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**ROOTS OF RUSSIA'S WAR IN UKRAINE** - ELIZABETH A. WOOD 2015-12-15

IN FEBRUARY 2014, RUSSIA INITIATED A WAR IN UKRAINE, ITS REASONS FOR AGGRESSION UNCLEAR. EACH OF THIS VOLUME'S AUTHORS OFFERS A DISTINCT INTERPRETATION OF RUSSIA'S MOTIVATIONS, UNTANGLING THE SOCIAL, HISTORICAL, AND POLITICAL FACTORS THAT CREATED THIS WAR AND CONTINUALLY REIGNITE ITS TENSIONS. WHAT PROMPTED PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN TO SEND TROOPS INTO CRIMEA? WHY DID THE CONFLICT SPREAD TO EASTERN UKRAINE WITH RUSSIAN SUPPORT? WHAT DOES THE WAR SAY ABOUT RUSSIA'S POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL PRIORITIES, AND HOW DOES THE CRISIS EXPOSE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EU AND RUSSIA REGARDING INTERNATIONAL JURISDICTION? DID PUTIN'S OBSESSION WITH HIS MACHO IMAGE START THIS WAR, AND IS IT PREVENTING ITS RESOLUTION? THE EXPLORATION OF THESE AND OTHER QUESTIONS GIVES HISTORIANS, POLITICAL WATCHERS, AND THEORISTS A SOLID GRASP OF THE EVENTS THAT HAVE DESTABILIZED THE REGION.

**HEROES AND VILLAINS** - DAVID R. MARPLES 2007-01-01

CERTAIN TO ENGENDER DEBATE IN THE MEDIA, ESPECIALLY IN UKRAINE ITSELF, AS WELL AS THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY. USING A WIDE SELECTION OF NEWSPAPERS, JOURNALS, MONOGRAPHS, AND SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS FROM DIFFERENT REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY, THE BOOK EXAMINES THE SENSITIVE ISSUE OF THE CHANGING PERSPECTIVES ? OFTEN SHIFTING 180 DEGREES ? ON SEVERAL EVENTS DISCUSSED IN THE NEW NARRATIVES OF THE STALIN YEARS PUBLISHED IN THE UKRAINE SINCE THE LATE GORBACHEV PERIOD UNTIL 2005. THESE EVENTS WERE PIVOTAL TO UKRAINIAN HISTORY IN THE 20TH CENTURY, INCLUDING THE FAMINE OF 1932-33 AND UKRAINIAN INSURGENCY DURING THE WAR YEARS. THIS LATTER PERIOD IS PARTICULARLY DISPUTED, AND ANALYZED WITH REGARD TO THE ROLES OF THE OUN (ORGANIZATION OF UKRAINIAN NATIONALISTS) AND THE UPA (UKRAINIAN INSURGENT ARMY) DURING AND AFTER THE WAR. WERE THESE ORGANIZATIONS "FREEDOM FIGHTERS" OR "COLLABORATORS"? TO WHAT EXTENT ARE THEY THE ARCHITECTS OF THE MODERN

INDEPENDENT STATE? "THIS EXCELLENT BOOK FILLS A LONGSTANDING VOID IN LITERATURE ON THE POLITICS OF MEMORY IN EASTERN EUROPE. PROFESSOR MARPLES HAS PRODUCED AN INNOVATIVE AND COURAGEOUS STUDY OF HOW POSTCOMMUNIST UKRAINE IS REWRITING ITS STALINIST AND WARTIME PAST BY GRADUALLY BUT INCONSISTENTLY SUBSTITUTING SOVIET MODELS WITH NATIONALIST INTERPRETATIONS. GROUNDED IN AN ATTENTIVE READING OF UKRAINIAN SCHOLARSHIP AND JOURNALISM FROM THE LAST TWO DECADES, THIS BOOK OFFERS A BALANCED TAKE ON SUCH SENSITIVE ISSUES AS THE GREAT FAMINE OF 1932-33 AND THE ROLE OF THE UKRAINIAN NATIONALIST INSURGENTS DURING WORLD WAR II. INSTEAD OF TAKING SIDES IN THE PASSIONATE DEBATES ON THESE SUBJECTS, MARPLES ANALYZES THE DEBATES THEMSELVES AS DISCURSIVE SITES WHERE A NEW NATIONAL HISTORY IS BEING FORGED. CLEARLY WRITTEN AND WELL ARGUED, THIS STUDY WILL MAKE A MAJOR IMPACT BOTH WITHIN AND BEYOND ACADEMIA." - SERHY YEKELCHYK, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA  
**No Logo** - NAOMI KLEIN 2000-01-15

"WHAT CORPORATIONS FEAR MOST ARE CONSUMERS WHO ASK QUESTIONS. NAOMI KLEIN OFFERS US THE ARGUMENTS WITH WHICH TO TAKE ON THE SUPERBRANDS." BILLY BRAGG FROM THE BOOKJACKET.

