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thoroughly updated and revised for 2024 jerusalem the biography is the history of the middle east through the lens of the holy city and the holy land from king david to the wars and chaos of today the history of jerusalem is the story of the world jerusalem is the universal city the capital of two peoples the shrine of three faiths the holy city and holy land are the battlefields for today s multifaceted conflicts and for believers the setting for judgement day and the apocalypse how did this small remote town become the holy city the centre of the world and now the key to peace in the middle east why is the holy land

so important not just to the region and its many new players but to the wider world too drawing on new archives and a lifetime's study Montefiore reveals this ever changing city and turbulent region through the wars love affairs and revelations of the kings empresses amirs sultans caliphs presidents autocrats imperialists and warlords poets prophets saints and rabbis conquerors and whores who created destroyed chronicled and believed in Jerusalem and the Holy Land a classic of modern literature this is not only the epic story of 3 000 years of faith slaughter fanaticism co existence power and myth but also a freshly updated carefully balanced history of the Middle East from King David to the new players and powers of the twenty first century from the birth of Judaism Christianity and Islam to the Israel Palestine conflict and the mayhem of today this is how today's Middle East was forged how the Holy Land became sacred and how Jerusalem became Jerusalem the only city that exists twice in heaven and on earth

new edition featuring updated introduction and new chapters the giant characters of history from Mozart to Michelangelo Shakespeare to Einstein Henry VIII to Hitler Catherine the Great to Margaret Thatcher Jesus Christ to Genghis Khan lived lives of astonishing drama and adventure debauchery and slaughter but they also formed our world and will shape our future in this eclectic and surprising collection of short and entertaining life stories Simon Sebag Montefiore introduces his choice of kings empresses sultans and conquerors as well as prophets explorers artists actresses courtesans and psychopaths from the ancient times via Crusades and World Wars up to the 21st century this accessible history introduces readers to the titans who changed the world the characters we should all know and the stories we should never forget

the Times History Book of the Year one of the Economist's best books of the year a Sunday Times bestseller from the master storyteller and internationally bestselling author the story of humanity from prehistory to the present day told through the one thing all humans have in common family we begin with the footsteps of a family walking along a beach 950 000 years ago from here Montefiore takes us on an exhilarating epic journey through the families that have shaped our world the Caesars Medicis and Incas Ottomans and Mughals Bonapartes Habsburgs and Zulus Rothschilds Rockefellers and Krupps Churchills Kennedys Castros Nehrus Pahlavis and Kenyattas Saudis Kims and Assads a rich cast of complex characters form the beating heart of the story

some are well known leaders from alexander the great attila ivan the terrible and genghis khan to hitler thatcher obama putin and zelensky some are creative from socrates michelangelo and shakespeare to newton mozart balzac freud bowie and tim berners lee others are lesser known hongwu who began life as a beggar and founded the ming dynasty kamehameha conqueror of hawaii zenobia arab empress who defied rome king henry of haiti lady murasaki first female novelist sayyida al hurra moroccan pirate queen here are not just conquerors and queens but prophets charlatans actors gangsters artists scientists doctors tycoons lovers wives husbands and children this is world history on the most grand and intimate scale spanning centuries continents and cultures and linking grand themes of war migration plague religion medicine and technology to the people at the centre of the human drama as spellbinding as fiction the world captures the story of humankind in all its joy sorrow romance ingenuity and cruelty in a ground breaking single narrative that will forever shift the boundaries of what history can achieve

winner of the british book awards history book of the year longlisted for the samuel johnson prize this thrilling biography of stalin and his entourage during the terrifying decades of his supreme power transforms our understanding of stalin as soviet dictator marxist leader and russian tsar based on groundbreaking research simon sebg montefiore reveals in captivating detail the fear and betrayal privilege and debauchery family life and murderous cruelty of this secret world written with extraordinary narrative verve this magnificent feat of scholarly research has become a classic of modern history writing showing how stalin s triumphs and crimes were the product of his fanatical marxism and his gifted but flawed character this is an intimate portrait of a man as complicated and human as he was brutal and chilling

