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pmh bell s famous book is a comprehensive study of the period and debates surrounding the european origins of the second world war he approaches the subject from three different angles describing the various explanations that have been offered for the war and the historiographical debates that have arisen from them analysing the ideological economic and strategic forces at work in europe during the 1930s and tracing the course of events from peace in 1932 via the initial outbreak of hostilities in 1939 through to the climactic german attack on the soviet union in 1941 which marked the descent into general conflict written in a lucid accessible style this is an indispensable guide to the complex origins of the second world war the most distinguished series in military history published in the us for the first time each is volume written by a leading authority in the field and edited by john keegan the world s preeminent military historian from the rise of hitler and mussolini to the battles in normandy and north africa this comprehensive and illuminating volume explains the causes and tactics of warfare that engulfed europe during world war ii in 1941 the european war became a world war this book tackles that process in its economic political and ideological dimensions margaret lamb and nicholas tarling explore the significance of the asian factor and the importance of east asia in the making of the war in europe and the transformation of the european war of 1939 into the world war of 1941 this asian factor has often been neglected but the policies of all the major powers were affected by their world wide interests france had its possessions in north africa and asia nazi germany chose to become involved in china and to make an agreement with japan britain s action in europe and the mediterranean were conditioned by its commitments elsewhere in the world and the united states and the soviet union were both involved in europe and asia in particular the threat that japan presented to the status quo in east asia made it difficult for the war in europe in turn affected the position in east asia the us built a two ocean navy and encouraged the british to continue their struggle by keeping the resources of south east asia available and these steps led to a clash with the japanese lamb and tarling s global approach throws valuable new light on the origins of the second world war europe s second thirty years war an epoch of blood and ashes fire and blood looks at the european crisis of the two world wars as a single historical sequence the age of the european civil war 1914 1945 its overture was played out in the trenches of the great war its coda on a ruined continent it opened with conventional declarations of war and finished with unconditional surrender proclamations of national unity led to eventual devastation with entire countries torn to pieces during these three decades of deepening conflicts a classical

interstate conflict morphed into a global civil war abandoning rules of engagement and fought by irreducible enemies rather than legitimate adversaries each seeking the annihilation of its opponents it was a time of both unchained passions and industrial rationalized massacre utilizing multiple sources enzo traverso depicts the dialectic of this era of wars revolutions and genocides rejecting commonplace notions of totalitarian evil he rediscovers the feelings and reinterprets the ideas of an age of intellectual and political commitment when europe shaped world history with its own collapse this atlas depicts primarily strategic coverage of the major compaigns of the war in the european and mediterranean theaters future war and the defence of europe offers a major new analysis of how peace and security can be maintained in europe a continent that has suffered two cataclysmic conflicts since 1914 taking as its starting point the covid 19 pandemic and way it will inevitably accelerate some key global dynamics already in play the book goes on to weave history strategy policy and technology into a compelling analytical narrative it lays out in forensic detail the scale of the challenge europeans and their allies face if europe s peace is to be upheld in a transformative century the book upends foundational assumptions about how europe s defence is organised the role of a fast changing transatlantic relationship nato the eu and their constituent nation states at the heart of the book is a radical vision of a technology enabling future european defence built around a new kind of atlantic alliance an innovative strategic public private partnership and the future hyper electronic european force e force it must spawn europeans should be under no illusion unless they do far more for their own defence and very differently all that they now take for granted could be lost in the maze of hybrid war cyber war and hyper war they must face the cold war was a unique international conflict partly because josef stalin sought socialist transformation of other countries rather than simply the traditional objectives this intriguing book based on recently accessible soviet primary sources is the first to explain the emergence of the cold war and its development in stalin s lifetime from the perspective of soviet policy making the book pays particular attention to the often neglected societal dimension of soviet foreign policy as a crucial element of the genesis and development of the cold war it is also the first to put german postwar development into the context of soviet cold war policy stalin vainly tried to mobilize the germans with slogans of national unity and then to discredit the west among the germans by forcing the surrender of berlin further attempts to prevail deadlocked him into a confrontation with the newly united western powers comparing stalin s internal statements with soviet actions gerhard wettig draws original conclusions about stalin s meta plans for the regions of germany and eastern europe this fascinating look at soviet politics during the cold war provides readers with new insights into stalin s willingness to initiate crisis with the west while still avoiding military conflict a very welcome compact guide to the second world war in europe dr mackenzie s concise account covers all the major military campaigns the important economic and social aspects of the war and wartime diplomacy providing a clear narrative and analysis of events he considers such key issues including barbarism the holocaust and strategic bombing and the u boat war this is the ideal text for anyone studying the second world war for the first time succinct up to date and always highly readable given the destruction and suffering caused by