**TRUMPED!** - DAVID ALAN STOCKMAN 2016

DAVID STOCKMAN BRINGS US AN INSIDER-TURNED-ICONOCLAST'S REPORT ON HOW 30 YEARS OF FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL MISRULE BY THE WASHINGTON/WALL STREET ELITES HAVE BROUGHT THE U.S. TO THE BRINK OF RUIN. HE SHOWS THAT THE FED'S DESTRUCTIVE ZIRP AND QE POLICIES HAVE BURIED FLYOVER AMERICA IN DEBT WHILE CLOBBERING IT WITH SHRINKING REAL WAGES AND VANISHING JOB OPPORTUNITIES. AT THE SAME TIME, THE BICOASTAL ELITES HAVE PROSPERED MIGHTILY FROM THE MASSIVE INFLATION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS IN THE WALL STREET CASINO AND THE DEBT-FUELED EXPANSION OF IMPERIAL WASHINGTON'S DOMESTIC RACKETEERING AND GLOBAL INTERVENTIONS. STOCKMAN ARGUES THAT DONALD TRUMP'S IMPROBABLE CANDIDACY HAPPENED BECAUSE FLYOVER AMERICA HAS HAD

ENOUGH OF A RIGGED SYSTEM THAT BENEFITS THE FEW BUT HAS FAILED TO DELIVER ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND REAL PROSPERITY AT HOME AND A SAFER AND MORE STABLE WORLD ABROAD. STOCKMAN'S BOOK IS NO TESTIMONIAL ON BEHALF OF TRUMP'S CANDIDACY, AND CONTENDS THAT MUCH OF WHAT HE ADVOCATES IS WRONG-HEADED OR DOWNRIGHT REPREHENSIBLE. BUT IT DOES SALUTE HIM AS THE RALLYING FORCE FOR MAIN STREET POLITICAL INSURRECTION BECAUSE THE EXISTING REGIME OF BUBBLE FINANCE ON WALL STREET AND STATIST AGGRANDIZEMENT IN WASHINGTON THREATENS INCALCULABLE HARM. STOCKMAN ALSO ARGUES THAT THERE REMAINS A WAY FORWARD. HE SUGGESTS THE "POLITICAL OUTLAW" WHO CONSIDERS HIMSELF TO BE THE WORLD'S GREATEST DEALMAKER WOULD NEED TO "MAKE TEN GREAT DEALS" TO BRING AMERICAN BACK FROM THE BRINK. THESE INCLUDE A PEACE DEAL, A JOBS DEAL, A SOUND MONEY DEAL, A SUPER GLASS-STEAGALL DEAL, A LIBERTY DEAL AND FIVE MORE.

**UKRAINE IN THE CROSSFIRE** - CHRIS KASPAR DE PLOEG 2017-04-05

UKRAINE IS EMBROILED IN A BLOODY CIVIL WAR. BOTH SIDES STAND ACCUSED OF COLLABORATING WITH FASCISTS, OF COMMITTING WAR CRIMES, OF SERVING FOREIGN INTERESTS. THIS PROXY-WAR BETWEEN RUSSIA AND THE WEST WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A FIERCE INFORMATION WAR. THIS BOOK SEPARATES FACT FROM FICTION WITH EXTENSIVE AND RELIABLE DOCUMENTATION. WHILE REMAINING CRITICAL OF RUSSIA AND THE DONBASS REBELLION, DE PLOEG DEMONSTRATES THAT MANY OF THE RECENT DISASTERS CAN BE TRACED TO UKRAINIAN ULTRANATIONALISTS, PRO-WESTERN POLITICAL ELITES AND THEIR EUROPEAN AND NORTH-AMERICAN BACKERS. UKRAINE IN THE CROSSFIRE TACKLES THE IMPORTANCE OF ULTRANATIONALIST VIOLENCE DURING AND AFTER THE EUROMAIDAN MOVEMENT, AND DOCUMENTS HOW MANY OF THESE GROUPS ARE HEIRS TO FORMER NAZI-COLLABORATORS. IT SHOWS HOW THE UKRAINIAN STATE HAS SEIZED ON THE ULTRANATIONALIST WAR-RHETORIC TO SERVE ITS OWN AGENDA, CLAMPING DOWN ON CIVIL LIBERTIES ON A SCALE UNPRECEDENTED SINCE UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE. DE PLOEG ARGUES THAT KIEV ITSELF HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE TO PEACE IN DONBASS, WITH MULTIPLE LEAKS SUGGESTING THAT US OFFICIALS ARE PUSHING FOR A PRO-WAR LINE IN UKRAINE. WITH THE NATION'S EYES TURNED TOWARDS RUSSIA, THE EU AND IMF HAVE SUCCESSFULLY PRESSURED UKRAINE INTO ADOPTING FAR-REACHING AUSTERITY PROGRAMS, WHILE OLIGARCHIC LOOTING OF STATE ASSETS AND MASSIVE TAX-AVOIDANCE FACILITATED BY WESTERN STATES CONTINUE UNABATED. DE PLOEG DOCUMENTS THE LOCAL ROOTS OF THE DONBASS REBELLION, THE OVERWHELMING POPULARITY OF CRIMEA'S SECESSION, AND SHOWS THAT SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE'S PRO-WESTERN TURN REMAINS FAR FROM UNANIMOUS, WITH LARGE SWATHES OF UKRAINE'S RUSSOPHONE POPULATION OPTING OUT OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS. NEVERTHELESS, DE PLOEG ARGUES, THE PRO-WESTERN AND PRO-RUSSIAN CAMPS ARE OFTEN SIMILAR: NEOLIBERAL, AUTHORITARIAN, NATIONALIST AND HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON FOREIGN SUPPORT. IN A WIDER EXPLORATION OF RUSSO-WESTERN RELATIONS, HE EXAMINES SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE CONTEMPORARY RUSSIAN STATE AND ITS NATO COUNTERPARTS, SHOWING HOW THE TWO POWER BLOCS HAVE COLLABORATED IN SOME OF

THEIR WORST VIOLENT EXCESSES. A FAR CRY FROM CIVILIZATIONAL OR IDEOLOGICAL CLASHES, DE PLOEG ARGUES THAT THE CURRENT TENSIONS FLOW FROM NATO'S MILITARY DOMINANCE AND AGGRESSIVE POSTURE, BOTH GLOBALLY AND WITHIN EASTERN EUROPE, WHERE RUSSIA SEEKS TO PRESERVE THE STATUS-QUO. PACKED WITH SHOCKING FACTS, DEFTLY MOVING FROM THE LOCAL TO THE INTERNATIONAL, FROM THE HISTORICAL TO THE RECENT; DE PLOEG CONNECTS THE DOTS.

