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Attila

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Attila The Hun

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the name attila the hun has become a byword for barbarism savagery and violence his is a truly household name but what do we really know about the man himself his position in history and the world in which he lived this riveting biography reveals the man behind the myth in the years 434 454ad the fate of europe hung upon the actions of one man attila king of the huns the decaying roman empire still stood astride the western world from its twin capitals of rome and constantinople but it was threatened by a new force the much feared barbarian hordes it was attila who united the barbarian tribes into a single amazingly effective army he launched two violent attacks against the eastern and western halves of the roman empire attacks which earned him his reputation for mindless devastation and brought an end to rome's pre-eminence in europe attila was coarse capricious arrogant ruthless and brilliant an illiterate and predatory tribal chief he had no interest in administration but was a wily politician who from his base in the grasslands of hungary used secretaries and ambassadors to bring him intelligence on his enemies he was a leader whose unique qualities made him supreme among tribal leaders but whose weaknesses ensured the collapse of his empire after his death

Barbarians at the Wall

2019-06-13

man does for the reader that most difficult of tasks he conjures up an ancient people in an alien landscape in such a way as to make them live guardian the people of the first nomadic empire left no written records but from 200 bc they dominated the heart of asia for 400 years they changed the world the mongols today's descendants of genghis khan see them as ancestors their rise cemented chinese unity and inspired the first great wall their heirs under attila the hun helped destroy the roman empire we don't know what language they spoke but they became known as xiongnu or hunnu a term passed down the centuries and across eurasia enduring today in shortened form as hun outside asia precious little is known of their rich history but new evidence reframes our understanding of the indelible mark they left on a vast region stretching from europe and sweeping right across central asia deep into china based on meticulous research and new archaeological evidence barbarians at the wall traces their epic story and shows how the nomadic cultures of the steppes gave birth to a barbarian empire with the wealth and power to threaten the civilised order of the ancient world

Empire of Horses

2020-02-04

an authoritative and rich history of the remarkable xiongnu culture a lost empire which preceded the mongols and even china itself the author of landmark histories such as genghis khan attila and xanadu invites us to discover a fertile period in asian history that prefigured so much of the world that followed the people of the first nomadic empire left no written records but from 200 bc they dominated the

heart of asia for four centuries and changed the world in the process the mongols today s descendants of genghis khan see these people as ancestors their rise cemented chinese identity and inspired the first great wall their descendants helped destroy the roman empire under the leadership of attila the hun we don t know what language they spoke but they became known as xiongnu or hunnu a term passed down the centuries and surviving today as hun and man uncovers new evidence that will transform our understanding of the profound mark they left on half the globe from europe to central asia and deep into china based on meticulous research and new archaeological evidence empire of horses traces this civilization s epic story and shows how this nomadic cultures of the steppes gave birth to an empire with the wealth and power to threaten the order of the ancient world

Kublai Khan

2012-03-31

in xanadu did kubla khan a stately pleasure dome decree kublai khan lives on in the popular imagination thanks to these two lines of poetry by coleridge but the true story behind this legend is even more fantastic than the poem would have us believe he inherited the second largest land empire in history from his grandfather genghis khan he promptly set about extending this into the biggest empire the world has ever seen extending his rule from china to iraq from siberia to afghanistan his personal domain covered sixty percent of all asia and one fifth of the world s land area the west first learnt of this great khan through the reports of marco polo kublai had not been born to rule but had clawed his way to leadership achieving power only in his 40s he had inherited genghis khan s great dream of world domination but unlike his grandfather he saw china and not mongolia as the key to controlling power and turned genghis unwieldy empire into a federation using china s great wealth coupled with his shrewd and subtle government he created an empire that was the greatest since the fall of rome and shaped the modern world as we know it today he gave china its modern day borders and his legacy is that country s resurgence and the superpower china of tomorrow

Xanadu

2010-10-31

a source for marco polo a netflix original series marco polo s journey from venice through europe and most of asia to the court of kublai khan in china is one of the most audacious in history his account of his experiences known simply as the travels uncovered an entirely new world of emperors and concubines great buildings stately pleasure domes in coleridge s dreaming huge armies and imperial riches his book shaped the west s understanding of china for hundreds of years john man travelled in marco s footsteps to xanadu in search of the truth behind marco s stories to separate legend from fact drawing on his own journey archaeology and archival study john man paints a vivid picture of the man behind the myth and the true story of the great court of kublai khan

