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**The winner of Britain's prestigious Whitbread Prize and a bestseller there for months, this wonderfully readable biography offers a rich, rollicking picture of late-eighteenth-century British aristocracy and the intimate story of a woman who for a time was its undisputed leader. Lady Georgiana Spencer**

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**was the great-great-great-great-aunt of Diana, Princess of Wales, and was nearly as famous in her day. In 1774, at the age of seventeen, Georgiana achieved immediate celebrity by marrying one of England's richest and most influential aristocrats, the Duke of Devonshire. Launched into a world of wealth and power, she quickly became the queen of fashionable society, adored by the Prince of Wales, a dear friend of Marie-Antoinette, and leader of the most important salon of her time. Not content with the role of society hostess, she used her connections to enter politics, eventually becoming more influential than most of the men**

who held office. Her good works and social exploits made her loved by the multitudes, but Georgiana's public success, like Diana's, concealed a personal life that was fraught with suffering. The Duke of Devonshire was unimpressed by his wife's legendary charms, preferring instead those of her closest friend, a woman with whom Georgiana herself was rumored to be on intimate terms. For over twenty years, the three lived together in a jealous and uneasy ménage à trois, during which time both women bore the Duke's children—as well as those of other men. Foreman's descriptions of Georgiana's

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**uncontrollable gambling, all-night drinking, drug taking, and love affairs with the leading politicians of the day give us fascinating insight into the lives of the British aristocracy in the era of the madness of King George III, the American and French revolutions, and the defeat of Napoleon. A gifted young historian whom critics are already likening to Antonia Fraser, Amanda Foreman draws on a wealth of fresh research and writes colorfully and penetratingly about the fascinating Georgiana, whose struggle against her own weaknesses, whose great beauty and flamboyance, and whose**

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**determination to play a part in the affairs of the world make her a vibrant, astonishingly contemporary figure.**

**A gripping and original account of how the Civil War began and a second American revolution unfolded, setting Abraham Lincoln on the path to greatness and millions of slaves on the road to freedom. An epic of courage and heroism beyond the battlefields, 1861 introduces us to a heretofore little-known cast of Civil War heroes—among them an acrobatic militia colonel, an explorer's wife, an idealistic band of German immigrants, a regiment of New York City firemen, a community of Virginia**

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**slaves, and a young college professor who would one day become president. Their stories take us from the corridors of the White House to the slums of Manhattan, from the waters of the Chesapeake to the deserts of Nevada, from Boston Common to Alcatraz Island, vividly evoking the Union at its moment of ultimate crisis and decision. Hailed as “exhilarating....Inspiring ...Irresistible...” by The New York Times Book Review, Adam Goodheart’s bestseller 1861 is an important addition to the Civil War canon. Includes black-and-white photos and illustrations. Traces the rise of Bolshevism at the end of World War I and the**

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**determined but unsuccessful Allied efforts to stop its progression by intervening in the Russian civil war, a campaign that was further complicated by counterrevolutions and civil unrest in several other world regions. By the author of The Devil's Disciples. 15,000 first printing.**

**During and after the Second World War, public intellectuals in Britain and the United States grappled with concerns about the future of democracy, the prospects of liberty, and the decline of the imperial system. Without using the term "globalization, " they identified a shift toward technological,**

**economic, cultural, and political interconnectedness and developed a "globalist" ideology to reflect this new postwar reality. The Emergence of Globalism examines the competing visions of world order that shaped these debates and led to the development of globalism as a modern political concept. Shedding critical light on this neglected chapter in the history of political thought, Or Rosenboim describes how a transnational network of globalist thinkers emerged from the traumas of war and expatriation in the 1940s and how their ideas drew widely from political philosophy, geopolitics,**



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**economics, imperial thought,  
constitutional law, theology, and  
philosophy of science. She  
presents compelling portraits of  
Raymond Aron, Owen Lattimore,  
Lionel Robbins, Barbara  
Wootton, Friedrich Hayek, Lionel  
Curtis, Richard McKeon, Michael  
Polanyi, Lewis Mumford,  
Jacques Maritain, Reinhold  
Niebuhr, H.G. Wells, and others.  
Rosenboim shows how the  
globalist debate they embarked  
on sought to balance the  
tensions between a growing  
recognition of pluralism on the  
one hand and an appreciation of  
the unity of humankind on the  
other."--Dust jacket**

**Setting the Desert on Fire: T. E.**

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**Lawrence and Britain's Secret  
War in Arabia, 1916-1918**

**Explaining World War I  
Under Fire**

**The Civil War Awakening  
A History of Britain in 21 Women  
Duchess of Devonshire**

**A History of Union and  
Confederate Foreign Relations**

A study of the Confederacy's inept attempts to win foreign support for its cause.

An authoritative account of the 1916 revolt in Arabia and T. E. Lawrence's lesser-known role in key events draws on previously unavailable archival material to offer insight into the uprising's complexities and contributions to modern Middle East conflicts. Reprint.