**I'M GOING TO RUIN THEIR LIVES** - MARC BENNETTS 2016-02-25

IN 2012, ON THE EVE OF VLADIMIR PUTIN'S INAUGURATION FOR A CONTROVERSIAL THIRD TERM AS PRESIDENT, MASS PROTESTS ENDED IN VIOLENT CLASHES BETWEEN DEMONSTRATORS AND THE POLICE. 'THEY RUINED MY BIG DAY, NOW I'M GOING TO RUIN THEIR LIVES,' PUTIN WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE SAID. NOW BORIS NEMTSOV IS DEAD, OTHER KEY OPPOSITION LEADERS ARE EITHER IN PRISON OR UNDER HOUSE ARREST AND THE KREMLIN IS USING THE SITUATION IN UKRAINE TO FURTHER ITS DOMESTIC AIMS, ENCOURAGING THE RISE OF VIOLENT PRO-PUTIN GROUPS AND LABELLING PROTESTERS 'NATIONAL TRAITORS'. JOURNALIST AND LONG-TIME MOSCOW RESIDENT MARC BENNETTS EXAMINES HOW PUTIN AND HIS SHADOWY ADVISERS CRUSHED RUSSIA'S BRAVE NEW PROTEST MOVEMENT. FEATURING RARE INTERVIEWS WITH EVERYONE FROM NEMTSOV AND OTHER PROTEST LEADERS TO KREMLIN INSIDERS, BENNETTS PROVIDES AN UNPRECEDENTED INSIGHT INTO THE REALITIES OF POLITICS ON THE GROUND. THE RESULT IS A BRILLIANT PORTRAYAL OF THE BATTLE FOR RUSSIA'S SOUL - ONE WHICH CONTINUES TO THIS DAY.

**STOP READING THE NEWS** - ROLF DOBELLI 2020-01-09

STOP READING THE NEWS IS A VITAL TOOLKIT FOR MANAGING THE UPSETTING CORONAVIRUS NEWS CYCLE AND FINDING EQUILIBRIUM AND CALM AT A TIME OF CHAOS AND UNCERTAINTY IN 2013 ROLF DOBELLI STOOD IN FRONT OF A ROOMFUL OF JOURNALISTS AND PROCLAIMED THAT HE DID NOT READ THE NEWS. IT CAUSED A RIOT. NOW THE AUTHOR OF THE BESTSELLING THE ART OF THINKING CLEARLY FINALLY SETS DOWN HIS PHILOSOPHY IN DETAIL. AND HE PRACTISES WHAT HE PREACHES: HE HASN'T READ THE NEWS FOR A DECADE. STOP READING THE NEWS IS DOBELLI'S MANIFESTO ABOUT THE DANGERS OF THE MOST TOXIC FORM OF INFORMATION - NEWS. HE SHOWS THE DAMAGE IT DOES TO OUR CONCENTRATION AND WELL-BEING, AND HOW A MISPLACED SENSE OF DUTY CAN MISDIRECT OUR BEHAVIOUR. MOST IMPORTANTLY, HE OFFERS THE READER THE GUIDANCE ON HOW TO LIVE WITHOUT NEWS, AND THE MANY POTENTIAL GAINS TO BE HAD: LESS DISRUPTION, MORE TIME, LESS ANXIETY, MORE INSIGHTS. IN A WORLD OF INCREASING DISRUPTION AND DIVISION, STOP READING THE NEWS IS A WELCOME VOICE OF CALM AND WISDOM.

**AVERTING CRISIS IN UKRAINE** - STEVEN PIFER 2009

THIS COUNCIL SPECIAL REPORT, COMMISSIONED BY CFR'S CENTER FOR PREVENTIVE ACTION, TAKES ALL THESE ISSUES INTO ACCOUNT AND EXAMINES THE MANY CHALLENGES FACING UKRAINE. THE REPORT COMPREHENSIVELY ANALYZES THE COUNTRY'S DIFFICULTIES, RELATED TO BOTH DOMESTIC CONDITIONS -- FOR EXAMPLE, FRACTIOUS POLITICS AND DEEPLY DIVIDED PUBLIC OPINION -- AND FOREIGN POLICY -- FOR EXAMPLE, ISSUES RELATED TO THE BLACK

SEA FLEET AND UKRAINIAN AND EUROPEAN DEPENDENCE ON RUSSIA'S NATURAL GAS. THE REPORT THEN RECOMMENDS WAYS FOR THE UNITED STATES TO ENCOURAGE UKRAINE ON A PATH OF STABILITY AND INTEGRATION WITH THE WEST. IT PROPOSES MEASURES TO BOLSTER HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND KIEV, FOSTER EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE IN UKRAINE, AND REDUCE UKRAINE'S SUSCEPTIBILITY TO RUSSIAN PRESSURE. ON THE CRUCIAL NATO QUESTION, THE REPORT URGES THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT CONTINUED UKRAINIAN INTEGRATION WITH THE ALLIANCE, THOUGH IT RECOMMENDS WAITING TO BACK CONCRETE STEPS TOWARD MEMBERSHIP UNTIL KIEV ACHIEVES CONSENSUS ON THIS POINT. ONE NEED NOT AGREE WITH THIS JUDGMENT TO FIND PIFER'S ANALYSIS OF VALUE. AVERTING CRISIS IN UKRAINE TAKES A CLEAR-EYED LOOK AT THE ISSUES THAT COULD CAUSE INSTABILITY -- OR WORSE -- IN UKRAINE. BUT IT ALSO RECOMMENDS PRACTICAL STEPS THAT COULD INCREASE THE PROSPECT THAT UKRAINE WILL ENJOY A PROSPEROUS, DEMOCRATIC, AND INDEPENDENT FUTURE.