Saladin

2015-04-23

saladin remains one of the most iconic figures of his age as the man who united the arabs and saved islam from christian crusaders in the 12th century he is the islamic world s preeminent hero ruthless in defence of his faith brilliant in leadership he also possessed qualities that won admiration from his christian foes he knew the

limits of violence showing such tolerance and generosity that many europeans appalled at the brutality of their own people saw him as the exemplar of their own knightly ideals but saladin is far more than a historical hero builder literary patron and theologian he is a man for all times and a symbol of hope for an arab world once again divided centuries after his death in cities from damascus to cairo and beyond to the arabian peninsula and the gulf saladin continues to be an immensely potent symbol of religious and military resistance to the west he is central to arab memories sensibilities and the ideal of a unified islamic state in this authoritative biography historian john man brings saladin and his world to life in vivid detail charting his rise to power his struggle to unify the warring factions of his faith and his battles to retake jerusalem and expel christian influence from arab lands saladin explores the life and the enduring legacy of this champion of islam and examines his significance for the world today

The Great Wall

2010-11-30

china s great wall north of beijing is one of the world s most famous sights millions every year climb the line of stone snaking over mountains we all feel we know the wall but we are wrong it is too big too varied too complex to be captured by a few images or a day trip myths surround it many believe that the stone barrier marches across all china that it has been in existence for over 2 000 years and that it is the only man made structure visible from the moon in fact most of it is made of earth and much of it is not there at all it cannot even be seen from earth orbit let alone the moon estimates of its length vary from 1 500 to 5 000 miles even its name is deceptive it is not an it a single entity but many walls hence the uncertain length built at different times yet behind the confusion are great simplicities the many walls are united by two ideas self protection and unity which go back to the first emperor who founded the nation in 221 bc for 2 000 years the wall marked the border between china and nomadic peoples to the north and west mutual hostility inspired centuries of attacks counter attacks and wall building until the northward spread of china in the 20th century made the wall redundant for this riveting account john man travelled the wall from the far western deserts to the pacific exploring the grandest sections and many wild ones he is the first writer to describe two unknown walls in mongolia he covers two millennia of history from the country s first unification to the present day when the great wall built and rebuilt over centuries of war has become a symbol of tranquillity

Attila The Hun

2011-02-15

attila the hun godless barbarian and near mythical warrior king has become a byword for mindless ferocity his brutal attacks smashed through the frontiers of the roman empire in a savage wave of death and destruction his reign of terror shattered an imperial world that had been securely unified by the conquests of julius caesar five centuries before this book goes in search of the real attila the hun for the first time it reveals the history of an astute politician and first rate military commander who brilliantly exploited the strengths and weaknesses of the roman empire we ride with attila and the huns from the windswept steppes of kazakhstan to the opulent city of constantinople from the great hungarian plain to the fertile fields of champagne in france challenging our own ideas about barbarians and romans imperialism and civilisation terrorists and superpowers this is the absorbing story of an extraordinary and complex individual who helped to bring down an empire and forced the map of europe to be redrawn forever

The Gutenberg Revolution

2010-10-31

in 1450 all europe s books were handcopied and amounted to only a few thousand by 1500 they were printed and numbered in their millions the invention of one man johann gutenberg had caused a revolution printing by movable type was a discovery waiting to happen born in 1400 in mainz germany gutenberg struggled against a background of plague and religious upheaval to bring his remarkable invention to light his story is full of paradox his ambition was to reunite all christendom but his invention shattered it he aimed to make a fortune but was cruelly denied the fruits of his life s work yet history remembers him as a visionary his discovery marks the beginning of the modern world

Alpha Beta

2010-10-31

the idea behind the alphabet that language with all its wealth of meaning can be recorded with a few meaningless signs is an extraordinary one so extraordinary in fact that it has occurred only once in human history in egypt about 4000 years ago alpha beta follows the emergence of the western alphabet as it evolved into its present form contributing vital elements to our sense of identity along the way the israelites used it to define their god the greeks to capture their myths the romans to display their power and today it seems on the verge of yet another expansion through the internet tracking the alphabet as it leaps from culture to culture john man weaves discoveries mysteries and controversies into a story of fundamental historical significance