**In The Pity of War, Niall Ferguson**

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makes a simple and provocative argument: that the human atrocity known as the Great War was entirely England's fault. Britain, according to Ferguson, entered into war based on naïve assumptions of German aims—and England's entry into the war transformed a Continental conflict into a world war, which they then badly mishandled, necessitating American involvement. The war was not inevitable, Ferguson argues, but rather the result of the mistaken decisions of individuals who would later claim to have been in the grip of huge impersonal forces. That the war was wicked, horrific, inhuman, is memorialized in part by the poetry of men like Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon, but also by cold statistics. More British soldiers were killed in the first day of the Battle of the Somme

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than Americans in the Vietnam War; indeed, the total British fatalities in that single battle—some 420,000—exceeds the entire American fatalities for both World Wars. And yet, as Ferguson writes, while the war itself was a disastrous folly, the great majority of men who fought it did so with enthusiasm. Ferguson vividly brings back to life this terrifying period, not through dry citation of chronological chapter and verse but through a series of brilliant chapters focusing on key ways in which we now view the First World War. For anyone wanting to understand why wars are fought, why men are willing to fight them, and why the world is as it is today, there is no sharper nor more stimulating guide than Niall Ferguson's *The Pity of War*. Explores the attitudes, beliefs, prejudices, and eccentricities of Great

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Britain's pre-World War I army, and the  
behavior of its soldiers and officers both  
off duty and at war

Surviving Slavery in the British  
Caribbean

The Revolt That Ended Slavery in the  
British Empire

Rogue Heroes

The Emergence of Globalism

A Personal Selection

The British Are Coming

**Thomas Day, an 18th-  
century British writer  
and radical, knew  
exactly the sort of  
woman he wanted to  
marry. Pure and virginal  
like an English country  
maid yet tough and hardy  
like a Spartan heroine,**

she would live with him in an isolated cottage, completely subservient to his whims. But after being rejected by a number of spirited young women, Day concluded that the perfect partner he envisioned simply did not exist in frivolous, fashion-obsessed Georgian society. Rather than conceding defeat and giving up his search for the woman of his dreams, however, Day set out to create her. So begins the extraordinary true story at the heart

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of How to Create the  
Perfect Wife, prize-  
winning historian Wendy  
Moore's captivating tale  
of one man's mission to  
groom his ideal mate. A  
few days after he turned  
twenty-one and inherited  
a large fortune, Day  
adopted two young  
orphans from the  
Foundling Hospital and,  
guided by the writings  
of Jean-Jacques Rousseau  
and the principles of  
the Enlightenment,  
attempted to teach them  
to be model wives. After  
six months he discarded

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one girl, calling her  
“invincibly stupid,” and  
focused his efforts on  
his remaining charge. He  
subjected her to a  
number of cruel  
trials—including  
dropping hot wax on her  
arms and firing pistols  
at her skirts—to test  
her resolve but the  
young woman, perhaps  
unsurprisingly,  
eventually rebelled  
against her domestic  
slavery. Day had hoped  
eventually to marry her,  
but his peculiar  
experiment inevitably



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backfired—though not before he had taken his theories about marriage, education, and femininity to shocking extremes. Stranger than fiction, blending tragedy and farce, *How to Create the Perfect Wife* is an engrossing tale of the radicalism—and deep contradictions—at the heart of the Enlightenment.

After learning of atomic physics, H. G. Wells began to think of its potential impact on

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human society. In *The World Set Free*, atomic energy causes massive unemployment, shaking the already fragile social order. The ambitious powers of the world decide to seize the opportunity to compete for dominance, and a world war breaks out, echoing the looming Great War about to ignite in 1914. Waking to the catastrophe, humanity begins the hard search for a way into a better future. The novel traces a soldier, an ex-

king, a despot, and a sage through a profound transformation of human society, and we gain a window into Wells' own thoughts and hopes along the way. With one prophetic stroke, Wells gives the first detailed depiction of atomic energy and its potential destructive power, and predicts the use of the air power in modern warfare. He may have even directly influenced the development of nuclear weapons, as the physicist Leó Szilárd,

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shortly after reading  
the novel in 1932, then  
conceived of harnessing  
the neutron chain  
reaction critical to the  
development of the atom  
bomb. This book is part  
of the Standard Ebooks  
project, which produces  
free public domain  
ebooks.

This is the incredible  
story of a Second World  
War shoot-out between  
black and white American  
soldiers in a quiet  
Cornish town that ended  
up putting the 'special  
relationship' itself on

trial. The subsequent court martial into what tabloids labelled a 'wild west' mutiny became front page news in Great Britain and the USA. Three thousand miles across the Atlantic, it mirrored and bolstered a fast-accelerating civil rights movement. At home it caused Churchill himself 'grave anxiety' while refracting an extraordinary truth about the real state of Anglo-American relations. For three

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long days the story  
raged before the  
turbulent war-torn world  
moved on and forgot  
forever amid ever-  
escalating D-Day  
preparations. This  
account of a shocking  
drama the authorities  
tried to hush up has  
been painstakingly  
pieced back together for  
the first time thanks to  
new archival research.  
When slotted into its  
unique context,  
extracted from wartime  
cabinet documents,  
secret government

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surveys, opinion polls, diaries, letters and newspapers as well as testimony from those who remember it, the story offers a rare and stunning window into a little-known dark side of the 'American Invasion.' By breathing new life into a vanished trial, it reveals a rare and surprising insight into the wider story of how Britain reacted to soldiers of the Jim Crow army when they came to stay.