(RE)NEGOTIATING EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA - ALICE D. BA 2009-03-26

THIS BOOK SEEKS TO EXPLAIN TWO CORE PARADOXES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN): HOW HAVE DIVERSE STATES HUNG TOGETHER AND STABILIZED RELATIONS IN THE FACE OF COMPETING INTERESTS, DIVERGENT PREFERENCES, AND ARGUABLY WEAK COOPERATION? HOW HAS A GROUP OF LESSER, SELF-IDENTIFIED SOUTHEAST ASIAN POWERS GONE BEYOND ITS ORIGINAL REGIONAL PURVIEW TO SHAPE THE FORM AND CONTENT OF ASIAN PACIFIC AND EAST ASIAN REGIONALISMS? ACCORDING TO ALICE BA, THE ANSWERS LIE IN ASEAN'S FOUNDING ARGUMENTS: ARGUMENTS THAT WERE PREMISED ON AN ASSUMED REGIONAL DISUNITY. SHE DEMONSTRATES HOW THESE ARGUMENTS DRAW CRITICAL CAUSAL CONNECTIONS THAT MAKE SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGIONALISM A NECESSARY RESPONSE TO PROBLEMS, GIVE RISE TO ITS DEFINING INFORMALITY AND CONSENSUS-SEEKING PROCESS, AND ALSO CONSTRAIN ASEAN'S REGIONALISM. TRACING DEBATES ABOUT ASEAN'S INTRA- AND EXTRA-REGIONAL RELATIONS OVER FOUR DECADES, SHE ARGUES FOR A PROCESS-DRIVEN VIEW OF COOPERATION, SHEDS LIGHT ON INTERVENING PROCESSES OF ARGUMENT AND DEBATE, AND HIGHLIGHTS INTERACTING MATERIAL, IDEATIONAL, AND SOCIAL FORCES IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF REGIONS AND REGIONALISMS.

THIS LAND - CHRISTOPHER KETCHAM 2019-07-16

"A big, bold book about public lands . . . THE DESERT SOLITAIRE OF OUR TIME."

—OUTSIDE A HARD-HITTING LOOK AT THE BATTLE NOW RAGING OVER THE FATE OF THE PUBLIC LANDS IN THE AMERICAN WEST--AND A PLEA FOR THE PROTECTION OF THESE LAST WILD PLACES THE PUBLIC LANDS OF THE WESTERN UNITED STATES COMPRISE SOME 450 MILLION ACRES OF GRASSLAND, STEPPE LAND, CANYONS, FORESTS, AND MOUNTAINS. IT'S AN AMERICAN COMMONS, AND IT IS UNDER ASSAULT AS NEVER BEFORE. JOURNALIST CHRISTOPHER KETCHAM HAS BEEN DOCUMENTING THE CONFLUENCE OF COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION AND GOVERNMENTAL MISCONDUCT IN THIS REGION FOR OVER A DECADE. HIS REVELATORY BOOK TAKES THE READER ON A JOURNEY ACROSS THESE LAST WILD PLACES, TO SEE HOW CAPITALISM IS KILLING OUR GREAT COMMONS. KETCHAM BEGINS IN UTAH, REVEALING

THE ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY UNREGULATED PUBLIC LANDS LIVESTOCK GRAZING, AND EXPOSING RAMPANT MALFEASANCE IN THE FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES, WHO HAVE BEEN COMPROMISED BY THE PROFIT-DRIVEN LIVESTOCK AND ENERGY INTERESTS THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO REGULATE. HE THEN TURNS TO THE BROAD EFFECTS OF THOSE CORRUPT POLITICS ON WILDLIFE. HE TRACKS THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR'S FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT--INCLUDING ITS STARK BETRAYAL OF PROTECTIONS FOR THE GRIZZLY BEAR AND THE SAGE GROUSE--AND INVESTIGATES THE DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOR OF U.S. WILDLIFE SERVICES IN THEIR SHOCKING MASS SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS THAT THREATEN THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY. ALONG THE WAY, KETCHAM TALKS WITH ECOLOGISTS, BIOLOGISTS, BOTANISTS, FORMER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, WHISTLEBLOWERS, GRASSROOTS ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND OTHER CITIZENS WHO ARE FIGHTING TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC DOMAIN FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. THIS LAND IS A COLORFUL MUCKRAKING JOURNEY--PART EDWARD ABBEY, PART UPTON SINCLAIR--EXPOSING THE ROT IN AMERICAN POLITICS THAT IS RAPIDLY LEADING TO THE SELL-OUT OF OUR NATIONAL HERITAGE. THE BOOK ENDS WITH KETCHAM'S VISION OF ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION FOR THE AMERICAN WEST: FREEING THE TRAMPLED, DENUDED ECOSYSTEMS FROM THE EFFECTS OF GRAZING, ENFORCING THE LAWS ALREADY IN PLACE TO DEFEND BIODIVERSITY, ALLOWING THE NATIVE SPECIES OF THE WEST TO RECOVER UNDER A FULLY IMPLEMENTED ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, AND ESTABLISHING VAST STRETCHES OF PUBLIC LAND WHERE THERE WILL BE NO DEVELOPMENT AT ALL, NOT EVEN FOR RECREATION.