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more than four years of industrialised warfare and economic hardship scholars have tended to focus on the nationalism and hatred in the belligerent countries holding that it led to a fundamental rupture of any sense of european commonality and unity it is the central aim of this volume to correct this view and to highlight that many observers saw the conflict as a european civil war and to discuss what this meant for discourses about europe bringing together a remarkable range of compelling and highly original topics this collection explores notions images and ideas of europe in the midst of catastrophe examines the origins of world war ii in europe and discusses battles military tactics weaponry new methods of destruction and america s involvement in the war includes internet links to sites source documents and photographs related to the war what was the biggest operation of world war ii in europe what was the name of the largest concentration camp operating in europe between 1939 and 1945 what european nationality lost the largest number of civilians between 1939 45 this work answers these questions and presents a history of the second world war includes over 50 maps and plans chester wilmot s the struggle for europe is the most highly regarded single volume history of the second world war in europe first published in 1952 the book has the advantage of the author's extensive interviews with participants from all sides of the conflict when recollections of the war were still painfully fresh the pattern of post war europe he maintains was determined during the fighting he sees the shaping events through a study of wartime diplomacy and strategy and of the impact on wartime policies of the personalities of the statesmen and generals with whom the decisions lay throughout wilmot hews to one guiding principle to concern ourselves solely with the course of military events would be to tell only half the story and to see only half its significance it is the political outcome that counts and in this book the two are closely related at every stage print ed offers a new perspective on the origins of the second world war by comparing and contrasting military planning in seven nations prior to the outbreak of war and by relating this planning to foreign policy goals of the era in this pioneering new work based on a thorough re reading of primary sources and new research in the austrian state archives franz szabo presents a fascinating reassessment of the continental war professor szabo challenges the well established myth that the seven years war was won through the military skill and tenacity of the king of prussia often styled frederick the great instead he argues that prussia did not win but merely survived the seven years war and did so despite and not because of the actions and decisions of its king with balanced attention to all the major participants and to all conflict zones on the european continent the book describes the strategies and tactics of the military leaders on all sides analyzes the major battles of the war and illuminates the diplomatic political and financial aspects of the conflict warfare and society in europe 1898 to the present examines warfare in europe from the fashoda conflict in modern day sudan to the recent war in iraq the twentieth century was by far the world s most destructive century with two global wars marking the first half of the century and the constant fear of nuclear annihilation haunting the second half this volume explores this age of metamorphosis within european history from a global perspective covering a wide range of topics such as arts and literature humanitarian relief transnational feminism and efforts to create a unified wicked mate a scifi alien warrior romance warrior of

europe it examines social and cultural history as well as political economic and diplomatic perspectives civil war in central europe argues that polish independence after the first world war was forged in the fires of the post war conflicts which should be collectively referred to as the central european civil war 1918 1921 the ensuing violence forced those living in european border regions to decide on their national identity german or polish across the whole of nazi ruled europe the experience of occupation was sharply varied some countries such as denmark were allowed to run themselves within tight limits others such as france were constrained not only by military occupation but by open collaboration in a historical moment when nazi victory seemed permanent and irreversible the question why resist was therefore augmented by who was the enemy resistance is an extraordinarily powerful humane and haunting account of how and why all across nazi occupied europe some people decided to resist the third reich this could range from open partisan warfare in the occupied soviet union to dangerous acts of insurrection in the netherlands or norway some of these resistance movements were entirely home grown others supported by the allies like no other book resistance shows the reader just how difficult such actions were how could small bands of individuals undertake tasks which could lead not just to their own deaths but those of their families and their entire communities filled with powerful and often little known stories halik kochanski s major new book is a fascinating examination of the convoluted challenges faced by those prepared to resist the germans ordinary people who carried out exceptional acts of defiance our view of the first world war is dominated by the twin images of the fronts and the home fronts yet the war also generated a third type of front that of military occupation vast areas of europe experienced the war under a military regime and this book deals with the occupations by the german and austro hungarian empires their conquests ranged from lille in the west to the don river in the east and from courland in the north to friuli and montenegro in the south they encompassed capital cities such as brussels warsaw belgrade and bukarest as well as areas of crucial economic importance millions of people experienced military occupation and even though they were civilians the war had a deep impact on their lives conversely occupied territories influenced the states that had conquered them and on the way these states waged war the chapters in this book analyze military occupation in 1914 1918 both from the point of view of the occupied and from the point of view of the occupier they study counter insurgency warfare forced labour food regimes underground patriotism and cultural policies they demonstrate that military occupation was an essential dimension of the great war this book was originally published as a special issue of first world war studies superb likely to become a classic observer in the summer of 1914 most of europe plunged into a war so catastrophic that it unhinged the continent s politics and beliefs in a way that took generations to recover from the disaster terrified its survivors shocked that a civilization that had blandly assumed itself to be a model for the rest of the world had collapsed into a chaotic savagery beyond any comparison in 1939 europeans would initiate a second conflict that managed to be even worse a war in which the killing of civilians was central and which culminated in the holocaust to hell and back tells this story with humanity flair and originality kershaw gives a compelling narrative of

