

General Books

- *An Edible History of Humanity* by Tom Standage
- *For All the Tea in China: How England stole the World's Favorite Drink and Changed History* by Rose, Sarah
- *Millennium* by Felipe Fernandez Armesto
- *The Inheritance of Rome* by Chris Wickham
- *Paper: Paging through History* by Mark Kurlansky
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Period 1 (3500 - 500 BCE)

Ancient Foundations:

- *The History of the Ancient World* by Susan Wise Bauer
- *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant

Period 2 (500 BCE - 500 CE)

Christianity:

- *Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years* by Diarmaid MacCulloch (PERIODS 2-7)

Early Americas:

- *A Forest of Kings: The Untold Story of the Ancient Maya* by David Freidel (PERIODS 2-3)
- *The Ancient Maya: New Perspectives* by Heather McKillop (PERIODS 2-3)

India :

- *Ashoka: The Search For India's Lost Emperor* by Charles Allen

Greece and Macedonia:

- *Alexander the Great Introduction* by Michael Wood and edited by Tania Gergel
- *A War Like No Other: How the Athenians and Spartans fought the Peloponnesian War* by Victor Hanson
- *Spartans* by Paul Cartledge

Han China:

- *The Early Chinese Empires, Qin and Han* by Mark Edward Lewis
- *The Establishment of the Han Empire and Imperial China* by Grant Hardy and Anne Behnke Kinney

Persia:

- *Persian Fire: The First World Empire and the Battle for the West* by Tom Holland

- *The Zoroastrian Tradition* by Farhang Mehr

Religion:

- *A History of God* by Karen Armstrong
- *The Battle for God* by Karen Armstrong
- *Zealot* by Reza Asla

Rome:

- *Ancient Rome* by Simon Baker
- *Carthage must be destroyed* by Richard Miles
- *Rome: An Empires Story* by Greg Woolf
- *The Fall of the Roman Empire* by Peter Heather
- *Roman Blood* by Steven Saylor (historical fiction)

Period 3 (500 - 1000 CE)

Arab World:

- *The Caliph's Splendor: Islam and the West in the Golden Age of Baghdad* by Benson Bobrick

Charlemagne:

- *Charlemagne* by Derek Wilson

Islam:>(*these books cover Period 2- 7)

- *Destiny Disrupted: A History of the World Through Islamic Eyes* by Tamim Ansary
- *In the Shadow of the Sword: The Birth of Islam and the Rise of Global Arab Empire* by Tom Holland
- *Islam and the West* by Bernard Lewis
- *Islam: A Short History* by Karen Armstrong
- *The Arabs in History* by Bernard Lewis
- *The Crisis of Islam* by Bernard Lewis
- *The End of Modern History in the Middle East* by Bernard Lewis
- *The Great Arab Conquests: How the spread of Islam changed the world we live in* by Hugh Kennedy
- *The Middle East: A Brief history of the last 2,000 years* by Bernard Lewis

- *What Went Wrong* by Bernard Lewis

Japan

- *A Year in the Life of a Shinto Shrine* by John Nelson

Mayans (period 2 and 3):

- *A Forest of Kings: The Untold Story of the Ancient Maya* by David Freidel
- *Ancient Maya: New Perspectives* by Heather McKillop

Silk Road:

- *Life Along the Silk Road* by Susan Whitfield
- *Silk Road: Monks, Warriors, and Merchants* by Luce Boulnis and Helen Loveday
- *When Asia Ruled the World* by Stewart Gordon

Byzantium:

- *Anna of Byzantium* by Tracy Barret- historical fiction
- *Lost to the West* by Lars Brownworth
- *The Surprising Life of a Medieval Empire* by Judith Herrin (PERIODS 3-4)

Tang Dynasty:

- *China's Golden Age: Everyday Life in the Tang Dynasty* by Charles Benn

Women in China:

- *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan (historical fiction)
- *The Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See (historical fiction)

Period 4 (1000 - 1500 CE)

Exploration:

- *1491* by Charles Mann (PERIODS 4-5)
- *Holy War* by Nigel Cliff (PERIODS 4-5)
- *Marco Polo* by Laurence Bergeen
- *The Last Crusade: the Epic Voyages of Vasco da Gama* by Nigel Cliff (PERIODS 4-5)
- *The Colombian Exchange: Biological and Cultural Consequences of 1492* by Alfred W. Crosby (PERIODS 4-5)
- *Uncovering the New World Columbus created* by Charles C. Mann (PERIODS 4-5)

Middle Ages:

- *1066 The Year of the Conquest* by David Howarth
- *1215: The Year of the Magna Carta* by Danny Danziger and John Gillingham (PERIODS 3-4)
- *A World Lit Only by Fire: the Medieval Mind and the Renaissance: Portrait of an Age* by William Manchester (PERIODS 3-4)
- *Charlemagne* by Derek Wilson (PERIOD 3)
- *City of Fortune, How Venice Ruled the Seas* by Roger Crowley
- *Eleanor of Aquitaine* by Alison Weir (historical fiction)
- *Holy Roman Empire* by James Bryce (PERIODS 3-4)
- *Joan* by Donald Spoto
- *Medieval Christianity: A New History* by Kevin Madigan
- *Medieval Cities* by Henri Pirenne
- *Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett - this has mature material in it (historical fiction)
- *The Age of Feudalism* by Timothy Levi Biel (PERIODS 3-4)
- *The History of the Medieval World: From the Conversion of Constantine to the First Crusade* by Susan Wise Bauer (PERIODS 3-4)
- *The Thirty Years War* by C.V. Wedgwood and Anthony Grafton
- *The Lady Elizabeth* by Alison Weir (historical fiction)
- *The Time Traveler's Guide to Medieval England* by Ian Mortimer
- *The Malice of Fortune* by Michael Ennis (Period 4-5) (historical fiction)
- *World without End* by Ken Follett - this has mature material in it (historical fiction)

Crusades:

- *There will be wolves* by Karleen Bradford
- *The Crusades through Arab Eyes* by Amin Maalouf
- *The Crusades* by Thomas Asbridge
- *The Book of Saladin* by Tariq Ali

Mongols:

- *Russia and The Golden Horde* by Charles J. Halperin

- *The Blue Wolf: A Novel of the Life of Chinggis Khan* by Joshua A. Fogel
- *The Secret History of the Mongol Queens: How the Daughters of the Genghis Khan rescued his Empire* by Jack Weatherford

Plague:

- *The Great Mortality: An Intimate History of the Black Death, the Most Devastating Plague of All Time* by John Kelly
- *Years of Wonder: A novel of plague* by Geraldine Brooks (historical fiction)

Rome:

- *Basilica: the Splendor and the Scandal: Building St. Peter's* by R.A. Scotti (PERIODS 3-5)

Turks:

- *Tamerlane: Sword of Islam, Conqueror of the World* by Justin Marozzi

Europe

- *Europe : A History* by Norman Davies(this book spans the entire European history)

Period 5 (1500 - 1800)

Inquisition:

- *Incantation* by Alice Hoffman (historical fiction)
- *The Inquisitor's Wife* by Jeanne Kalogridis (historical fiction)

Exploration

- *Columbus: the four voyages* by Laurence Bergeen
- *Conquistador* by Buddy Levy
- *Conquerors: How Portugal Forged the First Global Empire* by Roger Crowley
- *Feathered Serpant* by Colin Falconer (historical fiction)
- *Over the Edge of the World* by Laurence Bergeen

Ming Dynasty:

- *Green Mountains, White Cloud: a novel of love in the Ming Dynasty* by Francois Cheng
- *Stories Old and New: a Ming Dynasty Collection* by Feng Menglong, Shuhui Yang, Yunqin Yang

- *The Examination* by Malcolm Bosse (historical fiction)

Gunpowder Empires:

- *Seraglio* by Janet Wallach (PERIODS 5-6) (historical fiction)
- *The Mughal Throne* by Abraham Eraly