CHERNOBYL - SERHII PLOKHY 2018-05-15

WINNER OF THE BAILLIE GIFFORD PRIZE 2018 'AN INSIGHTFUL AND IMPORTANT BOOK, THAT OFTEN READS LIKE A GOOD THRILLER, AND THAT EXPOSES THE DANGER OF MIXING POWERFUL TECHNOLOGY WITH IRRESPONSIBLE POLITICS' - YUVAL NOAH HARARI, AUTHOR OF SAPIENS 'AS MOVING AS IT IS PAINSTAKINGLY RESEARCHED. . . A CRACKING READ' - VIV GROSKOP, OBSERVER THE GRIPPING STORY OF THE CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR DISASTER, FROM AN ACCLAIMED HISTORIAN AND WRITER ON THE MORNING OF 26 APRIL 1986 EUROPE WITNESSED THE WORST NUCLEAR DISASTER IN HISTORY: THE EXPLOSION OF A REACTOR AT THE CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN SOVIET UKRAINE. THE OUTBURST PUT THE WORLD ON THE BRINK OF NUCLEAR ANNIHILATION. IN THE END, LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT OF THE REACTOR'S FUEL ESCAPED, BUT THAT WAS ENOUGH TO CONTAMINATE OVER HALF OF EUROPE WITH RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT. IN CHERNOBYL, SERHII PLOKHY RECREATES THESE EVENTS IN ALL OF THEIR DRAMA, TELLING THE STORIES OF THE FIREFIGHTERS, SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS, WORKERS, SOLDIERS, AND POLICEMEN WHO FOUND THEMSELVES CAUGHT IN A NUCLEAR ARMAGEDDON AND SUCCEEDED IN DOING THE SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE: EXTINGUISHING THE NUCLEAR INFERNO AND PUTTING THE REACTOR TO SLEEP. WHILE IT IS CLEAR THAT THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT WAS A TURBINE TEST GONE WRONG, PLOKHY SHOWS HOW THE DEEPER ROOTS OF CHERNOBYL LAY IN THE NATURE OF THE SOVIET POLITICAL SYSTEM AND THE FLAWS OF ITS NUCLEAR INDUSTRY. A LITTLE MORE THAN FIVE YEARS LATER, THE SOVIET UNION WOULD FALL APART, DESTROYED FROM WITHIN BY ITS UNSUSTAINABLE COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY AND

THE DYSFUNCTIONAL MANAGERIAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS LAID BARE IN THE WAKE OF THE DISASTER. A POIGNANT, FAST PACED ACCOUNT OF THE DRAMA OF HEROES, PERPETRATORS, AND VICTIMS, CHERNOBYL IS THE DEFINITIVE HISTORY OF THE WORLD'S WORST NUCLEAR DISASTER.

HOW DICTATORSHIPS WORK - BARBARA GEDDES 2018-08-23

EXPLAINS HOW DICTATORSHIPS RISE, SURVIVE, AND FALL, ALONG WITH WHY SOME BUT NOT ALL DICTATORS WIELD VAST POWERS.

**A CONSENSUS PROPOSAL FOR A REVISED REGIONAL ORDER IN POST-SOVIET EUROPE AND EURASIA** - JEREMY SHAPIRO 2019

THE AUTHORS OF THIS VOLUME OFFER A PROPOSAL FOR A REVISED REGIONAL ORDER IN POST-SOVIET EUROPE AND EURASIA THAT WOULD BOOST SECURITY, FACILITATE PROSPERITY, AND ADDRESS CONFLICTS IN THE REGION, AND THUS REDUCE TENSIONS IN RUSSIA-WEST RELATIONS.

**THE DEATH OF MONEY** - JAMES RICKARDS 2014-04-08

THE NEXT FINANCIAL COLLAPSE WILL RESEMBLE NOTHING IN HISTORY. . . . DECIDING UPON THE BEST COURSE TO FOLLOW WILL REQUIRE COMPREHENDING A MINEFIELD OF RISKS, WHILE POISED AT A CROSSROADS, PONDERING THE DEATH OF THE DOLLAR. THE U.S. DOLLAR HAS BEEN THE GLOBAL RESERVE CURRENCY SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II. IF THE DOLLAR FAILS, THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM WILL FAIL WITH IT. BUT OPTIMISTS HAVE ALWAYS SAID, IN ESSENCE, THAT CONFIDENCE IN THE DOLLAR WILL NEVER TRULY BE SHAKEN, NO MATTER HOW HIGH OUR NATIONAL DEBT OR HOW DYSFUNCTIONAL OUR GOVERNMENT. IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, HOWEVER, THE RISKS HAVE BECOME TOO BIG TO IGNORE. WHILE WASHINGTON IS GRIDLOCKED, OUR BIGGEST RIVALS—CHINA, RUSSIA, AND THE OIL-PRODUCING NATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST—ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO END U.S. MONETARY HEGEMONY. THE POTENTIAL RESULTS: FINANCIAL WARFARE. DEFLATION. HYPERINFLATION. MARKET COLLAPSE. CHAOS. JAMES RICKARDS, THE ACCLAIMED AUTHOR OF *CURRENCY WARS*, SHOWS WHY MONEY ITSELF IS NOW AT RISK AND WHAT WE CAN ALL DO TO PROTECT OURSELVES. HE EXPLAINS THE POWER OF CONVERTING UNRELIABLE INVESTMENTS INTO REAL WEALTH: GOLD, LAND, FINE ART, AND OTHER LONG-TERM STORES OF VALUE.