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events but he also wrestles with the most difficult issues that the events raise with what it meant for the europeans who initiated and lived through such fearful times and what this means for us this book makes two distinctive contributions to one of the most fundamental debates in modern european history first it presents readable and judicious accounts of the events and decisions directly precipitating the outbreak of war in each of the main belligerent countries second it assesses the role of public opinion and popular mood in determining and responding to the july crisis of 1914 with a list of contributors who are all distinguished in different aspects of the subject this stimulating survey covers the historiography of the immediate causes of the war and includes new reflections on the character of the official and unofficial mentalités during the last weeks of peace contributors sir michael howard zbynek zeman r j w evans d w spring hartmut pogge von strandmann richard cobb and michael brock when war broke out in europe in 1914 it surprised a european population enjoying the most beautiful summer in memory for nearly a century since historians have debated the causes of the war some have cited the assassination of archduke franz ferdinand others have concluded it was unavoidable in europe s last summer david fromkin provides a different answer hostilities were commenced deliberately in a riveting re creation of the run up to war fromkin shows how german generals seeing war as inevitable manipulated events to precipitate a conflict waged on their own terms moving deftly between diplomats generals and rulers across europe he makes the complex diplomatic negotiations accessible and immediate examining the actions of individuals amid larger historical forces this is a gripping historical narrative and a dramatic reassessment of a key moment in the twentieth century this book presents a comprehensive reassessment of europe in the cold war period 1945 91 contrary to popular belief it shows that relations between east and west were based not only on confrontation and mutual distrust but also on collaboration the authors reveal that despite opposing ideologies there was in fact considerable interaction and exchange between different eastern and western actors such states enterprises associations organisations and individuals irrespective of the iron curtain this book challenges both the traditional understanding of the east west juxtaposition and the relevancy of the iron curtain covering the full period and taking into account a range of spheres including trade scientific technical co operation and cultural and social exchanges it reveals how smaller countries and smaller actors in europe were able to forge and implement their agendas within their own blocs the books suggests that given these lower level actors engaged in mutually beneficial cooperation often running counter to the ambitions of the bloc leaders the rules of cold war interaction were not in fact exclusively dictated by the superpowers from the acclaimed military historian a history of the outbreak of world war i the dramatic stretch from the breakdown of diplomacy to the battles the marne ypres tannenberg that marked the frenzied first year before the war bogged down in the trenches in catastrophe 1914 max hastings gives us a conflict different from the familiar one of barbed wire mud and futility he traces the path to war making clear why germany and austria hungary were primarily to blame and describes the gripping first clashes in the west where the french army marched into action in uniforms of red and blue with flags flying and bands playing in august four