When a meteorite lands

in Surrey, the locals don't know what to make of it. But as Martians emerge and begin killing bystanders, it quickly becomes clear—England is under attack. Armed soldiers converge on the scene to ward off the invaders, but meanwhile, more Martian cylinders land on Earth, bringing reinforcements. As war breaks out across England, the locals must fight for their lives, but life on Earth will never be the same. This is an unabridged version



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of one of the first  
fictional accounts of  
extraterrestrial  
invasion. H. G. Wells's  
military science fiction  
novel was first  
published in book form  
in 1898, and is  
considered a classic of  
English literature.

An American Uprising in  
Second World War England  
The Plot to Bring Down  
the British Empire  
Union in Peril  
How to Create the  
Perfect Wife  
Blue & Gray Diplomacy  
Georgiana's World

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**The Alabama, British  
Neutrality, and the  
American Civil War**

***The inspiring true story of  
Josephine Reynolds, Britain's  
first full-time female firefighter.***

***When Josephine Reynolds  
signed up with the Norfolk Fire  
Service in July 1982 at just  
seventeen years old, there was  
no such thing as a firefighter -  
only fire men. Set against the  
slate-grey backdrop of early  
1980s Britain, Fire Woman is  
the story of how a young  
woman brought up in rural  
Wales coped in the  
testosterone-fuelled world of  
the fire brigade, where even***

***today 96 per cent of all staff are male. In a life packed with incident - where lethal forest fires, escaped zoo animals and unexploded bombs formed a background to the everyday toll of death and disaster - Josephine experienced both triumph and heartbreaking personal tragedy. Fire Woman also provides a unique insight into the camaraderie that comes with risking your life on a daily basis and stands as the inspiring true story of an extraordinary young woman who took on a man's world and won, becoming Britain's first full-time firefighter.***

***In the whole course of the war,' conceded Britain's chief press censor, 'there was no story which gave me so much trouble as that of the attempted German invasion, flaming oil on the water and 30,000 burned Germans.'***

***Sparked by the Directorate of Military Intelligence and MI6, rumours that Britain had set fire to the English Channel to defeat a German invasion in 1940 quickly spread around the world. Highly popular in America, the incendiary 'Big Lie' became Britain's first significant propaganda victory of the Second World War. Yet***

***the unlikely deception was founded in fact. Dead German soldiers were washed ashore on British beaches, a secret Petroleum Warfare Department tested lethal flame barrages on land and sea, and fire ships were hastily dispatched to enemy ports as part of Operation Lucid. British intelligence agencies even managed to plant the burning sea story on their opposite numbers in Nazi Germany. Burn the Sea is the definitive account of the origin, circulation and astonishing longevity of the myth of the 'invasion that***

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***failed' in 1940, as well as its remarkable revival in 1992.***

***Britain is at a cross-roads; from the economy, to the education system, to social mobility, Britain must learn the rules of the 21st century, or face a slide into mediocrity. Brittania Unchained travels around the world, exploring the nations that are triumphing in this new age, seeking lessons Britain must implement to carve out a bright future.***

**NEW YORK TIMES**

***BESTSELLER • The incredible untold story of World War II's greatest secret fighting force,***

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**as told by the modern master  
of wartime intrigue—coming  
soon as a limited series on  
Epix! “Reads like a mashup of  
The Dirty Dozen and The Great  
Escape, with a sprinkling of  
Ocean’s 11 thrown in for good  
measure.”—Michiko Kakutani,  
The New York Times ONE OF  
NPR’S BEST BOOKS OF THE  
YEAR • “Rogue Heroes is a  
ripping good  
read.”—Washington Post (10  
Best Books of the Year)  
Britain’s Special Air  
Service—or SAS—was the  
brainchild of David Stirling, a  
young aristocrat whose  
aimlessness belied a**

**remarkable strategic mind. Where most of his colleagues looked at a World War II battlefield map and saw a protracted struggle, Stirling saw an opportunity: given a small number of elite men, he could parachute behind Nazi lines and sabotage their airplanes and supplies. Defying his superiors' conventional wisdom, Stirling assembled a revolutionary fighting force that would upend not just the balance of the war, but the nature of combat itself. Bringing his keen eye for detail to a riveting wartime narrative, Ben**



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***Macintyre uses his  
unprecedented access to the  
SAS archives to shine a light  
on a legendary unit long  
shrouded in secrecy.***

***The Great Fire***

***The History of the SAS,  
Britain's Secret Special Forces  
Unit That Sabotaged the Nazis  
and Changed the Nature of  
War***

***The War for America,  
Lexington to Princeton,  
1775-1777***

***Britannia Unchained  
Mutiny in the Duchy  
Visions of World Order in  
Britain and the United States,  
1939–1950***

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"Ingenious... Builds to one of the most memorable final scenes I've read in a novel this century."