*BEYOND FROZEN CONFLICT* - THOMAS DE WAAL 2021-03-15

THIS BOOK IS THE FIRST TO GIVE AN UP-TO-DATE ACCOUNT OF ALL FIVE UNRESOLVED CONFLICTS OF THE POST-SOVIET SPACE IN EASTERN EUROPE IN AN ANALYTICALLY CONSISTENT MANNER.

**DEMOCRACY ON THE PRECIPICE** - ZYGMUNT BAUMAN 2012-01-01

DEMOCRACY IS WELL-ESTABLISHED AND SOUNDLY PRACTICED IN MOST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. BUT DESPITE UNPRECEDENTED PROGRESS, THERE IS GROWING DISSATISFACTION WITH THE STATE OF DEMOCRACY AND DEEPENING MISTRUST OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS; A SITUATION EXACERBATED BY THE ECONOMIC CRISIS. ARE EUROPE'S DEMOCRACIES REALLY UNDER THREAT? HAS THE TRADITIONAL MODEL OF EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY EXHAUSTED ITS POTENTIAL? A BROAD CONSENSUS IS FORMING AS TO THE URGENT NEED TO EXAMINE THE

ORIGINS OF THE CRISIS AND TO EXPLORE VISIONS AND STRATEGIES WHICH COULD CONTRIBUTE TO REBUILDING CONFIDENCE IN DEMOCRACY. AS EUROPE'S GUARDIAN OF DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RULE OF LAW, THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE IS COMMITTED TO EXPLORING THE STATE AND PRACTICE OF EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY, AS WELL AS IDENTIFYING NEW CHALLENGES AND ANTICIPATING FUTURE TRENDS. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THIS REFLECTION, THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE HELD A SERIES OF DEMOCRACY DEBATES WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF RENOWNED SPECIALISTS WORKING IN A VARIETY OF BACKGROUNDS AND DISCIPLINES. THIS PUBLICATION PRESENTS THE EIGHT DEMOCRACY DEBATE LECTURES. EACH PRESENTATION ANALYSES A SPECIFIC ASPECT OF DEMOCRACY TODAY, PLACING THE ISSUES NOT ONLY IN THEIR POLITICAL CONTEXT BUT ALSO ADDRESSING THE HISTORICAL, TECHNOLOGICAL AND COMMUNICATION DIMENSIONS. THE AUTHORS MAKE PROPOSALS ON WAYS TO IMPROVE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND OFFER THEIR PREDICTIONS ON HOW DEMOCRACY IN EUROPE MAY EVOLVE. TOGETHER, THE PRESENTATIONS CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF DEMOCRACY TODAY AND TO RECOGNISING THE WAYS IT COULD BE PROTECTED AND STRENGTHENED.

HOW UKRAINE BECAME A MARKET ECONOMY AND DEMOCRACY - ANDERS [?] SLUND 2009-03-01

ONE OF EUROPE'S OLD NATIONS STEEPED IN HISTORY, UKRAINE IS TODAY AN UNDISPUTED INDEPENDENT STATE. IT IS A DEMOCRACY AND HAS TRANSFORMED INTO A MARKET ECONOMY WITH PREDOMINANT PRIVATE OWNERSHIP. UKRAINE'S POSTCOMMUNIST TRANSITION HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST PROTRACTED AND SOCIALLY COSTLY, BUT IT HAS TAKEN THE COUNTRY TO A DESIRABLE DESTINATION. [?] SLUND'S VIVID ACCOUNT OF UKRAINE'S JOURNEY BEGINS WITH A BRIEF BACKGROUND, WHERE HE DISCUSSES THE IMPLICATIONS OF UKRAINE'S HISTORY, THE AWAKENING OF SOCIETY BECAUSE OF MIKHAIL GORBACHEV'S REFORMS, THE EARLY DEMOCRATIZATION, AND THE IMPACT OF THE ILL-FATED SOVIET ECONOMIC REFORMS. HE THEN TURNS TO THE REIGN OF PRESIDENT LEONID KRAVCHUK FROM 1991 TO 1994, THE ONLY SALIENT ACHIEVEMENT OF WHICH WAS NATION-BUILDING, WHILE THE ECONOMY COLLAPSED IN THE MIDST OF HYPERINFLATION. THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF LEONID KUCHMA'S PRESIDENCY, FROM 1994 TO 1996, WERE CHARACTERIZED BY SUBSTANTIAL ACHIEVEMENTS, NOTABLY FINANCIAL STABILIZATION AND MASS PRIVATIZATION. THE PERIOD 1996-99 WAS A MISERABLE PERIOD OF POLICY STAGNATION, RENT SEEKING, AND CONTINUED ECONOMIC DECLINE. IN 2000 HOPE RETURNED TO UKRAINE. VIKTOR YUSHCHENKO BECAME PRIME MINISTER AND LAUNCHED VIGOROUS REFORMS TO CLEANSE THE ECONOMY FROM CORRUPTION, AND ECONOMIC GROWTH RETURNED. THE ENSUING PERIOD, 2001-04, AMOUNTED TO A COMPETITIVE OLIGARCHY. IT WAS QUITE PLURALIST, ALTHOUGH REPRESSION INCREASED. ECONOMIC GROWTH WAS HIGH. THE YEAR 2004 WITNESSED THE MOST JOYFUL PERIOD IN UKRAINE, THE ORANGE REVOLUTION, WHICH REPRESENTED UKRAINE'S DEMOCRATIC BREAKTHROUGH, WITH YUSHCHENKO AS ITS HERO. THE POSTREVOLUTION PERIOD, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY GREAT DOMESTIC POLITICAL INSTABILITY; A RENEWED, EXPLICIT RUSSIAN THREAT TO UKRAINE'S SOVEREIGNTY; AND A SEVERE FINANCIAL CRISIS. THE

