard for debate and discussion on the world's most serious problems, and what we can do to solve them. In a world fraught with problems and challenges, we need to gauge how to achieve the greatest good with our money. This unique book provides a rich set of dialogos examining ten of the most serious challenges facing the world today: climate change, the spread of communicable diseases, conflicts and arms proliferation, access to education, financial instability, governance and corruption, malnutrition and hunger, migration, sanitation and access to clean water, and subsidies and trade barriers. Each problem is introduced by a world-renowned expert who defines the scale of the issue and examines a range of policy options.

The Way of the World

How Textbooks from Around the World Portray U.S. History

How to Stay Sane in a Crazy World

Book of Peoples of the World

For the AP® Course

A How to Book on Being at Peace Regardless of What Life Throws Your Way

How to Feed the World

To Make Their Own Way in the World is a profound consideration of some of the most challenging images in the early history of photography. The fifteen daguerreotypes—made in 1850 by photographer Joseph T. Zealy—portray Alfred, Delia, Drana, Fassena, Jack, Jem, and Renty, men and women of African descent who were enslaved in South Carolina. Since 1976, when the daguerreotypes were rediscovered at Harvard University's Peabody Museum, the photographs have been the subject of intense and widespread study. To Make Their Own Way in the World features essays by prominent scholars who explore everything from the photographs' historical context and the "science" of race to the ways in which photography created a visual narrative of slavery and its effects. Multidisciplinary, deeply collaborative, and with more than two hundred illustrations, including new photography by contemporary artist Carrie Mae Weems, this book frames the Zealy daguerreotypes as works of urgent contemporary inquiry. Copublished by Aperture and Harvard Museum Press

A beautifully written and challenging perspective on how we can change the way the world works. The Delphi Book introduces The Polarity Grid – a structure which underpins our personal view of the world and imposes powerful constraints on how we think and behave. We are born into the Grid, we live our life in the Grid, and we are supposed to remain in the Grid. In a direct challenge and invitation, we are urged to go beyond our Grid. This is the individual revolution – an essential step for bringing change into our life and work. Although the rhetoric of change dominates political and organisational discourse, we are struggling to respond to global challenges. We face important choices about how we live; we know we need to change, but we do not know how to change. This original and powerful book explores the nature of the change required.

Acebric dark humour meets hardcore science in this mind-boggling exploration of the nine worst ways the world could end and which will get us first? The supervolcano in Yellowstone National Park? An asteroid hurtling through outer space? Black holes from CERN gobbling up the solar system? An army of deranged nanobots? Or – who knows – alien invasion? Awarded with lavish illustrations and their one-of-a-kind "catastrophometer", Dr David Darling and Dr Dirk Schulze-Makuch introduce the disasters you never saw coming, unpicking the science that makes them genuine possibilities, and providing everything from survival tips to danger ratings. So sit back, face the inevitable, and discover the delights of the nine oddest ways the world could end.

Ways of the World is one of the most successful and innovative textbooks for world history. The brief-by-design narrative is truly global and focuses on significant historical trends, themes, and developments in world history. Authors Robert W. Strayer, a pioneer in the world history movement with years of classroom experience, along with new co-author Eric W. Nelson, a popular and skilled teacher, provide a thoughtful and insightful synthesis that helps students see the big picture while teaching students to consider the evidence the way historians do.

The Doomsday Handbook

Understanding Historical Change

The Ways of the World

The Book that Made Your World

How the World Changed Social Media

Megacatastrophes!

Empires of the World

Captures the rich diversity of human life as it examines more than two hundred ethnic groups, large and small, around the world, through a visual study of beliefs, traditions, lifestyles, and environmental conditions.

At the first and most intensive history of the world's roads, highways, bridges, and the people and vehicles that traverse them, from prehistoric times to the present. Encyclopedic in its scope, fascinating in its details, Ways of the World is a unique work for reference and browsing. Maxwell Lay considers the myriad aspects of roads and their users: the earliest pathways, the rise of wheeled vehicles and animals to pull them, the development of surfaced roads, the motives for road and bridge building, and the rise of cars and their influence on roads, cities, and society. The work is amply illustrated, well indexed and cross-referenced, and includes a chronology of road history and a full bibliography. It is indispensable for anyone interested in travel, history, geography, transportation, cars, or the history of technology.

Human civilization faces more challenges than ever before. Unless urgent action is taken, there will soon be biting shortages of energy, food and fresh water. Climate change also demands our attention, while conventional economic decision making and mass consumerism are leading us to ruin. The time has therefore come to fix the world. This book is for everybody who wants to help shape a better future. Its chapters cover the interrelated topics of more local living, low energy lifestyles, dematerialization, design for repair, crowdsourcing, more women in authority, and the death of economics. Within a decade, all of these will be common cultural or business practice. Seven Ways to Fix the World therefore provides you with the opportunity to understand the rising agendas of tomorrow, and to help make a difference by getting ahead of the curve.