—The New York Times WINNER OF THE 2018 WOMEN'S PRIZE FOR FICTION FINALIST FOR THE 2019 INTERNATIONAL DUBLIN LITERARY AWARD LONGLISTED FOR THE MAN BOOKER PRIZE The suspenseful and heartbreaking story of an immigrant family driven to pit love against loyalty, with devastating consequences Isma is free. After years of watching out for her younger

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siblings in the wake of their mother's death, she's accepted an invitation from a mentor in America that allows her to resume a dream long deferred. But she can't stop worrying about Aneeka, her beautiful, headstrong sister back in London, or their brother, Parvaiz, who's disappeared in pursuit of his own dream, to prove himself to the dark legacy of the jihadist father he never knew. When he resurfaces half a globe away, Isma's worst fears are confirmed. Then Eamonn enters the

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sisters' lives. Son of a powerful political figure, he has his own birthright to live up to—or defy. Is he to be a chance at love? The means of Parvaiz's salvation? Suddenly, two families' fates are inextricably, devastatingly entwined, in this searing novel that asks: What sacrifices will we make in the name of love?

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YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW •  
2011 NAMED ONE OF THE BEST  
BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The  
Washington Post • The New

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Yorker • Chicago Tribune •  
The Economist • Nancy  
Pearl, NPR • Bloomberg.com  
• Library Journal •

Publishers Weekly In this  
brilliant narrative,  
Amanda Foreman tells the  
fascinating story of the  
American Civil War—and the  
major role played by  
Britain and its citizens  
in that epic struggle.  
Between 1861 and 1865,  
thousands of British  
citizens volunteered for  
service on both sides of  
the Civil War. From the  
first cannon blasts on  
Fort Sumter to Lee's  
surrender at Appomattox,

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they served as officers and infantrymen, sailors and nurses, blockade runners and spies. Through personal letters, diaries, and journals, Foreman introduces characters both humble and grand, while crafting a panoramic yet intimate view of the war on the front lines, in the prison camps, and in the great cities of both the Union and the Confederacy. In the drawing rooms of London and the offices of Washington, on muddy fields and aboard packed ships, Foreman reveals the decisions made, the

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beliefs held and  
contested, and the  
personal triumphs and  
sacrifices that ultimately  
led to the reunification  
of America. "Engrossing .  
. . . a sprawling  
drama."—The Washington  
Post "Eye-opening . . .  
immensely ambitious and  
immensely  
accomplished."—The New  
Yorker WINNER OF THE  
FLETCHER PRATT AWARD FOR  
CIVIL WAR HISTORY  
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The Great Fire is the

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winner of the 2003  
National Book Award for  
Fiction. A great writer's  
sweeping story of men and  
women struggling to  
reclaim their lives in the  
aftermath of world  
conflict The Great Fire is  
Shirley Hazzard's first  
novel since The Transit of  
Venus, which won the  
National Book Critics  
Circle Award in 1981. The  
conflagration of her title  
is the Second World War.  
In war-torn Asia and  
stricken Europe, men and  
women, still young but  
veterans of harsh  
experience, must reinvent



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their lives and expectations, and learn, from their past, to dream again. Some will fulfill their destinies, others will falter. At the center of the story, Aldred Leith, a brave and brilliant soldier, finds that survival and worldly achievement are not enough. Helen Driscoll, a young girl living in occupied Japan and tending her dying brother, falls in love, and in the process discovers herself. In the looming shadow of world enmities resumed, and of Asia's coming

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centrality in world  
affairs, a man and a woman  
seek to recover self-  
reliance, balance, and  
tenderness, struggling to  
reclaim their humanity.

The Illustrated Georgiana,  
Duchess of Devonshire

A Novel

1919 and the Battle with  
Bolshevism

The Crisis over British  
Intervention in the Civil  
War

The Forgotten Statesman  
Who Shaped Britain and  
Canada

Georgiana

Island on Fire

*Between the Confederacy and*

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**recognition by Great Britain stood one unlikely Englishman who hated the slave trade. His actions helped determine the fate of a nation. When Robert Bunch arrived in Charleston to take up the post of British consul in 1853, he was young and full of ambition, but even he couldn't have imagined the incredible role he would play in the history-making events to unfold. In an age when diplomats often were spies, Bunch's job included sending intelligence back to the British government in London. Yet as the United States threatened to erupt into Civil War, Bunch found**

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*himself plunged into a double life, settling into an amiable routine with his slavery-loving neighbors on the one hand, while working furiously to thwart their plans to achieve a new Confederacy. As secession and war approached, the Southern states found themselves in an impossible position. They knew that recognition from Great Britain would be essential to the survival of the Confederacy, and also that such recognition was likely to be withheld if the South reopened the Atlantic slave trade. But as Bunch meticulously noted from his perch in Charleston,*

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*secession's red-hot epicenter, that trade was growing. And as Southern leaders continued to dissemble publicly about their intentions, Bunch sent dispatch after secret dispatch back to the Foreign Office warning of the truth—that economic survival would force the South to import slaves from Africa in massive numbers. When the gears of war finally began to turn, and Bunch was pressed into service on an actual spy mission to make contact with the Confederate government, he found himself in the middle of a fight between the Union and Britain that threatened, in*