ANSWERS TO THESE CHALLENGES LIE IN HOW SOON THE EUROPEAN UNION FULLY RECOGNIZES UKRAINE'S LONG-EXPRESSED IDENTITY AS A EUROPEAN STATE, HOW SWIFTLY UKRAINE IMPROVES ITS MALFUNCTIONING CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER, AND HOW PROMPTLY IT ADDRESSES CORRUPTION.

**A LITTLE LIFE** - HANYA YANAGIHARA 2015-03-10

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A STUNNING “PORTRAIT OF THE ENDURING GRACE OF FRIENDSHIP” (NPR) ABOUT THE FAMILIES WE ARE BORN INTO, AND THOSE THAT WE MAKE FOR OURSELVES. A MASTERFUL DEPICTION OF LOVE IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY. NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FINALIST • MAN BOOKER PRIZE FINALIST • WINNER OF THE KIRKUS PRIZE A LITTLE LIFE FOLLOWS FOUR COLLEGE CLASSMATES—BROKE, ADrift, AND BUOYED ONLY BY THEIR FRIENDSHIP AND AMBITION—AS THEY MOVE TO NEW YORK IN SEARCH OF FAME AND FORTUNE. WHILE THEIR RELATIONSHIPS, WHICH ARE TINGED BY ADDICTION, SUCCESS, AND PRIDE, DEEPEN OVER THE DECADES, THE MEN ARE HELD TOGETHER BY THEIR DEVOTION TO THE BRILLIANT, ENIGMATIC JUDE, A MAN SCARRED BY AN UNSPEAKABLE CHILDHOOD TRAUMA. A HYMN TO BROTHERLY BONDS AND A MASTERFUL DEPICTION OF LOVE IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY, HANYA YANAGIHARA'S STUNNING NOVEL IS ABOUT THE FAMILIES WE ARE BORN INTO, AND THOSE THAT WE MAKE FOR OURSELVES. LOOK FOR HANYA YANAGIHARA'S LATEST BESTSELLING NOVEL, *To Paradise*.

**UKRAINE AND THE ART OF STRATEGY** - LAWRENCE FREEDMAN 2019-01-04

THE RUSSIAN INVASION OF CRIMEA IN 2014, SUBSEQUENT WAR IN EASTERN UKRAINE AND ECONOMIC SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY THE WEST, TRANSFORMED EUROPEAN POLITICS. THESE EVENTS MARKED A DRAMATIC SHIFT AWAY FROM THE OPTIMISM OF THE POST-COLD WAR ERA. THE CONFLICT DID NOT ESCALATE TO THE LEVELS ORIGINALLY FEARED BUT NOR WAS EITHER SIDE ABLE TO BRING IT TO A DEFINITIVE CONCLUSION. UKRAINE SUFFERED A LOSS OF TERRITORY BUT WAS NOT FORCED INTO CHANGING ITS POLICIES AWAY FROM THE WESTWARD COURSE ADOPTED AS A RESULT OF THE EUROMAIDAN UPRISING OF FEBRUARY 2014. PRESIDENT PUTIN WAS LEFT SUPPORTING A SEPARATIST ENCLAVE AS RUSSIA'S ECONOMY SUFFERED SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE. IN *UKRAINE AND THE ART OF STRATEGY*, LAWRENCE FREEDMAN—AUTHOR OF THE LANDMARK *STRATEGY: A HISTORY*—PROVIDES AN ACCOUNT OF THE ORIGINS AND COURSE OF THE RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT THROUGH THE LENS OF STRATEGY. FREEDMAN DESCRIBES THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRESIDENT PUTIN'S ANXIETIES THAT FORMER SOVIET COUNTRIES WERE BEING DRAWN TOWARDS THE EUROPEAN UNION, THE EFFECTIVE PRESSURE HE PUT ON PRESIDENT YANUKOVYCH OF UKRAINE DURING 2013 TO TURN AWAY FROM THE EU AND THE RESULTING 'EUROMAIDAN REVOLUTION' WHICH LED TO YANUKOVYCH FLEEING. HE EXPLORES THE RELUCTANCE OF PUTIN TO USE RUSSIAN FORCES TO DO MORE THAT CONSOLIDATE THE INSURGENCY IN EASTERN UKRAINE, THE FAILURE OF THE MINSK PEACE PROCESS AND THE LIMITS OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE. PUTIN'S STRATEGIC-MAKING IS KEPT IN VIEW AT ALL TIMES, INCLUDING HIS USE OF 'INFORMATION WARFARE' AND ATTEMPTS TO INFLUENCE THE AMERICAN ELECTION. IN CONTRAST TO THOSE WHO SEE THE RUSSIAN LEADER AS A MASTER OPERATOR WHO

CATCHES OUT THE WEST WITH BOLD MOVES FREEDMAN SEES HIM AS IMPULSIVE AND SO FORCED TO IMPROVISE WHEN HIS GAMBLERS FAIL. FREEDMAN'S APPLICATION OF HIS STRATEGIC PERSPECTIVE TO THIS SUPREMELY IMPORTANT CONFLICT CHALLENGES OUR UNDERSTANDING OF SOME OF ITS KEY FEATURES AND THE IDEA THAT VLADIMIR PUTIN IS UNMATCHED AS A STRATEGIC MASTERMIND.