days after the french suffered 27 000 men dead in a single day the british fought an extraordinary holding action against oncoming germans one of the last of its kind in history in october at terrible cost the british held the allied line against massive german assaults in the first battle of ypres hastings also re creates the lesser known battles on the eastern front brutal struggles in serbia east prussia and galicia where the germans austrians russians and serbs inflicted three million casualties upon one another by christmas as he has done in his celebrated award winning works on world war ii hastings gives us frank assessments of generals and political leaders and masterly analyses of the political currents that led the continent to war he argues passionately against the contention that the war was not worth the cost maintaining that germany s defeat was vital to the freedom of europe throughout we encounter statesmen generals peasants housewives and private soldiers of seven nations in hastings s accustomed blend of top down and bottom up accounts generals dismounting to lead troops in bayonet charges over 1 500 feet of open ground farmers who at first decried the requisition of their horses infantry men engaged in a haggard retreat sleeping four hours a night in their haste this is a vivid new portrait of how a continent became embroiled in war and what befell millions of men and women in a conflict that would change everything winner of the international affairs book of the year at the political book awards 2014longlisted for the samuel johnson prize 2013 the first world war followed a period of sustained peace in europe during which people talked with confidence of prosperity progress and hope but in 1914 europe walked into a catastrophic conflict which killed millions of its men bled its economies dry shook empires and societies to pieces and fatally undermined europe s dominance of the world it was a war which could have been avoided up to the last moment so why did it happen beginning in the early nineteenth century and ending with the assassination of arch duke franz ferdinand award winning historian margaret macmillan uncovers the huge political and technological changes national decisions and just as important the small moments of human muddle and weakness that led europe from peace to disaster this masterful exploration of how europe chose its path towards war will change and enrich how we see this defining moment in our history from the prewar development of the german war machine to the ultimate victory of the allied coalition here is an in depth analysis of the battles that raged on the western and eastern fronts it examines the major strategies the innovative tactics and the new generation of weapons along with the people who used them includes pictures includes accounts of the fighting during d day the battle of the bulge the battle of berlin and more includes online resources and a bibliography for further reading includes a table of contents by the end of 1943 with allied forces firmly established in italy and the soviets on the verge of turning the tide in russia the british and americans began to plot the invasion that would liberate europe from the nazis during the first half of 1944 the americans and british commenced a massive buildup of men and resources in the united kingdom while allied supreme commander dwight d eisenhower and military brass planned the details of an enormous and complex amphibious invasion of europe though the allies used misinformation to try deceiving the germans the most obvious place for an invasion was just across the narrow english channel and

the germans had built coastal fortifications throughout france to protect against just such an invasion the invasion across the channel came in the early morning hours of june 6 1944 that day forever known as d day the allies commenced operation overlord by staging the largest and most complex amphibious invasion in human history the complex operation would require tightly coordinated naval and air bombardment paratroopers and even inflatable tanks that would be able to fire on fortifications from the coastline all while landing over 150 000 men across nearly 70 miles of french beaches given the incredibly complex plan it s no surprise that general eisenhower had already written a letter apologizing for the failure of the invasion which he carried in his coat pocket throughout the day after the successful amphibious invasion on d day in june 1944 the allies began racing east toward germany and liberating france along the way it was hitler s belief that by splitting the allied march across europe in their drive toward germany he could cause the collapse of the enemy armies and cut off their supply lines part of hitler s confidence came as a result of underestimating american resolve but with the soviets racing toward berlin from the east this final offensive would truly be the last gasp of the german war machine and the month long campaign was fought over a large area of the ardennes forest through france belgium and parts of luxembourg from an allied point of view the operations were commonly referred to as the ardennes offensive while the german code phrase for the operation was unternehmen wacht am rhein operation watch on the rhine with the initial breakout going under the name of operation mist today americans know it best as the battle of the bulge after resisting the german attack the allied armies began advancing and with that the race to berlin was truly on in april 1945 the allies were within sight of the german capital of berlin but hitler refused to acknowledge the collapsed state of the german military effort even at this desperate stage and he confined himself to his berlin bunker where he met for prolonged periods only with those that professed eternal loyalty even to the point of death in his last weeks hitler continued to blame the incompetence of military officers for germany s apparent failings and he even blamed the german people themselves for a lack of spirit and strength as their leader dwelled in a state of self pity without remorse or mercy but near suicide the people of berlin were simply left to await their fate as russians advanced from the east and the other allies advanced from the west the battle would technically begin on april 16 1945 and though it ended in a matter of weeks it produced some of the war s most climactic events and had profound implications on the immediate future in the wake of the war the european continent was devastated leaving the soviet union and the united states as uncontested superpowers the crime against europe a possible outcome of the war of 1914 by roger casement as a diplomat and irish nationalist casement was in a unique position to speculate on the outcome of the war of 1914 which would later come to be known by its more common name world war i written before the first declaration of war was made this book speculated on the outcomes such a widespread european conflict would have making it a time capsule of sorts for sentiments during a time just before major global shifts the essays in this collection the fourth in a series on the problem of total war examine the inter war period