*the boast of Secretary of State William Seward, to "wrap the world in flames." In this masterfully told story, Christopher Dickey introduces Consul Bunch as a key figure in the pitched battle between those who wished to reopen the floodgates of bondage and misery, and those who wished to dam the tide forever. Featuring a remarkable cast of diplomats, journalists, senators, and spies, Our Man in Charleston captures the intricate, intense relationship between great powers on the brink of war. "Thoroughly researched . . . [Hubbard's] interpretation is solid, well supported,*

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**and touches all of the major aspects of Confederate diplomacy."--American Historical Review "As the first examination of the topic since King Cotton Diplomacy (1931), this work deserves widespread attention. Hubbard offers a convincingly bleak portrayal of the limited skills and myopic vision of Rebel diplomacy at home and abroad."--Virginia Magazine of History and Biography Of the many factors that contributed to the South's loss of the Civil War, one of the most decisive was the failure of Southern diplomacy. In this penetrating work, Charles M.**

**Hubbard reassesses the diplomatic efforts made by the Confederacy in its struggle to become an independent nation. Hubbard focuses both on the Confederacy's attempts to negotiate a peaceful separation from the Union and Southern diplomats' increasingly desperate pursuit of state recognition from the major European powers. Drawing on a large body of sources, Hubbard offers an important reinterpretation of the problems facing Confederate diplomats. He demonstrates how the strategies and objectives of the South's diplomatic**



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*program--themselves often  
poorly conceived--were then  
placed in the hands of  
inexperienced envoys who  
were ill-equipped to succeed  
in their roles as  
negotiators. The Author:  
Charles M. Hubbard is  
associate professor of  
history at Lincoln Memorial  
University and executive  
director of the Abraham  
Lincoln Memorial Museum in  
Harrogate, Tennessee.  
Although the Blitz has come  
to symbolize the experience  
of civilians under attack,  
Germany first launched air  
raids on Britain at the end  
of 1914 and continued them  
during the First World War.  
With the advent of air*

*warfare, civilians far removed from traditional battle zones became a direct target of war rather than a group shielded from its impact. This is a study of how British civilians experienced and came to terms with aerial warfare during the First and Second World Wars. Memories of the World War I bombings shaped British responses to the various real and imagined war threats of the 1920s and 1930s, including the bombing of civilians during the Spanish Civil War and, ultimately, the Blitz itself. The processes by which different constituent bodies of the British nation*

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*responded to the arrival of air power reveal the particular role that gender played in defining civilian participation in modern war. In 1932, Mittie Maude Lena Gordon spoke to a crowd of black Chicagoans at the old Jack Johnson boxing ring, rallying their support for emigration to West Africa. In 1937, Celia Jane Allen traveled to Jim Crow Mississippi to organize rural black workers around black nationalist causes. In the late 1940s, from her home in Kingston, Jamaica, Amy Jacques Garvey launched an extensive letter-writing campaign to defend the Greater Liberia Bill, which*

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would relocate 13 million black Americans to West Africa. Gordon, Allen, and Jacques Garvey—as well as Maymie De Mena, Ethel Collins, Amy Ashwood, and Ethel Waddell—are part of an overlooked and understudied group of black women who take center stage in *Set the World on Fire*, the first book to examine how black nationalist women engaged in national and global politics from the early twentieth century to the 1960s. Historians of the era generally portray the period between the Garvey movement of the 1920s and the Black Power movement of the 1960s as one of declining black

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*nationalist activism, but Keisha N. Blain reframes the Great Depression, World War II, and the early Cold War as significant eras of black nationalist—and particularly, black nationalist women's—ferment. In Chicago, Harlem, and the Mississippi Delta, from Britain to Jamaica, these women built alliances with people of color around the globe, agitating for the rights and liberation of black people in the United States and across the African diaspora. As pragmatic activists, they employed multiple protest strategies and tactics, combined numerous religious*

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*and political ideologies,  
and forged unlikely  
alliances in their struggles  
for freedom. Drawing on a  
variety of previously  
untapped sources, including  
newspapers, government  
records, songs, and poetry,  
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highlights the flexibility,  
adaptability, and  
experimentation of black  
women leaders who demanded  
equal recognition and  
participation in global  
civil society.*

*Fire Woman*

*The Sky on Fire*

*Black and White Comradeship  
in the Grand Army of the  
Republic*

*Air Raids and Culture in*

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***Britain from the Great War  
to the Blitz***

***Britain's Crucial Role in  
the American Civil War  
Set the World on Fire  
A World on Fire***

From a New York Times bestselling author, a gripping account of the slave rebellion that led to the abolition of slavery in the British Empire. For five horrific weeks after Christmas in 1831, Jamaica was convulsed by an uprising of its enslaved people. What started as a peaceful labor strike quickly turned into a full-blown revolt, leaving hundreds of plantation houses in

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smoking ruins. By the time British troops had put down the rebels, more than a thousand Jamaicans lay dead from summary executions and extrajudicial murder. While the rebels lost their military gamble, their sacrifice accelerated the larger struggle for freedom in the British Atlantic. The daring and suffering of the Jamaicans galvanized public opinion throughout the empire, triggering a decisive turn against slavery. For centuries bondage had fed Britain's appetite for sugar. Within two years of the Christmas



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rebellion, slavery was formally abolished. *Island on Fire* is a dramatic day-by-day account of this transformative uprising. A skillful storyteller, Tom Zoellner goes back to the primary sources to tell the intimate story of the men and women who rose up and tasted liberty for a few brief weeks. He provides the first full portrait of the rebellion's enigmatic leader, Samuel Sharpe, and gives us a poignant glimpse of the struggles and dreams of the many Jamaicans who died for liberty.