Genghis Khan

2010-10-31

genghis khan creator of the greatest empire the world has ever seen is one of history s immortals in central asia they still use his name to frighten children in china he is honoured as the founder of a dynasty in mongolia he is the father of the nation in the usa time magazine voted genghis khan the most important person of the last millennium but how much do we really know about this man how is it that an unlettered unsophisticated warrior nomad came to have such a profound effect on world politics that his influence can still be felt some 800 years later how he united the deeply divided mongol peoples and went on to rule an empire that stretched from china in the east to poland in the west one substantially larger than rome s at its zenith is an epic tale of martial genius and breathtaking cruelty john man s towering achievement in this book enriched by his experiences in china and mongolia today is to bring this little known story vividly and viscerally to life

Attila the Hun: A 15-Minute Biography

2010-10-31

once there was a fierce and warlike tribe called the huns they had driven the goths to seek new homes they came from asia into southeastern europe and took possession of a large territory lying north of the river danube during the first half of the fifth century the huns had a famous king named attila he was only twenty one years old when he became their king even though he was young he was very brave and ambitious and he wanted to be a great and powerful king not far from attila s palace

there was a great rocky cave in the mountains in this cave lived a strange man called the hermit of the rocks no one knew his real name or from what country he had come he was very old with a wrinkled face and long gray hair and beard many persons believed that he was a fortune teller so people often went to him to ask what would happen to them one day shortly after he became king attila went to the cave to get his fortune told wise man said he look into the future and tell me what is before me in the path of life the hermit thought for a few moments then he said o king i see you a famous conqueror the master of many nations i see you going from country to country defeating armies and destroying cities men shall call you the fear of the world read the story of this warrior king who attempted to conquer the roman empire ages 7 to 10 educational versions include exercises designed to meet common core standards learningisland com believes in the value of children practicing reading for 15 minutes every day our 15 minute books give children lots of fun exciting choices to read from classic stories to mysteries to books of knowledge many books are appropriate for hi lo readers open the world of reading to a child by having them read for 15 minutes a day

The Leadership Secrets of Genghis Khan

2012-07-19

genghis khan is history s greatest conqueror as a teenager he was an outcast fleeing enemies on a mountain in northern mongolia an exile a nobody yet it took only twenty years for genghis to build the largest land empire in history four times the size of alexander s twice the size of rome s how did he do it what lessons does his life reveal about the nature of leadership what is greatness in leadership what traits did genghis possess exactly were they unique or might some apply in other times and other places even here and today in leadership secrets of genghis khan john man re examines the life of genghis khan to discover the qualities characteristics and strategies that made him the great leader that he was the answers are sometimes surprising genghis was far from just the tyrant that history records but rather a leader of exceptional vision and modernity and many of the secrets of his success are as valuable and applicable in today s competitive business world as they were in rallying the mongol hordes

Ninja

2011-02-10

the ninjas today are the stuff of myth and legend in comics film and electronic games but once they were real the medieval equivalent of the sas spies saboteurs assassins in their secrecy under cover skills and determination to survive they were the opposite of the overt self destructive samurai could they fly make themselves invisible of course not it was just that their skills gave them a magical aura as a result martial artists and story tellers have turned them into fantasy creatures from james bond to mutant turtles in ninja john man goes in search of the truth in a journey to the heartland of the ninjas he takes us from their origins over 1 000 years ago through their heyday in the civil wars that ended with japan s unification in 1600 but that was not the end of the ninja ethos that re emerged in world war two as a little known counterpart to japanese militarism ninja ways live on in the real last of the ninjas hiroo onoda who held out in the philippine jungle for 30 years

Samurai

2017-06-15

the name samurai is synonymous with the ultimate warrior with their elaborate armour fierce swordsmanship and code of honour the samurai have become iconic figures whose influence can still be felt today from kurosawa s epic seven samurai to the figure of darth vader in star wars to manga comics and video games the figure of the fighting samurai still inspires us today in john man s new book we discover the truth behind the legend from his birth in the shadow of the great volcano sakurajima to his glorious death by ritual suicide and disembowelment saigo takamori was the ultimate samurai leader his fall brought about the end of hundreds of years of samurai tradition and in many ways marks the birth of modern japan saigo was a man trapped by paradox a faithful servant to the emperor and yet a leader of rebel troops a mighty samurai warrior and also a master of chinese poetry his life and ultimately his death offer a window into the hundreds of years of culture and tradition that defined the samurai