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Report on the Art of War in Europe in 1854, 1855, and 1856 1860 pmh bell s famous book is a comprehensive study of the period and debates surrounding the european origins of the second world war he approaches the subject from three different angles describing the various explanations that have been offered for the war and the historiographical debates that have arisen from them analysing the ideological economic and strategic forces at work in europe during the 1930s and tracing the course of events from peace in 1932 via the initial outbreak of hostilities in 1939 through to the climactic german attack on the soviet union in 1941 which marked the descent into general conflict written in a lucid accessible style this is an indispensable guide to the complex origins of the second world war

The War in Europe and Its Lessons for Us 1916 the most distinguished series in military history published in the us for the first time each is volume written by a leading authority in the field and edited by john keegan the world s preeminent military historian from the rise of hitler and mussolini to the battles in normandy and north africa this comprehensive and illuminating volume explains the causes and tactics of warfare that engulfed europe during world war ii The Origins of the Second World War in Europe 2014-09-11 in 1941 the european war became a world war this book tackles that process in its economic political and ideological dimensions margaret lamb and nicholas tarling explore the significance of the asian factor and the importance of east asia in the making of the war in europe and the transformation of the european war of 1939 into the world war of 1941 this asian factor has often been neglected but the policies of all the major powers were affected by their world wide interests france had its possessions in north africa and asia nazi germany chose to become involved in china and to make an agreement with japan britain s action in europe and the mediterranean were conditioned by its commitments elsewhere in the world and the united states and the soviet union were both involved in europe and asia in particular the threat that japan presented to the status quo in east asia made it difficult for the war in europe in turn affected the position in east asia the us built a two ocean navy and encouraged the british to continue their struggle by keeping the resources of south east asia available and these steps led to a clash with the japanese lamb and tarling s global approach throws valuable new light on the origins of the second world war

The Second World War in Europe (Smithsonian History of Warfare) 2006-08-22 europe s second thirty years war an epoch of blood and ashes fire and blood looks at the european crisis of the two world wars as a single historical sequence the age of the european civil war 1914 1945 its overture was played out in the trenches of the great war its coda on a ruined continent it opened with conventional declarations of war and finished with unconditional surrender proclamations of national unity led to eventual devastation with entire countries torn to pieces during these three decades of deepening conflicts a classical interstate conflict morphed into a global civil war abandoning rules of engagement and fought by irreducible enemies rather than legitimate adversaries each seeking the annihilation of its opponents it was a time of both unchained passions and industrial rationalized massacre utilizing multiple sources enzo

traverso depicts the dialectic of this era of wars revolutions and genocides rejecting commonplace notions of totalitarian evil he rediscovers the feelings and reinterprets the ideas of an age of intellectual and political commitment when europe shaped world history with its own collapse

The Air War in Europe 1977 this atlas depicts primarily strategic coverage of the major compaigns of the war in the european and mediterranean theaters. The War in Europe 1914 future war and the defence of europe offers a major new analysis of how peace and security can be maintained in europe a continent that has suffered two cataclysmic conflicts since 1914 taking as its starting point the covid 19 pandemic and way it will inevitably accelerate some key global dynamics already in play the book goes on to weave history strategy policy and technology into a compelling analytical narrative it lays out in forensic detail the scale of the challenge europeans and their allies face if europe s peace is to be upheld in a transformative century the book upends foundational assumptions about how europe s defence is organised the role of a fast changing transatlantic relationship nato the eu and their constituent nation states at the heart of the book is a radical vision of a technology enabling future european defence built around a new kind of atlantic alliance an innovative strategic public private partnership and the future hyper electronic european force e force it must spawn europeans should be under no illusion unless they do far more for their own defence and very differently all that they now take for granted could be lost in the maze of hybrid war cyber war and hyper war they must face

From Versailles to Pearl Harbor 2017-03-14 the cold war was a unique international conflict partly because josef stalin sought socialist transformation of other countries rather than simply the traditional objectives this intriguing book based on recently accessible soviet primary sources is the first to explain the emergence of the cold war and its development in stalin s lifetime from the perspective of soviet policy making the book pays particular attention to the often neglected societal dimension of soviet foreign policy as a crucial element of the genesis and development of the cold war it is also the first to put german postwar development into the context of soviet cold war policy stalin vainly tried to mobilize the germans with slogans of national unity and then to discredit the west among the germans by forcing the surrender of berlin further attempts to prevail deadlocked him into a confrontation with the newly united western powers comparing stalin s internal statements with soviet actions gerhard wettig draws original conclusions about stalin s meta plans for the regions of germany and eastern europe this fascinating look at soviet politics during the cold war provides readers with new insights into stalin s willingness to initiate crisis with the west while still avoiding military conflict