Illus. in full color. An apple pie is easy to make...if the market is open. But if the market is closed, the world becomes your grocery store. This deliciously silly recipe for apple pie takes readers around the globe to gather ingredients. First hop a steamboat to Italy for the finest semolina wheat. Then hitch a ride to

England and hijack a cow for the freshest possible milk. And, oh yes! Don't forget to go apple picking in Vermont! A simple recipe for apple pie is included. "Libraries should consider purchasing multiple copies since every preschool and primary-grade teacher in town will want a copy to read."--(starred) Booklist.

History Lessons

... Changing the Way the World Works

A Global History

(The Wide World - James Maxted 1)

Nine Strange Ways the World Could End

Version of Ways of the World + Historical Atlas of the World

500 Ways to Change the World

WINNER OF THE FT & MCKINSEY BUSINESS BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD 2021 The instant New York Times bestseller A Financial Times and The Times Book of the Year 'A terrifying exposé' The Times 'Part John le Carré . . . Spellbinding' New Yorker We plug in anything we can to the internet. We can control our entire lives, economy and grid via a remote web control. But over the past decade, as this transformation took place, we never paused to think that we were also creating the world's largest attack surface. And that the same nation that maintains the greatest cyber advantage on earth could also be among its most vulnerable. Filled with spies, hackers, arms dealers and a few unsung heroes, This Is How They Tell Me the World Ends is an astonishing and gripping feat of journalism. Drawing on years of reporting and hundreds of interviews, Nicole Perloff lifts the curtain on a market in shadow, revealing the urgent threat faced by us all if we cannot bring the global cyber arms race to heel.

When did you last go back to bed on a Sunday morning with magazines and some tea and cake? Or sink into a bubble bath by candlelight and listen to soothing music? When was your last massage or vacation? If you can't remember the last time you took care of yourself like this, this book is for you. There was a time when Sophia Stuart needed this book, too. She lived a crazy life with no real relaxation, and soon enough she found herself in front of a surgeon who told her that she had three tumors in her throat and that she needed a five-and-a-half hour surgery!plus almost a month of medical leave to recover. And that's when she fell apart. But the kindness of strangers helped her through it all. Her anonymous blog teamgloria.com gave her an outlet to express everything she was feeling!her fear of the pain, her anxiety about the operation, her frustration about being stuck at home, and anything else that came up. Her writing also focused on all the glorious people, places, and things that make life delicious; and slowly, it helped her realize that she wanted to live differently. On teamgloria.com, Sophia wasn't an executive or a media specialist; she was just another person sharing her thoughts and creativity. And through this she forged deep virtual friendships with people who cheered her on and taught her how to stay sane in a crazy world. This book brings together what she learned. It's full of practical ideas and sweet inspirations (and even a few shopping lists at the back) to guide you to a more serene place. Because sometimes the world just looks better after a stroll or reading a novel in the park or making a kindness kit for yourself or a long nap on a summer's afternoon. So grab this book, with its gentle suggestions and peaceful images, and use it as your own little slice of tranquility.

Lenny, sixteen, struggles to cope with her father's cancer, her best friend moving across the country, and more but in a sea of uncertainty, dreams of romance may become her anchor. The ideal textbook for the AP® World History classroom, Ways of the World focuses on significant historical trends, themes, and developments in world history, while building AP® skills. Authors Robert Strayer and Eric Nelson provide a thoughtful and insightful commentary that helps students see the big picture, while modeling historical thinking. This edition is even more focused on the needs of AP® students, with AP® Skills Workshops, a DBQ-aligned Working with Evidence feature, and more opportunities to hone AP® skills and practice for the exam.

An Unlikely Theory of Globalization

Charm Offensive

The world's best selling book

How to See the World

Uncommon Grounds

Way Out World

The World Book Encyclopedia

The definitive history of the world's most popular drug Uncommon Grounds tells the story of coffee from its discovery on a hill in ancient Abyssinia to the advent of Starbucks. Mark Pendergrast reviews the dramatic changes in coffee culture over the past decade, from the disastrous "Coffee Crisis" that caused global prices to plummet to the rise of the Fair Trade movement and the "third-wave" of quality-obsessed coffee connoisseurs. As the scope of coffee culture continues to expand, Uncommon Grounds remains more than ever a brilliantly entertaining guide to the currents of one of the world's favorite beverages.

Ways of the World, Value Edition is an affordable world history textbook that offers a truly global approach that explores broad patterns and nurtures students' skill development.