Can you name the creator of

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the Territorial Army, the British Expeditionary Force, the Imperial General Staff, and the Officers' Training Corps? The man who laid the foundation stones of MI5, MI6, the RAF, the LSE, Imperial College, the "redbrick" universities, and the Medical Research Council? This book restores Richard Burdon Haldane to his rightful place among the great men of British and Canadian history. Serving as war minister in the 1905 Liberal British government, his groundbreaking proposals on defence, education, and government structure were

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astonishingly ahead of his time – the very building blocks of modern Britain. Even the Canadian Constitution, as now interpreted, is unthinkable without Haldane. His ubiquitous networks ranged from Wilde to Einstein, Churchill to Carnegie, king to kaiser; his polymathic interests enabled pioneering cross-party, cross-sector cooperation. Yet in 1915 he was ejected from the Lord Chancellorship, unjustly vilified by an ignorant press campaign as a German sympathizer. John Campbell charts these ups and downs,

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reveals the intensely personal side of Haldane through previously unpublished love letters, and shows his enormous relevance in our search for just societies and states today. Amidst political and national instability, it is surely now right to reinstate Haldane as an outstanding example of true statesmanship.

A fresh, dark, sexy retelling of Arthurian legend...Eighteen-year-old Arthur burns for two things: a warrior's ink, and Bedwyr, his older brother's friend and shieldmate. Though the warlord's son is beyond

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his reach, a Saxon incursion finally brings Arthur's chance at the tattoo that will brand him a fighter. But when he abandons his training in the heat of battle, his reckless ambition costs Bedwyr his sword hand. Once, Bedwyr trusted in two things: he was a warrior, and the presumed heir of Uthyr ap Emrys. Now, reeling from injury and banished by his father, he's lost everything. The last person he wants to see is the cub who ignited his disastrous instinct to protect, especially when he arrives with Bedwyr's armor and a dangerously

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hopeful scheme to restore him  
to his rightful place.

MARKED  
BY FIRE is the 1st novel  
(50,000 words) of the SONS OF  
BRITAIN series. 2nd Edition

Note: This title was originally  
published in 2016 as a novella.

The author has significantly  
expanded the story for  
republication. SONS OF  
BRITAIN series They're a long  
way from legendary. Amid the  
volatility of 6th-century Britain,  
Arthur and Bedwyr are just  
two young men, born to fight  
and bound to their warlord by  
blood and oath. But when  
fierce hearts collide, loyalties  
can shift, creating bonds far

stronger--and ideas far riskier--than their world may be ready for. SONS OF BRITAIN is the second series of the STORM'S EDGE saga. The generation that reached maturity in the inter war years had grown up in the shadow of the heroic age of Polar exploration and the sacrifices of a generation in the Great War. Their own adventures were to prove as astonishing and heroic as those of a previous generation. The members of the British Arctic air route expedition to Greenland, including Martin Lindsay, Quintin Riley and

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Freddie Spencer Chapman, were to pioneer the weather research methods necessary for Trans-Atlantic Flight. The university expeditions to Spitsbergen led by George Binney in the 1920s and Sandy Glen in the 1930s traversed and surveyed unexplored ground and contributed to developments in polar flight and radar. Glen's expeditions added to the knowledge of Arctic conditions by overwintering. Other pre-war exploits of these adventurers included a voyage around the world the wrong way, and participation in the British



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Graham Land Antarctic expedition. Peter Fleming, brother to the creator of James Bond - Ian Fleming - spent the 1930s exploring Brazil, China and Tartary. Fleming's exploits are recounted in detail in this book. The character, skills and endurance obtained in these years set these adventurers and explorers apart as men who were to play a distinguished and heroic role in the Second World War. Their expertise in Arctic conditions, small boat handling, and exploring in all climatic conditions resulted in

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their participation in all aspects of warfare and arenas of battle, particularly as exponents of 'special operations', and as key members of Britain's first special forces. Their war service took them from the fjords of Norway and Spitsbergen to the jungles of Burma and Malaya and the beaches of Normandy and Italy. They were involved in blockade running, covert operations in Yugoslavia, Corsica and France and took part in major initiatives such as Ian Fleming's Intelligence gathering force, No 30 Assault

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unit, and the raid on St Nazaire. Most of these men had known each other before war came in 1939. In some cases they ended up serving alongside one another in wartime. The intertwined stories of these characters in peace and war are examples of how the spirit of adventure shown by men in the inter war years contributed to Britain's outstanding role in the Second World War. Linda Parker has written an important study that is equally relevant to both the history of British exploration and the genesis and early days of Britain's special forces

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1939-45 - a quite unique and hitherto unexamined relationship. Linda Parker combines teaching History on a part time basis with her writing, and is currently completing a PhD at Birmingham University. Her main areas of interest are 20th Century Military History, Church History and the History of Polar exploration. She is a member of the Western Front Association. She was born and educated in Wales, but now lives in Oxfordshire with her husband and their dog. She enjoys walking and travelling, ideally together, and

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her ambition is to visit  
Antarctica. Her first book  
published by Helion was The  
Whole Armour of God:  
Anglican Army Chaplains in  
the Great War (2009).