winner of the costa biography award what makes a stalin was he a tsarist agent or lenin s bandit was he to blame for his wife s death when did the killing start based on revelatory research here is the thrilling story of how a charismatic cobbler s son became a student priest romantic poet prolific lover gangster mastermind and murderous revolutionary culminating in the 1917 revolution simon sebg montefiore s bestselling biography radically alters our understanding of the gifted politician and fanatical marxist who shaped the soviet empire in his own brutal image this is the story of how stalin became stalin

the preferred method of torture of vlad dracul 15th century prince of wallachia was to attach a horse to each of the victim's legs as a sharpened stake was gradually forced into his body vlad also enjoyed scalping skinning and boiling alive the 14th century mongol warlord tamerlane once ordered the building of a pyramid of 70 000 human skulls from those that his army had beheaded in 101 world heroes simon sebag montefiore selected his ultimate heroes and heroines now he offers his readers the other darker side of the coin monsters presents in chronological order grimly fascinating profiles of 101 notorious and profoundly sinister individuals whose actions have one thing in common they have had a baleful and blood soaked impact on the annals of world history from attila the hun to basil the bulgar slayer from pedro the cruel to ivan the terrible and from richard iii to saddam hussein monsters is a devilishly compelling gallery of history's greatest ghouls including caligula richard iii adolf eichmann joseph stalin pol pot charles manson herman cortes adolf hitler al capone laventi beria lucrezia borgia nicolae ceausescu vlad the impaler saddam hussein simon de montfort pablo escobar ivan the terrible genghis khan idi amin attila josef mengele heinrich himmler mao zedong osama bin laden kim il sung slobodan milosevic empress cixi tomas de torquemada

heroes is a selection of the ultimate heroes and heroines from world history informing entertaining and inspiring these are texts that are suitable for readers of all ages a treasure trove of the greatest stories of courage and achievement ever recorded a collection of lives deeds and events that everyone should know and no one should forget back cover

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and wild extravagance drawing on new archival research montefiore delivers an enthralling epic of triumph and tragedy love and murder that is both a universal study of power and a portrait of empire that helps define russia today

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simon sebag montefiore one of our pre eminent historians presents the lives of some of the most influential figures in the history of the middle east in short profiles spanning the centuries he provides key insights in the characters who shaped the region and the wider modern world this is an exclusive ebook edition a preview of the author s forthcoming work titans of history

simon sebag montefiore one of our most popular historians and also presenter of bbc television series on istanbul rome and jerusalem selects the essential cast of dramatic characters who built destroyed or changed the three great holy cities the creators of istanbul from the murderous visionary constantine the great to the ultimate power couple justinian and his burlesque dancer turned empress theodora to suleiman the magnificent and his wife roxelana all the way to atatürk in jerusalem from herod the great who killed his beloved wife and three sons to the great crusader queen melisende and the arab conqueror saladin in rome from psychotic caligula and the philosopher marcus aurelius to the megalomaniacal seductress marozia the borgias and mussolini these are stories and characters that everyone should know and no one should forget

jerusalem is the universal city the capital of two peoples the shrine of three faiths it is the prize of empires the site of judgement day and the battlefield of today s clash of civilizations from king david to barack obama from the birth of judaism christianity and islam to the israel palestine conflict this is the epic history of 3 000 years

of faith slaughter fanaticism and coexistence how did this small remote town become the holy city the centre of the world and now the key to peace in the middle east in a gripping narrative simon sebg montefiore reveals this ever changing city in its many incarnations bringing every epoch and character blazingly to life jerusalem s biography is told through the wars love affairs and revelations of the men and women kings empresses prophets poets saints conquerors and whores who created destroyed chronicled and believed in jerusalem drawing on new archives current scholarship his own family papers and a lifetime s study montefiore illuminates the essence of sanctity and mysticism identity and empire in a unique chronicle of the city that many believe will be the setting for the apocalypse this is how jerusalem became jerusalem and the only city that exists twice in heaven and on earth