In this thought-provoking book, Tobias Lenaert leaves well-trodden animal advocacy paths and takes a fresh look at the strategies, objectives, and communication of the vegan and animal rights movement. He argues that, given our present situation, with entire societies dependent on using animals, we need a very pragmatic approach. How to Create a Vegan World contains many valuable ideas and insights for both budding advocates for animals and seasoned activists, organizational leaders, and even entrepreneurs.

Ways of the World is one of the most successful and innovative textbooks for world history. This 2-in-1 textbook and reader includes a brief-by-design narrative that focuses on significant historical developments and broad themes in world history. With keen consideration of the needs of their student audience, authors Robert W. Strayer and Eric W. Nelson provide an insightful, big picture synthesis that helps students discern what matters most in world history--patterns and variations on both global and regional levels and continuity and change over time. With the same personal touch, the authors guide students to consider primary and secondary source evidence the way historians do. Available for free when packaged with the print book, the popular digital assignment options for this text bring skill building and assessment to a highly effective level. The active learning options come in LaunchPad, which combines an accessible e-book with LearningCurve, an adaptive and automatically graded learning tool that--when assigned--helps ensure students read the book; the complete companion reader with Thinking through Sources digital exercises that help students build arguments from those sources; and many other study and assessment tools. For instructors who want the easiest and most affordable way to ensure students come to class prepared, Achieve Read & Practice pairs LearningCurve adaptive quizzing and our mobile, accessible Value Edition e-book, in one easy-to-use product.

A Pragmatic Approach

Ways of the World with Sources, Volume 1

How to Create a Vegan World

Ways of the World with Sources for AP®, Second Edition

This Is How They Tell Me the World Ends

It's Not How Good You Are, It's How Good You Want to Be

A Brief Global History

David Harvey is one of most famous Marxist intellectuals in the past half century, as well as one of the world's most cited social scientists. Beginning in the early 1970s with his trenchant and still-relevant book Social Justice and the City and through this day, Harvey has written numerous books and dozens of influential essays and articles on topics across issues in politics, culture, economics, and social justice. In The Ways of the World, Harvey has gathered his most important essays from the past four decades. They form a career-spanning collection that tracks not only the development of Harvey over time as an intellectual, but also a dialectical vision that gradually expanded its reach from the slums of Baltimore to global environmental degradation to the American imperium. While Harvey's coverage is wide-ranging, all of the pieces tackle the core concerns that have always animated his work: capitalism past and present, social change, freedom, class, imperialism, the city, nature, social justice, postmodernity, globalization, and the crises that inhere in capitalism. A career-defining volume, The Ways of the World will stand as a comprehensive work that presents the trajectory of Harvey's lifelong project in full. " It's Not How Good You Are, It's How Good You Want to Be is a handbook of how to succeed in the world: a pocket bible for the talented and timid alike to help make the unthinkable thinkable and the impossible possible. The world's top advertising guru, Paul Arden, offers up his wisdom on issues as diverse as problem solving, responding to a brief, communicating, playing your cards right, making mistakes, and creativity – all endeavors that can be applied to aspects of modern life. This uplifting and humorous little book provides a unique insight into the world of advertising and is a quirky compilation of quotes, facts, pictures, wit and wisdom – all packed into easytoread, digestible, bite-sized spreads. If you want to succeed in life or business, this book is a must. "

Examines the politics of globalization as practiced by President George W. Bush, looks at the challenges to be faced in a post-Bush era, and argues for a populist "democratic globalism" as a vision of global order. The Way of the WorldA Story of Truth and Hope in an Age of ExtremisSimon and Schuster

To Make Their Own Way in the World: The Enduring Legacy of the Zealy Daguerreotypes

The Delphi Book

Seven Ways to Fix the World

A Guide to Cultures

Finding Peace in an Out of Control World

The Coming Battle Over the Global Economy

A Story of Truth and Hope in an Age of Extremism

In recent decades, we have witnessed an explosion in the number of visual images we encounter, as our lives have become increasingly saturated with screens. From Google Images to Instagram, video games to installation art, this transformation is confusing, liberating and worrying all at once, since observing the new visuality of culture is not the same as understanding it. Nicholas Mirzoeff is a leading figure in the field of visual culture, which aims to make sense of this extraordinary explosion of visual experiences. As Mirzoeff reminds us, this is not the first visual revolution; the 19th century saw the invention of film, photography and x-rays, and the development of maps, microscopes and telescopes made the 17th century an era of visual discovery. But the sheer quantity of images produced on the internet today has no parallels. In the first book to define visual culture for the general reader, Mirzoeff draws on art history, theory and everyday experience to provide an engaging and accessible overview of how visual materials shape and define our lives.