Haldane

Flame Warfare, Black  
Propaganda and the Nazi Plan  
to Invade England

Our Man in Charleston

Home Fire

Britain's Secret Agent in the  
Civil War South

The World Set Free

A New History of the Railways  
in Britain

Now in paperback, Fire  
and Steam tells the

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dramatic story of the people and events that shaped the world's first railway network, one of the most impressive engineering achievements in history. The opening of the pioneering Liverpool and Manchester Railway in 1830 marked the beginning of the railways' vital role in changing the face of Britain. Fire and Steam celebrates the vision and determination of the ambitious Victorian pioneers who developed this revolutionary

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transport system and the navvies who cut through the land to enable a country-wide network to emerge. The rise of the steam train allowed goods and people to circulate around Britain as never before, stimulating the growth of towns and industry, as well many of the facets of modern life, from fish and chips to professional football. From the early days of steam to electrification, via the railways' magnificent

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contribution in two world wars, the checkered history of British Rail, and the buoyant future of the train, *Fire and Steam* examines the social and economical importance of the railway and how it helped to form the Britain of today. Presents a history of the role of British citizens in the American Civil War that offers insight into the interdependencies of both nations and how the Union worked to block



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diplomatic relations  
between England and the  
Confederacy.

Uses intelligence  
reports to reconstruct  
the war conducted by  
Germany and Turkey  
against Britain

In the years after the  
Civil War, black and  
white Union soldiers who  
survived the horrific  
struggle joined the  
Grand Army of the  
Republic (GAR)--the  
Union army's largest  
veterans' organization.  
In this thoroughly  
researched and

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groundbreaking study, Barbara Gannon chronicles black and white veterans' efforts to create and sustain the nation's first interracial organization. According to the conventional view, the freedoms and interests of African American veterans were not defended by white Union veterans after the war, despite the shared tradition of sacrifice among both black and white soldiers. In *The Won Cause*, however,

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Gannon challenges this scholarship, arguing that although black veterans still suffered under the contemporary racial mores, the GAR honored its black members in many instances and ascribed them a greater equality than previous studies have shown. Using evidence of integrated posts and veterans' thoughts on their comradeship and the cause, Gannon reveals that white veterans embraced black veterans

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because their membership  
in the GAR demonstrated  
that their wartime  
suffering created a  
transcendent  
bond--comradeship--that  
overcame even the most  
pernicious social  
barrier--race-based  
separation. By upholding  
a more inclusive memory  
of a war fought for  
liberty as well as  
union, the GAR's "Won  
Cause" challenged the  
Lost Cause version of  
Civil War memory.

The Pity of War  
Fire and Steam

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Marked by Fire

The World on Fire

British Explorers in

Peace and War 1921-45

At Home and under Fire

The War of the Worlds

*The imperial aspect of Churchill's career tends to be airbrushed out, while the battles against Nazism are heavily foregrounded. A charmer and a bully, Winston Churchill was driven by a belief that the English were a superior race, whose goals went beyond individual interests to offer an enduring good to the entire world. No better example exists than Churchill's resolve to stand alone*

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against a more powerful  
Hitler in 1940 while the  
world's democracies fell to  
their knees. But there is  
also the Churchill who  
frequently inveighed against  
human rights, nationalism,  
and constitutional  
progress—the imperialist who  
could celebrate racism and  
believed India was unsuited  
to democracy. Drawing on  
newly released documents and  
an uncanny ability to  
separate the facts from the  
overblown reputation (by mid-  
career Churchill had become  
a global brand), Richard  
Toye provides the first  
comprehensive analysis of  
Churchill's relationship  
with the empire. Instead of

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locating Churchill's position on a simple left/right spectrum, Toye demonstrates how the statesman evolved and challenges the reader to understand his need to reconcile the demands of conscience with those of political conformity.

From the bestselling author of *A History of the World in 21 Women* They were famous queens, unrecognised visionaries, great artists and trailblazing politicians. They all pushed back boundaries and revolutionised our world. Jenni Murray presents the history of Britain as you've never seen it before,

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through the lives of twenty-one women who refused to succumb to the established laws of society, whose lives embodied hope and change, and who still have the power to inspire us today.

Jones studies the crisis in Anglo-American relations during the Civil War and its impact on the South's attempt to win foreign support during the crucial years of 1861 and 1862. He argues that the central issue was the possibility that Britain would grant diplomatic recognition to the Confederacy, a move that would have legitimized secession and undermined the Constitution. Originally



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*Atlantic slave societies were notorious deathtraps. In Surviving Slavery in the British Caribbean, Randy M. Browne looks past the familiar numbers of life and death and into a human drama*

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*in which enslaved Africans and their descendants struggled to survive against their enslavers, their environment, and sometimes one another. Grounded in the nineteenth-century British colony of Berbice, one of the Atlantic world's best-documented slave societies and the last frontier of slavery in the British Caribbean, Browne argues that the central problem for most enslaved people was not how to resist or escape slavery but simply how to stay alive. Guided by the voices of hundreds of enslaved people preserved in an extraordinary set of legal records, Browne*

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reveals a world of Caribbean slavery that is both brutal and breathtakingly intimate. Field laborers invoked abolitionist-inspired legal reforms to protest brutal floggings, spiritual healers conducted secretive nighttime rituals, anxious drivers weighed the competing pressures of managers and the condition of their fellow slaves in the fields, and women fought back against abusive masters and husbands. Browne shows that at the core of enslaved people's complicated relationships with their enslavers and one another was the struggle to live in a world of death.