Amazons

2014-06-19

since the time of the ancient greeks we have been fascinated by accounts of the amazons an elusive tribe of hard fighting horse riding female warriors equal to men in battle legends claimed they cut off their right breasts to improve their archery skills and routinely killed their male children to purify their ranks for centuries people believed in their existence and attempted to trace their origins artists and poets celebrated their battles and wrote of amazonia spanish explorers carrying these tales to south america thought they lived in the forests of the world s greatest river and named it after them in the absence of evidence we eventually reasoned away their existence concluding that these powerful sexually liberated female soldiers must have been the fantastical invention of greek myth and storytelling until now following decades of new research and a series of groundbreaking archeological discoveries we now know these powerful warrior queens did indeed exist in amazons john man travels to the grasslands of central asia from the edge of the ancient greek world to the borderlands of china to discover the truth about the warrior women mythologized as amazons in this deeply researched sweeping historical epic man redefines our understanding of the amazons and their culture tracking the ancient legend into the modern world and examining its significance today

The Mongol Empire

2010-10-31

genghis khan is one of history s immortals a leader of genius driven by an inspiring vision for peaceful world rule believing he was divinely protected genghis united warring clans to create a nation and then an empire that ran across much of asia under his grandson kublai khan the vision evolved into a more complex religious ideology justifying further expansion kublai doubled the empire s size until in the late 13th century he and the rest of genghis s golden family controlled one fifth of the inhabited world along the way he conquered all china gave the nation the borders it has today and then finally discovered the limits to growth genghis s dream of world rule turned out to be a fantasy and yet in terms of the sheer scale of the conquests never has a vision and the character of one man had such an effect on the world charting the evolution of this vision john man provides a unique account of the mongol empire from young genghis to old kublai from a rejected teenager to the world s most powerful emperor

The Terracotta Army

2014-02-19

the terracotta army is one of the greatest and most famous archaeological discoveries of all time 6 000 life size figures of warriors and horses were interred in the mausoleum of the first emperor of china each is individually carved and they are thought to represent real members of the emperor s army this is the remarkable story of their creation the man who ordered them made their rediscovery and their continuing legacy as a pre eminent symbol of chinese greatness the first emperor qin shi huang was king of the chinese state of qin and the first man to unite china into a single empire he built the first great wall and brought a single written script to the whole country he was an inspired and ruthless ruler but one also beset by paranoia and a desire for immortality he is still considered the founding father of the modern state of china on his death in 210 bc he was buried in a giant mausoleum near modern day xi an legends of the treasures contained therein still tantalize the imagination today in 1974 local farmers digging a well for water broke through into the burial mound and found the first of the terracotta warriors further excavations have revealed the full splendour of the buried army but the majority of the mausoleum is yet to be opened including the burial chamber itself myth tells us that amongst the treasures yet to be uncovered is a vast map of the first emperor s kingdom with rivers marked with channels of flowing mercury the story of the first emperor and the terracotta army is a fascinating one not least for the discoveries yet to be made

Samurai

2010-09

the definitive history of the samurai by acclaimed author of ninja 1 000 years of the shadow warrior one could ask for no better storyteller or analyst than john man simon Sebag Montefiore author of Jerusalem the biography the inspiration for the Jedi Knights of Star Wars and the films of Akira Kurosawa the legendary Japanese samurai have captured modern imaginations yet with these elite warriors who were bound by a code of honor called bushido the way of the warrior the reality behind the myth proves more fascinating than any fiction in Samurai celebrated author John Man provides a unique and captivating look at their true history told through the life of one man Saigo Takamori known to many as the Last Samurai in 1877 Takamori led a rebel army of samurai in a heroic last stand against the imperial Japanese army who sought to end the way of the sword in favor of firearms and modern warfare man s thrilling narrative brings to life the hidden world of the samurai as never before