Fire and Blood 2017-03-28 a very welcome compact guide to the second world war in europe dr mackenzie's concise account covers all the major military campaigns the important economic and social aspects of the war and wartime diplomacy providing a clear narrative and analysis of events he considers such key issues including barbarism the holocaust and strategic bombing and the u boat war this is the ideal text for anyone studying the second world war

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Peace and War in Europe; By Gilbert Slater 1915 given the destruction and suffering caused by more than four years of industrialised warfare and economic hardship scholars have tended to focus on the nationalism and hatred in the belligerent countries holding that it led to a fundamental rupture of any sense of european commonality and unity it is the central aim of this volume to correct this view and to highlight that many observers saw the conflict as a european civil war and to discuss what this meant for discourses about europe bringing together a remarkable range of compelling and highly original topics this collection explores notions images and ideas of europe in the midst of catastrophe

Atlas of the Second World War: Europe and the Mediterranean 1985 examines the origins of world war ii in europe and discusses battles military tactics weaponry new methods of destruction and america s involvement in the war includes internet links to sites source documents and photographs related to the war

Future War and the Defence of Europe 2021 what was the biggest operation of world war ii in europe what was the name of the largest concentration camp operating in europe between 1939 and 1945 what european nationality lost the largest number of civilians between 1939 45 this work answers these questions and presents a history of the second world war

Experience and Memory 2008 includes over 50 maps and plans chester wilmot s the struggle for europe is the most highly regarded single volume history of the second world war in europe first published in 1952 the book has the advantage of the author s extensive interviews with participants from all sides of the conflict when recollections of the war were still painfully fresh the pattern of post war europe he maintains was determined during the fighting he sees the shaping events through a study of wartime diplomacy and strategy and of the impact on wartime policies of the personalities of the statesmen and generals with whom the decisions lay throughout wilmot hews to one guiding principle to concern ourselves solely with the course of military events would be to tell only half the story and to see only half its significance it is the political outcome that counts and in this book the two are closely related at every stage print ed

Stalin and the Cold War in Europe 1914 offers a new perspective on the origins of the second world war by comparing and contrasting military planning in seven nations prior to the outbreak of war and by relating this planning to foreign policy goals of the era

The Great War 2009 in this pioneering new work based on a thorough re reading of primary sources and new research in the austrian state archives franz szabo presents a fascinating reassessment of the continental war professor szabo challenges the well established myth that the seven years war was won through the military skill and tenacity of the king of prussia often styled frederick the great instead he argues that prussia did not win but merely survived the

seven years war and did so despite and not because of the actions and decisions of its king with balanced attention to all the major participants and to all conflict zones on the european continent the book describes the strategies and tactics of the military leaders on all sides analyzes the major battles of the war and illuminates the diplomatic political and financial aspects of the conflict

The Second World War in Europe 2021-03-31 warfare and society in europe 1898 to the present examines warfare in europe from the fashoda conflict in modern day sudan to the recent war in iraq the twentieth century was by far the world s most destructive century with two global wars marking the first half of the century and the constant fear of nuclear annihilation haunting the second half

Visions and Ideas of Europe During the First World War 2002 this volume explores this age of metamorphosis within european history from a global perspective covering a wide range of topics such as arts and literature humanitarian relief transnational feminism and efforts to create a unified europe it examines social and cultural history as well as political economic and diplomatic perspectives

World War II in Europe 1981 civil war in central europe argues that polish independence after the first world war was forged in the fires of the post war conflicts which should be collectively referred to as the central european civil war 1918 1921 the ensuing violence forced those living in european border regions to decide on their national identity german or polish

Post-war Europe 1991-09 across the whole of nazi ruled europe the experience of occupation was sharply varied some countries such as denmark were allowed to run themselves within tight limits others such as france were constrained not only by military occupation but by open collaboration in a historical moment when nazi victory seemed permanent and irreversible the question why resist was therefore augmented by who was the enemy resistance is an extraordinarily powerful humane and haunting account of how and why all across nazi occupied europe some people decided to resist the third reich this could range from open partisan warfare in the occupied soviet union to dangerous acts of insurrection in the netherlands or norway some of these resistance movements were entirely home grown others supported by the allies like no other book resistance shows the reader just how difficult such actions were how could small bands of individuals undertake tasks which could lead not just to their own deaths but those of their families and their entire communities filled with powerful and often little known stories halik kochanski s major new book is a fascinating examination of the convoluted challenges faced by those prepared to resist the germans ordinary people who carried out exceptional acts of defiance