Qing Dynasty:

- *Change* by Mo Yan
- *Peony in Love* by Lisa See (historical fiction)
- *Sandalwood Death: a novel* by Mo Yan
- *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See (historical fiction)
- *Wild Swans: 3 Daughters of China* by Jung Chang

Reformation:

- *Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther* by Roland Bainton
- *John Calvin: Pilgrim and Pastor* by Robert Godfrey
- *The Reformation* by Diarmaid MacCulloch
- *The Reformation: How a Monk and a Mallet Changed the World* by Stephen Nichols

Scientific Revolution:

- *Candide and Philosophical Letters* by Voltarie (PERIODS 5-6)
- *Gutenberg's Apprentice* by Alix Christie (historical fiction)
- *Ingenious Pursuits: Building the Scientific Revolution* by Lisa Jardine
- *The Clockwork Universe: Isaac Newton, the Royal Society, and the Birth of the Modern World* by Edward Dolnick
- *The Invention of Air* by Steven Johnson

Slavery:

- *African Voices of the Atlantic Slave trade* by Anne Bailey
- *Bury my Chains* by Adam Hoscshild
- *Roots* by Alex Haley

Tokugawa Period

- *The Samurai* by Shusaku Endo

Witch Trials:

- *Daughters of the Witching Hill* by Mary Sharratt (historical fiction)
- *The Last Witch of Langenburg: Murder in a German Village* by Thomas Robisheaux (historical fiction)
- *There will be wolves* by Karleen Bradford (historical fiction)
- *The Witch's Daughter* by Paula Brackston- this has mature material in it (historical fiction)

European Studies

- *The Bloodletter's daughter* by Linda Lafferty- this has mature material in it (historical fiction)
- *The Last Queen* by C.W. Gortner
- *The Habsburg Empire: A New History* by Pieter Judson

Absolute Monarchs

- *Catherine the Great* by Robert Massie
- *The Winter Palace* by Eva Stachniak (historical fiction)
- *The Habsburg Empire* by Pieter M. Judson

Period 6 (1750 - 1914)

France and Napoleon:

- *Innocent Soldier* by Josef Holub (historical fiction)
- *Napoleon* by Andrew Roberts
- *The Second Empress* by Michelle Moran historical fiction Napoleon
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French Revolution:

- *Abundance * Marie Antoinette* by Sena Jeter Naslund
- *Citizens: a Chronicle of the French Revolution* by Simon Schama
- *Fatal Purity* by Ruth Scurr
- *Madame Tussaud: A Novel of the French Revolution* by Michelle Moran (historical fiction)
- *The Days of the French Revolution* by Christopher Hibbert

- *The Hidden Diary of Marie Antoinette* by Carolly Erickson (historical fiction)
- *Where the Light Falls: A Novel of the French Revolution* by Allison Pataki

Imperialism:

- *Hero of The Empire* by Candice Millard
- *The Covenant* by John Michener (PERIODS 6-7) (historical fiction)
- *The Scramble for Africa: White Man's Conquest of the Dark Continent from 1876 to 1912* by Thomas Pakenham
- *The Washing of the Spears: A History of the Rise of Zulu nation under Shaka and its fall in the Zulu war of 1879* by Donald Morris

Latin America:

- *The Pinochet File: A declassified dossier on atrocity and accountability* by Peter Kornbluh

Modernization and Absolutism:

- *Frederick the Great* by Tim Blanning
- *Peter the Great: his life and world* by Robert Massie

Revolution:

- *The Age of Revolution: 1789-1848* by Eric Hobsbawn
- *Karl Marx* by Jonathan Sperber

Unification

- *Bismarck A Life* by Jonathan Steinberg

Mexico

- *Mexico* by James Michener (historical fiction)
- *The Last Prince of the Mexican Empire* by C.M. Mayo (historical fiction)

Haitian Revolution:

- *Avengers of the New World* by Laurent DuBois

Period 7 (1914 - present)

Afghanistan:

- *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini
- *Bookseller of Kabul* by Asne Seierstad (historical fiction)
- *Kite Runner* by Khaleed Hosseini (historical fiction)
- *Meena, Heroine of Afghanistan: The Martyr Who Founded RAWA, the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan* by Melody Ermachild Chavis
- *Swallows of Kabul* by Yasmina Khadra (historical fiction)
- *Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaleed Hosseini (historical fiction)

African Independence:

- *Pan Africanism; the idea and the movement* by P. Olanwuche Esedebe

African Problems:

- *A Human Being that night* by Pumla Gobodo Madikizel
- *Biko cry Freedom* by Donald Woods
- *Bishop of Rwanda* by John Rucyahana
- *Country of my Skull* by Antjie Krog
- *Cry the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton
- *Dafur Diaries* by Jen Marlowe and Aisha Bain
- *Dry White Season* by Andre Brinke
- *Girl Soldier* by Faith J.H. McDonnell and Grace Akallo
- *God grew tired of us; a memoir* by Bul Dau and John Sweeney
- *I'm not leaving* by Carl Wilkens
- *Infidel* by Ayann Hirsi Ali
- *It's Our Turn to Eat: The Story of a Keynan Whistle-blower* by Michela Wrong
- *Justice on the grass: Three Rwandan journalists, their trial for war crimes and a nation's quest for redemption* by Dina Temple-Raston
- *Land of the Thousand Hills..My life in Rwanda* by Roasamond Halsey Carr

- *Last King of Scotland* by Giles Foden
- *Left to Tell Discovering God amidst The Rwandan Genocide* by Immaculatte Ilibaza
- *Life laid Bare: the Survivors of Rwanda* by Jean Hatzfeld
- *Long Walk to Freedom* by Nelson Mandela
- *Lost boy, lost girl: escaping civil war in Sudan* by John Bul Dau
- *Machete Season: the Killers in Rwanda Speak* by Jean Hatzfeld
- *Over a Thousand Hills I walk with you* by Hanna Jansen
- *Rainbows End* by Lauren ST. John
- *The Antelope's Strategy* by Jean Hatzfield
- *The Covenant* by James Michener
- *The Graves are Yet not Full* by Bill Berkeley
- *The Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela*
- *The Long Way Home* by Ishmail Beah
- *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver
- *The Power of One* by Bryce Courtenay
- *The Rebel's Hour* by Live Joris
- *The Shadow of the Sun* by Ryszard Kapuscinski
- *The Teeth may smile but the Heart does not forget* by Andrew Rice
- *They poured fire on us from the sky* by Benson Deng
- *We wish to inform you that tomorrow we will be killed with our families* by Philip Gourevitch
- *When the Crocodile Eats the Sun* by Peter Goodwin
- *When Victims become killers: colonials, Nativism and the Genocide in Rwanda* by Mahmood Mamdani
- *Where We Have Hope* by Andrew Melrun

Communism:

- *Borderland: A Journey through the History of Ukraine* by Anna Reid (PERIODS 6-7)
- *Comrades* by Robert Service (PERIODS 6-7)
- *Gulag: A history* by Anne Applebaum

- *Karl Marx* by Jonathan Sperber
- *Natasha's Dance: A cultural history of Russia* by Orlando Figes (PERIODS 6-7)
- *Nicholas and Alexandra* by Robert Massie (PERIODS 6-7)
- *Stalin: The court of the red tsar* by Simon Montefiore
- *The Harvest of Sorrow: Soviet Collectivization and the Terror-Famine* by Robert Conquest
- *The Long Walk: the true story of a trek to freedom: movie tie-in* by Slavomir Rawicz
- *The Russian Revolution* by Richard Pipes (PERIODS 6-7)
- *The Unquiet Ghost* by Adam Hochschild
- *The Whisperers: A private life in Stalin's Russia* by Orlando Figes

Current Religious Issues:

- *The Chosen* by Chan Potok

General:

- *A History of the World in 100 Objects* by Neil MacGregor
- *Civilization: The west and the rest* by Niall Ferguson
- *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese

China

- *A Comrade Lost and Found* by Jan Wong
- *Life and Death in Shanghai* by Nien Cheng
- *Mao: The Unknown Story* by Jung Chang and Jon Haliday
- *Midnight in Peking* by Paul French
- *Nixon and Mao* by Margaret Macmillan
- *Oracle Bones* by Peter Hessler
- *Red China Blues: My Long March from Mao to Now* by Jan Wong
- *River Town* by Peter Hessler
- *Wild Swans* by Jung Chang
- *Midnight in Peking* by Paul French
- *The Valley of Amazement* by Amy Tan

Balkans

- *Yugoslavia: A Concise History: Revised and Updated Edition* by Benson, Leslie

Vietnam

- *A Pow's Story 2801 Days in Hanoi* by Larry Guarino
- *Aftermath* by Frederick Downs
- *Born on the Fourth of July* by Ron Kovic
- *Brothers: Black Soldiers in Nam* by Stanley Goff
- *Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Myers
- *Friendly Fire* by C.D.B. Bryan
- *Grunts* by Charles Anderson
- *Hello, My Name is Scrambled Eggs* by James Gibson
- *In Country* by Bobbie Ann Mason
- *Killing Zone* by Frederick Downs
- *My Father, My Son* by Elmo Zumwalt
- *Nam* by Mark Baker
- *Rumors of War* by Philip Caputo
- *Shrapnel in the Heart: Letters and Remembrances from Vietnam* by Laura Palmer
- *Veteran's Day* by Rod Kane
- *When Heaven and Earth Changed Places* by Le Ly Hayslip

Cambodia

- *The Lost Executioner: A Story of the Khmer Rouge* by Dunlop Nic

Japan

- *Bento Box* by Linda Furiya

Hitler:

- *Adolf Hitler: The Definitive Biography* by John Toland
- *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson

Middle East:

- *A Fist in the Hornets* by Richard Engel
- *A Hidden War* by Artem Borovik
- *Behind the veil* by Lydia Laube
- *Bullet of Palestine* by Howard Kaplan
- *Charlie Wilson's War* by George Crile
- *Daughter of Persia: a women's journey from her father's harem through the Islamic Revolution* by Sattareh Farman
- *Forever War* by Dexter Filkins
- *From Beirut to Jerusalem* by Thomas Friedman

- *Ghosts of War: the true story of a 19 year old GI*
- *Guests of the Ayatollah* by Mark Bowden
- *Here, Bullet* by Brian Turner
- *House of Stone: A Memoir of Home, Family, and Lost Middle East* by Anthony Shadid
- *House to House* by David Bellava
- *In the Graveyard of Empires* by Seth Jones
- *Islam* by Karen Armstrong
- *Jerusalem: One City Three Faiths* by Karen Armstrong
- *Kabul Beauty School* by Deborah Rodriguez
- *Lipstick Jihad* by Azadeh Moaveni
- *Longitudes and Latitudes* by Thomas Friedman
- *My name is Iran* by Davar Ardalan
- *Not without my daughter* by Bett Mahmoody
- *Persian Girls: a memoir* by Nahid Rachlin
- *Price of Honor* by Jan Goodwin
- *Princess Sultana's Circle* by Jean Sasson
- *Princess Sultana's daughters* by Jean Sasson
- *Princess: A true Story behind the veil* by Jean Sasson
- *Prisoner of Tehran* by Marina Nemat
- *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafasi
- *Searching for Hassan; an American family's journey home to Iran* by Terrence Ward
- *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan
- *The Ayatollah begs to differ* by Hooman Majd
- *The Bastard of Istanbul* by Elif Shafer
- *The Chosen* by Cham Potok
- *The Good Soldiers* by David Finkel
- *War Journal* by Richard Engle
- *We were one* by Patrick O'Donnell

- *What Went Wrong* by Bernard Lewis
- *Zoya's Story* by Zoya with John Follain and Rita Cristofari

Terrorism:

- *Bin Laden; the man who declared war on America* by Yossef Bodanski
- *Den's of lions; memories of seven years* by Terry Anderson
- *Holy War inside the secret world of Osama Bin Laden* by Peter Bergen
- *Taliban* by Ahmed Rsashi
- *Soldiers of God* by Robert Kaplan
- *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu: And Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts* by Joshua Hammer

Traditional Societies:

- *Facing the Lion: Growing up Maasai on the African Savanna* by Joseph Lekuton and Herman Viola
- *Crooked Rib* by Nuruddin Farah
- *The Forest People* by Colin Turnbull
- *Facing Mount Kenya* by Jomo Kenyatta
- *The Bride Price* by Suzann Popp
- *The Unconquered* by Scott Wallace

World Problems:

- *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park
- *Dancing in the Glory of Monsters: The Collapse of the Congo and the Great War* by Jason Stearns
- *The Devil came on Horseback: Bearing Witness to the Genocide in Darfur* by Brian Steidle and Gretchen Steidle Wallace

World War I:

- *A Shameful Act* by Taner Akcam
- *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson
- *Europe's Last Summer: Who Started the Great War in 1914?* by David Fromkin
- *Fall of the Giants* by Ken Follett

- *Nicholas and Alexandria* by Robert Massie
- *Silent Night* by Stanley Weintraub
- *The King, Kaiser, and Tsar* by Catrine Clay
- *The Knock at the door: a journey through the darkness of the Armenian genocide* by Margaret Ajemian
- *The Land without End*
- *The Sleepwalkers: How Europe went to War in 1914* by Christopher Clark
- *The Trigger: Hunting the Assassin Who Brought the World to War* by Tim Butcher
- *To End All Wars* by Adam Hochschild
- *Vergeen* by Mae Merdarian

World War II:

- *Between Shades of Grey* by Ruta Sepetys
- *Blood Lands: Europe between Hitler and Stalin* by Timothy Snyder
- *Borderland: A Journey through the History of Ukraine* by Anna Reid
- *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown
- *City of Thieves* by David Benioff
- *Empire of the Sun* by J.F. Ballard
- *Fierce Resistance* by Lauren Belfer historical fiction about WWII
- *Fly Boys* by James Bradley
- *Ghost Soldiers: The Epic Account of World War II's Greatest Rescue Mission* by Hampton Sides
- *Inferno: The World at War, 1939- 1945* by Max Hastings
- *Lost in Shangri-La* by Mitchell Zuckoff
- *Railway Man* by Eric Lomax
- *Savage Continent: Europe in the Aftermath of World War II* by Keith Lowe
- *The Boy who Dared* by Susan Campbell Baroletti
- *The Hotel on Place Vendome* by Tilar Vendome
- *The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story* by Diane Ackerman
- *The Rising Sun: The Decline and Fall of the Japanese Empire, 1936-1945* by John Toland
- *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

- *When Books Went to War: The Stories that Helped Us Win World War II* by Manning, Molly Guptill
- *When my name was Keoko* by Linda Sue Park
- *Winter of the World* by Ken Follett
- *The Hotel on Place Vendome* by Tilar J. Mazzeo

The Holocaust:

- *A Lucky Child: a memoir of surviving Auschwitz as a young boy* by Thomas Buergenthal
- *Briar Rose* by Janet Yolen
- *My Mother's Secret: A Novel Based on a True Holocaust Story* by J.L. Witterick
- *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay
- *Schindler's List* by Thomas Keneally
- *Sophie's Choice* by Willima Styron
- *The Berlin Boxing Club* by Robert Sharenow
- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
- *The Lost Wife* by Alyson Richman
- *The Pianist* by Wladyslaw Szpilman
- *The Zookeepers Wife: A War Story* by Diane Ackerman

Cold War

- *German Boy* by Wolfgang W.E. Samuel
- *Twelve Days: The Story of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution* by Victor Sebestyen
- *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

Latin America

- *The Friends of Pancho Villa* by James Carlos Blake

Modern Issues

- *Secondhand Time: The Last of the Soviets* by Svetlana Alexievich