The Life and Times of Attila the Hun

1994

Attila king of the Huns thundered out of the steppes of central Asia early in the fifth century CE he rode at the head of his horrific band of horsemen spreading fear and wreaking havoc throughout the European countryside history recalls him as a terror of monumental proportions known as the Scourge of God by early Christians he ruled for two short decades and was gone Attila took on the mighty Roman Empire and contributed mightily to its fall he led his barbarian hordes to the gates of Constantinople across present day Germany and France to Orleans and deep into today s Italy he left behind a sinister legacy borne out by the blood and bones of tens of thousands of his victims

Attila, King of the Huns

2018-04-19

a serious study of attila who ruled over a vast but short lived empire in the fifth century at the time of the disintegration of the roman empire and the emergence of the great barbarians this volume is particularly suited to college level courses of the period timeline tables make the contemporaneous rulers and events clear and understandable including the eastern and western split of rome the successions of huns and visigoths at last a study of the huns that examines the legends critically as it tells the story of one of the most maligned and least understood peoples a highly suitable book for academic and public libraries particularly since there is so little substantive information on the subject in english for general readers

Amazons (a Format)

2007-10-15

since the time of the ancient greeks we have been fascinated by accounts of the amazons an elusive tribe of hard fighting horse riding female warriors equal to men in battle legends claimed they cut off their right breasts to improve their archery skills and routinely killed their male children to purify their ranks for centuries people believed in their existence and attempted to trace their origins artists and poets celebrated their battles and wrote of amazonia spanish explorers carrying these tales to south america thought they lived in the forests of the world s greatest river and named it after them in the absence of evidence we eventually reasoned away their existence concluding that these powerful sexually liberated female soldiers must have been the fantastical invention of greek myth and storytelling until now following decades of new research and a series of groundbreaking archeological discoveries we now know these powerful warrior queens did indeed exist in amazons john man travels to the grasslands of central asia from the edge of the ancient greek world to the borderlands of china to discover the truth about the warrior women mythologized as amazons in this deeply researched sweeping historical epic man redefines our understanding of the amazons and their culture tracking the ancient legend into the modern world and examining its significance today

Leadership Secrets of Attila the Hun

2023-01-30

explains how the legendary military commander s principles of leadership can be applied to contemporary business situations in the 90s

Masters of Warfare

2010-07

in masters of warfare eric g l pinzelli presents a selection of fifty commanders whose military achievements skill or historical impact he believes to be underrated by modern opinion he specifically does not include the household names the gods of war as he calls them such as alexander julius caesar wellington napoléon rommel or patton that have been covered in countless biographies those chosen come from every period of recorded military history from the sixth century bc to the vietnam war the selection rectifies the european us bias of many such surveys with asian entries such as bai qi chinese attila hunnic subotai mongol ieyasu tokugawa japanese and võ

nguyên giáp vietnamese naval commanders are also represented by the likes of khayr al d n barbarossa francis drake and michiel de ruyter these 50 masters of war are presented in a chronological order easy to follow with a concise overview of their life and career altogether they present a fascinating survey of the developments and continuities in the art of command but most importantly their contribution to the evolution of weaponry tactic and strategy through the ages

Famous Men of the Middle Ages

2012-12-03

john henry haaren was an american educator and historian first published in 1904 this was one of several titles in his famous men biographical series

Attila

2019-07-09

selama tahun 434 454 dua puluh tahun yang penting awal abad ke 5 nasib kekaisaran romawi dan masa depan negeri negeri eropa bergantung pada sepak terjang seorang lelaki barbar dialah attila raja bangsa hun kekuasaannya membentang dari sungai rhine hingga laut hitam dari baltik hingga balkan ditopang kekuatan barbar yang sangat hebat kekaisarannya segera menandingi romawi sejumlah serangan besar melawan romawi melambungkan reputasi attila sebagai sosok penghancur namanya menjadi pemeo bagi barbarisme namun yang melekat padanya bukanlah barbarisme belaka dia menggenggam kekuasaan juga berkat karakternya yang mengagumkan serta kecerdasannya memikat jutaan pengikut setianya bangsa hun menganggapnya setengah dewa dan suku gothic serta kelompok nomadik lainnya memujanya attila juga seorang politisi cerdas dia mengerti bagaimana memanfaatkan kelemahan kawan dan lawannya dengan perpaduan karakter unik ini dia hampir saja menentukan masa depan eropa pengetahuan perihal sosok yang dianggap raja agung oleh sebagian sejarawan barat ini sungguh minim kehidupan dan perannya dalam sejarah nyaris tak terdengar dan dalam narasi sejarah yang memesona ini john man menampilkan sosok nyata attila dari jantung tradisi nomaden bangsa asia tengah john mengangkat attila dari kubangan mitos yang menyelimuti pengetahuan kita perihal dirinya