War in Europe 2006 our view of the first world war is dominated by the twin images of the fronts and the home fronts yet the war also generated a third type of front that of military occupation vast areas of europe experienced the war under a military regime and this book deals with the occupations by the german and austro hungarian empires their conquests ranged from lille in the west to the don river in the east and from courland in the north to friuli and

montenegro in the south they encompassed capital cities such as brussels warsaw belgrade and bukarest as well as areas of crucial economic importance millions of people experienced military occupation and even though they were civilians the war had a deep impact on their lives conversely occupied territories influenced the states that had conquered them and on the way these states waged war the chapters in this book analyze military occupation in 1914 1918 both from the point of view of the occupied and from the point of view of the occupier they study counter insurgency warfare forced labour food regimes underground patriotism and cultural policies they demonstrate that military occupation was an essential dimension of the great war this book was originally published as a special issue of first world war studies

Europe at War 2015-11-06 superb likely to become a classic observer in the summer of 1914 most of europe plunged into a war so catastrophic that it

unhinged the continent s politics and beliefs in a way that took generations to recover from the disaster terrified its survivors shocked that a civilization that had blandly assumed itself to be a model for the rest of the world had collapsed into a chaotic savagery beyond any comparison in 1939 europeans would initiate a second conflict that managed to be even worse a war in which the killing of civilians was central and which culminated in the holocaust to hell and back tells this story with humanity flair and originality kershaw gives a compelling narrative of events but he also wrestles with the most difficult issues that the events raise with what it meant for the europeans who initiated and lived through such fearful times and what this means for us

The Struggle For Europe 2001 this book makes two distinctive contributions to one of the most fundamental debates in modern european history first it presents readable and judicious accounts of the events and decisions directly precipitating the outbreak of war in each of the main belligerent countries second it assesses the role of public opinion and popular mood in determining and responding to the july crisis of 1914 with a list of contributors who are all distinguished in different aspects of the subject this stimulating survey covers the historiography of the immediate causes of the war and includes new reflections on the character of the official and unofficial mentalités during the last weeks of peace contributors sir michael howard zbynek zeman r j w evans

Military Planning and the Origins of the Second World War in Europe 2013-11-05 when war broke out in europe in 1914 it surprised a european population enjoying the most beautiful summer in memory for nearly a century since historians have debated the causes of the war some have cited the assassination of archduke franz ferdinand others have concluded it was unavoidable in europe s last summer david fromkin provides a different answer hostilities were commenced deliberately in a riveting re creation of the run up to war fromkin shows how german generals seeing war as inevitable manipulated events to precipitate a conflict waged on their own terms moving deftly between diplomats generals and rulers across europe he makes the complex diplomatic negotiations accessible and immediate examining the actions of individuals amid larger historical forces this is a gripping historical narrative and a dramatic

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reassessment of a key moment in the twentieth century

The Seven Years War in Europe 2003-12-04 this book presents a comprehensive reassessment of europe in the cold war period 1945 91 contrary to popular belief it shows that relations between east and west were based not only on confrontation and mutual distrust but also on collaboration the authors reveal that despite opposing ideologies there was in fact considerable interaction and exchange between different eastern and western actors such states enterprises associations organisations and individuals irrespective of the iron curtain this book challenges both the traditional understanding of the east west juxtaposition and the relevancy of the iron curtain covering the full period and taking into account a range of spheres including trade scientific technical co operation and cultural and social exchanges it reveals how smaller countries and smaller actors in europe were able to forge and implement their agendas within their own blocs the books suggests that given these lower level actors engaged in mutually beneficial cooperation often running counter to the ambitions of the bloc leaders the rules of cold war interaction were not in fact exclusively dictated by the superpowers