How the World Changed Social Media is the first book in Why We Post, a book series that investigates the findings of anthropologists who each spent 15 months living in communities across the world. This book offers a comparative analysis summarising the results of the research and explores the impact of social media on politics and gender, education and commerce. What is the result of the increased emphasis on visual communication? Are we becoming more individual or more social? Why is public social media so conservative? Why does equality online fail to shift inequality offline? How did memes become the moral police of the internet? Supported by an introduction to the project's academic framework and theoretical terms that help to account for the findings, the book argues that the only way to appreciate and understand something as intimate and ubiquitous as social media is to be immersed in the lives of the people who post. Only then can we discover how people all around the world have already transformed social media in such unexpected ways and assess the consequences

Understand where we came from. Whether you're an avid student of the Bible or a skeptic of its relevance, The Book That Made Your World will transform your perception of its influence on virtually every facet of Western civilization. Indian philosopher Vishal Mangalwadi reveals the personal motivation that fueled his own study of the Bible and systematically illustrates how its precepts became the framework for societal structure throughout the last millennium. From politics and science, to academia and technology, the Bible's sacred copy became the key that unlocked the Western mind. Through Mangalwadi's wide-ranging and fascinating investigation, you'll discover: What triggered the West's passion for scientific, medical, and technological advancement How the biblical notion of human dignity informs the West's social structure and how it intersects with other worldviews How the Bible created a fertile ground for women to find social and economic empowerment How the Bible has uniquely equipped the West to cultivate compassion, human rights, prosperity, and strong families The role of the Bible in the transformation of education How the modern literary notion of a hero has been shaped by the Bible's archetypal protagonist Journey with Mangalwadi as he examines the origins of a civilization's greatness and the misguided beliefs that threaten to unravel its progress. Learn how the Bible transformed the social, political, and religious institutions that have sustained Western culture for the past millennium, and discover how secular corruption endangers the stability and longevity of Western civilization. Endorsements: "This is an extremely significant piece of work with huge global implications. Vishal brings a timely message." (Ravi Zacharias, author, Walking from East to West and Beyond Opinion) "In polite society, the mere mention of the Bible often introduces a certain measure of anxiety. A serious discussion on the Bible can bring outright contempt. Therefore, it is most refreshing to encounter this engaging and informed assessment of the Bible's profound impact on the modern world. Where Bloom laments the closing of the American mind, Mangalwadi brings a refreshing optimism." (Stanley Matson, founder and president, C. S. Lewis Foundation) "Vishal Mangalwadi recounts history in very broad strokes, always using his cross-cultural perspectives for highlighting the many benefits of biblical principles in shaping civilization." (George Marsden, professor, University of Notre Dame; author, Fundamentalism and American Culture)

Taking the Soviet collapse - the most cataclysmic event of the recent past - as a case study, this text engages students in the exercise of historical analysis, interpretation and explanation. In exploring the question posed by the title, the author introduces and applies such organizing concepts as great power conflict, imperial decline, revolution, ethnic conflict, colonialism, economic development, totalitarian ideology, and transition to democracy in a most accessible way. Questions and controversies, and extracts from documentary and literary sources, anchor the text at key points. This book is intended for use in history and political science courses on the Soviet Union or more generally on the 20th century.

Why Did the Soviet Union Collapse?: Understanding Historical Change

Ways of the World, Volume 2

The History of Coffee and How It Transformed Our World

How to Spend \$50 Billion to Make the World a Better Place

Winner of the FT & McKinsey Business Book of the Year Award 2021

Nicholas Ostler's Empires of the Word is the first history of the world's great tongues, gloriously celebrating the wonder of words that binds communities together and makes possible both the living of a common history and the telling of it. From the uncanny resilience of Chinese through twenty centuries of invasions to the engaging self-regard of Greek and to the struggles that gave birth to the languages of modern Europe, these epic achievements and more are brilliantly explored, as are the fascinating failures of once "universal" languages. A splendid, authoritative, and remarkable work, it demonstrates how the language history of the world eloquently reveals the real character of our planet's diverse peoples and prepares us for a linguistic future full of surprises.

"An eccentric, fascinating exposé of a world most of us know nothing about." —The New York Times Book Review "An insightful, entertaining, brainiac sports road trip." —The Wall Street Journal "Foer's skills as a narrator are enviable. His characterizations, are comparable to those in Norman Mailer's journalism." —The Boston Globe A groundbreaking work-named one of the five most influential sports books of the decade by Sports Illustrated-How Soccer Explains the World is a unique and brilliantly illuminating look at soccer, the world's most popular sport, as a lens through which to view the pressing issues of our age, from the clash of civilizations to the global economy.