Searching for the Amazons

2007

since the time of the ancient greeks we have been fascinated by accounts of the amazons an elusive tribe of hard fighting horse riding female warriors equal to men in battle legends claimed they cut off their right breasts to improve their archery skills and routinely killed their male children to purify their ranks for centuries people believed in their existence and attempted to trace their origins artists and poets celebrated their battles and wrote of amazonia spanish explorers carrying these tales to south america thought they lived in the forests of the world s greatest river and named it after them in the absence of evidence we eventually reasoned away their existence concluding that these powerful sexually liberated female soldiers must have been the fantastical invention of greek myth and storytelling until now following decades of new research and a series of groundbreaking archeological discoveries we now know these powerful warrior queens did indeed exist in searching for the amazons john man travels to the grasslands of central asia from the edge of the ancient greek world to the borderlands of china to discover the truth about the truth about these women whose legend has resonated over the centuries

The Terracotta Army

2010

the terracotta army is one of the greatest and most famous archaeological discoveries of all time 8 099 life size figures of warriors and horses were interred in the mausoleum of the first emperor of china each is individually carved and they are thought to represent real members of the emperor s army this is the remarkable story of their creation the man who ordered them made their rediscovery and their continuing legacy as a pre eminent symbol of chinese greatness the first emperor qin shi huang was king of the chinese state of qin and the first man to unite china into a single empire he built the first great wall and brought a single written script to the whole country he was an inspired and ruthless ruler but one also beset by paranoia and a desire for immortality he is still considered the founding father of the modern state of china on his death in 210 bc he was buried in a giant mausoleum near modern day xi an legends of the treasures contained therein still tantalize the imagination today in 1974 local farmers digging a well for water broke through into the burial mound and found the first of the terracotta warriors further excavations have revealed the full splendour of the buried army but the majority of the mausoleum is yet to be opened including the burial chamber itself myth tells us that amongst the treasures yet to be uncovered is a vast map of the first emperor s kingdom with rivers marked with channels of flowing mercury the story of the first emperor and the terracotta army is a fascinating one not least for the discoveries yet to be made

Kubilai Khan

2011

dalam sejarah politik kekaisaran kubilai khan adalah sosok penguasa legendaris kewenangannya mencakup lebih dari separuh wilayah asia dan seperlima luas area dunia dia mewarisi obsesi untuk menguasai dunia dari kakeknya jenghis khan sang penakluk dari mongolia tetapi tidak seperti sang kakek kubilai khan menjadikan china bukan mongolia sebagai pusat untuk mengendalikan kekuasaan bermodal kekayaan china yang besar dipadu dengan kekuatan militer dan kelihaiannya dalam memimpin pemerintahan dia menciptakan kekaisaran terbesar di dunia setelah tumbangannya romawi sekaligus meletakkan dasar bagi negara adikuasa china modern kubilai khan mewarisi wilayah kekaisaran terluas dalam sejarah dari sang kakek jenghis khan khan agung kekaisaran mongolia ini kemudian melipatgandakan kekuasaannya memperlebar cengkeramannya ke china hingga irak ke siberia sampai afghanistan ia juga menginvasi jepang vietnam dan kamboja tibet dan thailand burma serta pernah pula berusaha menundukkan jawa kerajaan singasari tapi gagal utusannya dipermalukan raja singasari kertanagara sedangkan pasukannya yang datang kemudian untuk membalas dendam dibinasakan tentara majapahit pimpinan raden wijaya terlahir bukan sebagai putra mahkota kubilai khan tidak ditakdirkan untuk menjadi penguasa dia menancapkan sendiri tonggak kepemimpinannya dan menggenggam kekuasaan baru di usia 40 tahun bagaimana riwayatnya meraih kekuasaan serta bagaimana pula sepak terjangnya sebagai pemimpin terbesar dalam sejarah buku ini menyibak rahasia yang selama ini tak terungkap