Warfare and Society in Europe 1915 from the acclaimed military historian a history of the outbreak of world war i the dramatic stretch from the breakdown of diplomacy to the battles the marne ypres tannenberg that marked the frenzied first year before the war bogged down in the trenches in catastrophe 1914 max hastings gives us a conflict different from the familiar one of barbed wire mud and futility he traces the path to war making clear why germany and austria hungary were primarily to blame and describes the gripping first clashes in the west where the french army marched into action in uniforms of red and blue with flags flying and bands playing in august four days after the french suffered 27 000 men dead in a single day the british fought an extraordinary holding action against oncoming germans one of the last of its kind in history in october at terrible cost the british held the allied line against massive german assaults in the first battle of ypres hastings also re creates the lesser known battles on the eastern front brutal struggles in serbia east prussia and galicia where the germans austrians russians and serbs inflicted three million casualties upon one another by christmas as he has done in his celebrated award winning works on world war ii hastings gives us frank assessments of generals and political leaders and masterly analyses of the political currents that led the continent to war he argues passionately against the contention that the war was not worth the cost maintaining that germany s defeat was vital to the freedom of europe throughout we encounter statesmen generals peasants housewives and private soldiers of seven nations in hastings s accustomed blend of top down and bottom up accounts generals dismounting to lead troops in bayonet charges over 1 500 feet of open ground farmers who at first decried the requisition of their horses infantry men engaged in a haggard retreat sleeping four hours a night in their haste this is a vivid new portrait of how a continent became embroiled in wa

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the first world war followed a period of sustained peace in europe during which people talked with confidence of prosperity progress and hope but in 1914 europe walked into a catastrophic conflict which killed millions of its men bled its economies dry shook empires and societies to pieces and fatally undermined europe s dominance of the world it was a war which could have been avoided up to the last moment so why did it happen beginning in the early nineteenth century and ending with the assassination of arch duke franz ferdinand award winning historian margaret macmillan uncovers the huge political and technological changes national decisions and just as important the small moments of human muddle and weakness that led europe from peace to disaster this masterful exploration of how europe chose its path towards war will change and enrich how we see this defining moment in our history Europe from War to War, 1914-1945 2018 from the prewar development of the german war machine to the ultimate victory of the allied coalition here is an in depth analysis of the battles that raged on the western and eastern fronts it examines the major strategies the innovative tactics and the new generation of weapons along with the people who used them

Civil War in Central Europe, 1918-1921 2022-03-03 includes pictures includes accounts of the fighting during d day the battle of the bulge the battle of berlin and more includes online resources and a bibliography for further reading includes a table of contents by the end of 1943 with allied forces firmly established in italy and the soviets on the verge of turning the tide in russia the british and americans began to plot the invasion that would liberate europe from the nazis during the first half of 1944 the americans and british commenced a massive buildup of men and resources in the united kingdom while allied supreme commander dwight d eisenhower and military brass planned the details of an enormous and complex amphibious invasion of europe though the allies used misinformation to try deceiving the germans the most obvious place for an invasion was just across the narrow english channel and the germans had built coastal fortifications throughout france to protect against just such an invasion the invasion across the channel came in the early morning hours of june 6 1944 that day forever known as d day the allies commenced operation overlord by staging the largest and most complex amphibious invasion in human history the complex operation would require tightly coordinated naval and air bombardment paratroopers and even inflatable tanks that would be able to fire on fortifications from the coastline all while landing over 150 000 men across nearly 70 miles of french beaches given the incredibly complex plan it s no surprise that general eisenhower had already written a letter apologizing for the failure of the invasion which he carried in his coat pocket throughout the day after the successful amphibious invasion on d day in june 1944 the allies began racing east toward germany and liberating france along the way it was hitler s belief that by splitting the allied march across europe in their drive toward germany he could cause the collapse of the enemy armies and cut off their supply lines part of hitler s confidence came as a result of underestimating american resolve but with the soviets racing toward berlin from the east this final offensive would truly be the last gasp of the german war machine and the month long campaign was fought over a large area of the ardennes forest through france belgium and parts of luxembourg from an allied point of view the operations were commonly referred to as the ardennes offensive while the german code phrase for the operation was unternehmen wacht am rhein operation watch on the rhine with the initial breakout going under the name of operation mist today americans know it best as the battle of the bulge after resisting the german attack the allied armies began advancing and with that the race to berlin was truly on in april 1945 the allies were within sight of the german capital of berlin but hitler refused to acknowledge the collapsed state of the german military effort even at this desperate stage and he confined himself to his berlin bunker where he met for prolonged periods only with those that professed eternal loyalty even to the point of death in his last weeks hitler continued to blame the incompetence of military officers for germany s apparent failings and he even blamed the german people themselves for a lack of spirit and strength as their leader dwelled in a state of self pity without remorse or mercy but near suicide the people of berlin were simply left to await their fate as russians advanced from the east and the other allies advanced from the west the battle would technically begin on april 16 1945 and though it ended in a matter of weeks it produced some of the war s most climactic events and had profound implications on the immediate future in the wake of the war the european continent was devastated leaving the soviet union and the united states as uncontested superpowers

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