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*Foreman*  
*Provocative and unflinching, Surviving Slavery in the British Caribbean reorients the study of Atlantic slavery by revealing how differently enslaved people's social relationships, cultural practices, and political strategies appear when seen in the light of their unrelenting struggle to survive.*

*The World That Made Him and the World He Made*

*The First Battle of Britain, 1917-1918, and the Birth of the Royal Air Force*

*Burn the Sea*

*Ice Steel and Fire*

*Like Hidden Fire*

*Churchill's Empire*

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*The Won Cause*

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Winner of the George  
Washington Prize Winner  
of the Barbara and David  
Zalaznick Book Prize in  
American History Winner  
of the Excellence in  
American History Book  
Award Winner of the  
Fraunces Tavern Museum  
Book Award From the  
bestselling author of  
the Liberation Trilogy  
comes the extraordinary  
first volume of his new  
trilogy about the  
American Revolution Rick  
Atkinson, author of the  
Pulitzer Prize-winning

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An Army at Dawn and two other superb books about World War II, has long been admired for his deeply researched, stunningly vivid narrative histories. Now he turns his attention to a new war, and in the initial volume of the Revolution Trilogy he recounts the first twenty-one months of America's violent war for independence. From the battles at Lexington and Concord in spring 1775 to those at Trenton and Princeton in winter

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1777, American  
militiamen and then the  
ragged Continental Army  
take on the world's most  
formidable fighting  
force. It is a gripping  
saga alive with  
astonishing characters:  
Henry Knox, the former  
bookseller with an  
uncanny understanding of  
artillery; Nathanael  
Greene, the blue-eyed  
bumpkin who becomes a  
brilliant battle  
captain; Benjamin  
Franklin, the self-made  
man who proves to be the  
wiliest of diplomats;

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George Washington, the commander in chief who learns the difficult art of leadership when the war seems all but lost. The story is also told from the British perspective, making the mortal conflict between the redcoats and the rebels all the more compelling. Full of riveting details and untold stories, *The British Are Coming* is a tale of heroes and knaves, of sacrifice and blunder, of redemption and profound suffering.



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Rick Atkinson has given stirring new life to the first act of our country's creation drama.

As one of the most flamboyant and influential women of the late 18th century, Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire was an icon of her time. Born Lady Georgiana Spencer, she married the fifth Duke of Devonshire in 1774; within a short space of time she had become the undisputed queen of fashionable society,

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adored by the Prince Regent, an intimate of Marie-Antoinette, an influential Whig hostess and a darling of the common people. Yet for all her aura of public glamour, Georgiana's personal life was fraught with suffering brought on by her compulsive gambling, which led to insurmountable debts and ignominy, and her search for love, which caused misery and exile. During the Second World War all British citizens

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were called upon to do their part for their country. Despite facing the discriminatory 'colour bar', many black civilians were determined to contribute to the war effort where they could, volunteering as air-raid wardens, fire-fighters, stretcher-bearers and first-aiders. Meanwhile, black servicemen and women, many of them volunteers from places as far away as Trinidad, Jamaica, Guyana and Nigeria, risked their lives

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fighting for the Mother  
Country in the air, at  
sea and on land. In  
Under Fire, Stephen  
Bourne draws on first-  
hand testimonies to tell  
the whole story of  
Britain's black  
community during the  
Second World War,  
shedding light on a  
wealth of experiences  
from evacuees to  
entertainers, government  
officials, prisoners of  
war and community  
leaders. Among those  
remembered are men and  
women whose stories have

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only recently come to light, making *Under Fire* the definitive account of the bravery and sacrifices of black Britons in wartime.

In this examination of Union and Confederate foreign relations during the Civil War from both European and American perspectives, Howard Jones demonstrates that the consequences of the conflict between North and South reached far beyond American soil. Jones highlights the mixture of reasons for

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European interest in the war, which ranged from self-interest to fear that an intervention would cause war with the Union. Most of all, he explores the horrible nature of a war that attracted outside involvement as much as it repelled it. Written in a narrative style that relates the story as its participants saw it play out around them, Blue and Gray diplomacy depicts the complex set of problems faced by policymakers from

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Richmond and Washington  
to London, Paris, and  
St. Petersburg.

Global Lessons for  
Growth and Prosperity  
The Extraordinary Story  
of Britain's First  
Female Firefighter

Black Britain in Wartime  
1939-45

Mr. Kipling's Army

Britain's Most

Ineligible Bachelor and  
his Enlightened Quest to  
Train the Ideal Mate

The Burden of

Confederate Diplomacy

Black Nationalist Women  
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