Attila le Hun

2014-11-04

les huns sont des barbares ils boivent mangent de la viande crue et dorment sur leur cheval ils sont si prodigieusement laids et tordus qu ils ressemblent à des bêtes sauvages à deux pattes les huns mutilent leurs enfants les huns sont arriérés les

huns n ont pas de religion les huns ne changent jamais de vêtement ils puent c est du moins ce que racontent les auteurs romains à la mode au ive siècle ils se fondent peut être sur de simples ragots mais peu importe les citoyens de l empire frissonnent en imaginant ces tribus se déployer derrière leurs frontières ce monde inconnu et si tout cela était faux et si les huns avaient été des nomades organisés d excellents artisans et de grands guerriers et si attila celui qui deviendra leur chef au début du ve siècle avait été un habile politicien utilisant des secrétaires et des traducteurs pour dialoguer calmement en grec ou en romain avec les sénateurs romains un fin stratège louant ses hommes comme mercenaires à l empire d occident d une part et s arrangeant pour se faire payer un tribut annuel par celui d orient et si attila en imposant l hégémonie hunnique aux peuples germains avait été à deux doigts de créer le premier empire d europe centrale

So, Anyway...

2007-12-06

new york times bestseller john cleese s memoir is just about everything one would expect of its author smart thoughtful provocative and above all funny a picture if you will of the artist as a young man the washington post the legendary writer and performer of monty python and fawlty towers fame takes readers on a grand tour of his ascent in the entertainment world john cleese s huge comedic influence has stretched across generations his sharp irreverent eye and the unique brand of physical comedy he perfected now seem written into comedy s dna in this rollicking memoir cleese recalls his humble beginnings in a sleepy english town his early comedic days at cambridge university with future python partner graham chapman and the founding of the landmark comedy troupe that would propel him to worldwide renown cleese was just days away from graduating cambridge and setting off on a law career when he was visited by two bbc executives who offered him a job writing comedy for radio that fateful moment and a near simultaneous offer to take his university humor revue to london s famed west end propelled him down a different path cutting his teeth writing for stars like david frost and peter sellers and eventually joining the five other pythons to pioneer a new kind of comedy that prized invention silliness and absurdity along the way he found his first true love with the actress connie booth and transformed himself from a reluctant performer to a world class actor and back again twisting and turning through surprising stories and hilarious digressions with some brief pauses along the way that comprise a fascinating primer on what s funny and why this story of a young man s journey to the pinnacle of comedy is a masterly performance by a master performer

Catiline's War, The Jugurthine War, Histories

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sallust 86 c 35 bc is the earliest roman historian of whom complete works survive a senator of the roman republic and younger contemporary of cicero pompey and julius caesar his catiline s war tells of the conspiracy in 63 bc led by l sergius catilina who plotted to assassinate numerous senators and take control of the government but was thwarted by cicero sallust s vivid account of roman public life shows a republic in decline prey to moral corruption and internal strife in the jugurthine war he describes rome s fight in africa against the king of the numidians from 111 to 105 bc and provides a damning picture of the roman aristocracy also included in this volume are the major surviving extracts from sallust s now fragmentary histories depicting rome after the death of the dictator sulla

The Water-Method Man

1999-01-01

john irving it is abundantly clear is a true artist los angeles times fred bogus trumper has troubles a divorced broke graduate student of old norse in 1970s new york trumper is a wayward knight errant in the battle of the sexes and the pursuit of happiness his ex wife has moved in with his childhood best friend his life is the subject of a tell all movie and his chronic urinary tract infection requires surgery trumper is determined to change there s only one problem it seems the harder he tries to alter his adolescent ways the more he is drawn to repeating the mistakes of the past written when irving was twenty nine trumper s tale of woe is told with all the wit and humor that would become irving s trademark three or four times as funny as most novels the new yorker praise for the water method man friendship marriage and family are his primary themes but at that blundering level of life where mishap and folly something close to joyful malice perpetually intrude and disrupt often fatally life in john irving s fiction is always under siege harm and disarray are daily fare as if the course of love could not run true irving s multiple manner his will to come at the world from different directions is one of the outstanding traits of the world according to garp but this remarkable flair for stories inside stories is already handled with mastery and with a freedom almost wanton in the water method man which is garp s predecessor by six years terrence des pres brutal reality and hallucination comedy and pathos a rich unified tapestry time