packed with fun fantasy and the sort of adventure guaranteed to have sticky little fingers hungrily turning the pages the mail on sunday the royal rabbits of london is sweet funny and beautifully illustrated the times the adventure continues for shylo and his royal rabbit friends in this charming series from bestselling authors santa montefiore and simon sebg montefiore and illustrator kate hindley which shows that even the smallest rabbit can be the biggest hero life is an adventure anything in the world is possible by will and by luck with a moist carrot a wet nose and a slice of mad courage now that shylo is a royal rabbit his life is full of adventure and new friends but he still misses his mother and family so he jumps at the chance to visit his home warren as soon as shylo arrives he finds something strange and dark going on a mysterious bunny called harlequin is on the farm attracting many followers with his crazy singing and loopy dancing but harlequin is also digging for the golden carrot which says an ancient legend will give him power over over all humans and animals harlequin believes it s buried somewhere on the farm then as more followers flock to the warren shylo wonders if the hunt for the golden carrot is a fun game or if harlequin is plotting world domination and when the quest turns deadly shylo calls in the royal rabbits can they stop power mad harlequin and who will find the carrot first

a widely acclaimed biography from the bestselling author of the romanovs one of the great love stories of history the economist between catherine the great and the wildly flamboyant and talented prince potemkin captures the genius of two extraordinary enlightenment figures and of the age as well the wall street journal catherine the

great was a woman of notorious passion and imperial ambition prince potemkin was the love of her life and her co ruler together they seized ukraine and crimea territories that define the russian sphere of influence to this day their affair was so tumultuous that they negotiated an arrangement to share power leaving each of them free to take younger lovers but these twin souls never stopped loving each other drawing on the pair s intimate letters and on vast research simon sebg montefiore restores these imperial partners to their rightful place as titans of their age biography in the grand tradition riveting the author is a gifted storyteller the washington post

in his previously written articles and books chris edwards has argued that teaching should be considered a field that is separate from both the field of education and from the content area fields teaching is a field which synthesizes content and method for classroom application all of the other major intellectual fields have a canon of works which practitioners can learn from and add to but teaching does not the connecting the dots in world history a teacher s literacy based curriculum series changes this by showing how effective a teacher generated curriculum can be these books can inspire other teachers to create their own curriculums and inspire a change in the way that the public views teachers and teaching

an essential guide to the making of the modern middle east from 1900 to the present a spellbinding history by the new york times bestselling author of jerusalem and the romanovs renowned historian simon sebg montefiore wades into the ideological battles and geopolitical tensions of the middle east with a comprehensive and nuanced chronicle that situates the region in the context of its last one hundred and twenty five years few understand the real history of the middle east fewer still understand its variety and cosmopolitanism its complexity and interconnectedness the cauldron is a fresh and unique survey of the region in all its diversity taking the reader on a spectacular journey from the ottoman sultanate to the trump presidency from morocco to iran this is a dazzling panorama of faith and fanaticism creativity and tolerance dictatorship and democracy brought to life by an extraordinary cast of kings warriors poets terrorists and peacemakers with his signature style of voice driven history that made jerusalem a national bestseller montefiore reveals a stunning portrait of the world we have inherited and interrogates the prevailing historical narratives this is the essential story of how the middle east of 1900 led to the middle east of today and tomorrow

includes new material written in history celebrates the great letters of world history creative culture and personal life acclaimed historian simon sebag montefiore selects over one hundred letters from ancient times to the twenty first century some are noble and inspiring some despicable and unsettling some are exquisite works of literature others brutal coarse and frankly outrageous many are erotic others heartbreaking the writers vary from elizabeth i rameses the great and leonard cohen to emmeline pankhurst mandela stalin michelangelo suleiman the magnificent and unknown people in extraordinary circumstances from love letters to calls for liberation declarations of war to reflections on death in the colourful accessible style of a master storyteller montefiore shows why these letters are essential reading how they enlighten our past enrich the way we live now and illuminate tomorrow

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a history of one of russia's greatest leaders explores the life and career of potemkin lover of catherine the great and architect of russian imperial power

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