Gobi

2011-06-09

in intelligent jargon free prose the author takes readers on a colorful tour of the gobi desert from its natural wonders to its conflicts with society illustrations

The Wicked Wit of Winston Churchill

2013-04-18

sir winston churchill remains a british hero lauded for his oratorical skill he wrote histories biographies memoirs and even a novel while his journalism speeches and broadcasts run to millions of words from 1940 he inspired and united the british people and guided their war effort behind the public figure however was a man of vast humanity and enormous wit his most famous speeches and sayings have passed into history but many of his aphorisms puns and jokes are less well known this enchanting collection brings together hundreds of his wittiest remarks as a record of all that was best about this endearing conceited talented and wildly funny englishman also available in the series are collections from shakespeare to be or not to be and oscar wilde i can resist everything except temptation

The Huns, Rome and the Birth of Europe

2010-05-03

the huns have often been treated as primitive barbarians with no advanced political organisation their place of origin was the so called backward steppe it has been argued that whatever political organisation they achieved they owed to the civilizing influence of the germanic peoples they encountered as they moved west this book argues that the steppes of inner asia were far from backward and that the image of the primitive huns is vastly misleading they already possessed a highly

sophisticated political culture while still in inner asia and far from being passive recipients of advanced culture from the west they passed on important elements of central eurasian culture to early medieval europe which they helped create their expansion also marked the beginning of a millennium of virtual monopoly of world power by empires originating in the steppes of inner asia the rise of the hunnic empire was truly a geopolitical revolution

The Terracotta Army

2009

tentara terakota adalah patung patung prajurit dan kuda yang ditemukan di sekitar makam kaisar pertama china qin shi huang tentara terakota pertama kali ditemukan pada 1974 oleh beberapa petani setempat di dekat xi an provinsi shaanxi jumlah patung patung itu diperkirakan lebih dari 8 000 prajurit 130 kereta dengan 520 kuda dan 150 kuda kavaleri yang sebagian besar masih terkubur di banyak lubang para arkeolog percaya bahwa ada banyak lubang yang masih menunggu untuk ditemukan terkubur di dalam tanah sejak 210 sm tentara terakota bertugas sebagai tentara gaib penjaga makam sang kaisar kaisar qin shi huang penguasa brilian sekaligus kejam pemersatu china dan pembangun tembok besar china pertama konon dihinggapi paranoia dan berambisi untuk tetap berkuasa bahkan dalam kehidupan di alam baka sebagaimana ia berkuasa di dunia tak pelak di sekeliling gundukan makam raksasanya yang hingga kini tetap tertutup lubang lubang terowongan lain menyembunyikan dunia gaib para pejabat negara prajurit kereta kuda penghibur dan musisi penemuan ini mengungkap salah satu rahasia besar dalam sejarah china dan sekaligus membuka jalan bagi penemuan arkeologis terbesar sepanjang masa dan dengan merangkai sejarah dan pengalaman tangan pertama dari berbagai perjalanannya di china john man mengisahkan riwayat sejarah tentang bagaimana dan mengapa artefak artefak yang mengagumkan ini diciptakan pada abad ke 3 sm

Alpha Beta

2016-04-05

this is a story of adventure passion and intrigue in man s quest for a written language and although today many languages around the world divide humanity the alphabet largely unites mankind this book traces the history of the written word

Saladin

in this authoritative biography historian john man brings saladin and his world to life with vivid detail in a rollicking good story justin marozzi saladin remains one of the most iconic figures of his age as the man who united the arabs and saved islam from christian crusaders in the twelfth century he is the islamic world s preeminent hero a ruthless defender of his faith and brilliant leader he also possessed qualities that won admiration from his christian foes but saladin is far more than a historical hero builder literary patron and theologian he is a man for all times and a symbol of hope for an arab world once again divided centuries after his death in cities from damascus to cairo and beyond to the arabian peninsula and the gulf saladin continues to be an immensely potent symbol of religious and military resistance to the west he is central to arab memories sensibilities and the ideal of a unified islamic state john man charts saladin s rise to power his struggle to unify the warring factions of his faith and his battles to retake jerusalem and expel christian influence from arab lands saladin explores the life and enduring legacy of this champion of islam while examining his significance for

the world today

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