**THE RUIN OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE** - JAMES J. O'DONNELL 2009-08-25

THE DREAM ALEXANDER THE GREAT AND JULIUS CAESAR SHARED OF UNITING EUROPE, THE MEDI-TERRANEAN, AND THE MIDDLE EAST IN A SINGLE COMMUNITY SHUDDERED AND THEN COLLAPSED IN THE WARS AND DISASTERS OF THE SIXTH CENTURY. HISTORIAN AND CLASSICIST JAMES J. O'DONNELL—WHO LAST BROUGHT READERS HIS MASTERFUL, DISTURBING, AND REVELATORY BIOGRAPHY OF SAINT AUGUSTINE—REVISITS THIS OLD STORY IN A FRESH WAY, BRINGING HOME ITS SOMETIMES PAINFUL RELEVANCE TO TODAY'S ISSUES. WITH UNEXPECTED DETAIL AND IN HIS HAUNTINGLY VIVID STYLE, O'DONNELL BEGINS AT A TIME OF APPARENT ROMAN REVIVAL AND BRINGS READERS TO THE MOMENT OF IMMINENT COLLAPSE THAT JUST PRECEDED THE RISE OF ISLAM. ILLEGAL MIGRATIONS OF PEOPLES, RELIGIOUS WARS, GLOBAL PANDEMICS, AND THE TEMPTATIONS OF EMPIRE: ROME'S END FORESHADOWS TODAY'S CRISES AND OFFERS HINTS HOW TO NAVIGATE THEM—IF PRESENT LEADERS WILL HEED THIS STORY.

**YELTSIN** - TIMOTHY J COLTON 2008-04-08

EVEN AFTER HIS DEATH IN APRIL 2007, BORIS YELTSIN REMAINS THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE IN RECENT RUSSIAN HISTORY. ALTHOUGH MIKHAIL GORBACHEV PRESIDED OVER THE DECLINE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET CONTROL OVER EASTERN EUROPE, IT WAS YELTSIN—RUSSIA'S FIRST ELECTED PRESIDENT—WHO BURIED THE SOVIET UNION ITSELF. UPON TAKING OFFICE, YELTSIN QUICKLY EMBARKED ON A SWEEPING MAKEOVER OF NEWLY DEMOCRATIC RUSSIA, BEGINNING WITH A PROGRAM OF EXCRUCIATINGLY PAINFUL MARKET REFORMS THAT EARNED HIM WIDE ACCLAIM IN THE WEST AND DEEP RECRIMINATION FROM MANY RUSSIAN CITIZENS. IN THIS, THE FIRST BIOGRAPHY OF YELTSIN'S ENTIRE LIFE, SOVIET SCHOLAR TIMOTHY COLTON TRACES YELTSIN'S DEVELOPMENT FROM A PEASANT BOY IN THE URALS TO A COMMUNIST PARTY APPARATCHIK, AND THEN ULTIMATELY TO A NEMESIS OF THE SOVIET ORDER. BASED ON UNPRECEDENTED INTERVIEWS WITH YELTSIN HIMSELF AS WELL AS SCORES OF OTHER SOVIET OFFICIALS, JOURNALISTS, AND BUSINESSMEN, COLTON EXPLAINS HOW AND WHY YELTSIN BROKE WITH SINGLE-PARTY RULE AND LAUNCHED HIS DRIVE TO REPLACE IT WITH DEMOCRACY. YELTSIN'S COLOSSAL ATTEMPT TO BRING DEMOCRACY TO RUSSIA REMAINS ONE OF THE GREAT, UNFINISHED STORIES OF OUR TIME. AS ANTI-WESTERN POLICIES AND RHETORIC RESURFACE IN PUTIN'S INCREASINGLY BELLICOSE RUSSIA, YELTSIN OFFERS ESSENTIAL INSIGHTS INTO THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF THIS VAST AND TROUBLED NATION.

**RED FAMINE** - ANNE APPLEBAUM 2017-10-10

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A REVELATORY HISTORY OF ONE OF STALIN'S GREATEST CRIMES, THE CONSEQUENCES OF WHICH STILL RESONATE TODAY, AS RUSSIA HAS

PLACED UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE IN ITS SIGHTS ONCE MORE—FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING *GULAG AND THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FINALIST IRON CURTAIN*. “WITH SEARING CLARITY, *RED FAMINE* DEMONSTRATES THE HORRIFIC CONSEQUENCES OF A CAMPAIGN TO ERADICATE ‘BACKWARDNESS’ WHEN UNDERTAKEN BY A REGIME IN A STATE OF WAR WITH ITS OWN PEOPLE.” —THE ECONOMIST IN 1929 STALIN LAUNCHED HIS POLICY OF AGRICULTURAL COLLECTIVIZATION—IN EFFECT A SECOND RUSSIAN REVOLUTION—WHICH FORCED MILLIONS OF PEASANTS OFF THEIR LAND AND ONTO COLLECTIVE FARMS. THE RESULT WAS A CATASTROPHIC FAMINE, THE MOST LETHAL IN EUROPEAN HISTORY. AT LEAST FIVE MILLION PEOPLE DIED BETWEEN 1931 AND 1933 IN THE USSR. BUT INSTEAD OF SENDING RELIEF THE SOVIET STATE MADE USE OF THE CATASTROPHE TO RID ITSELF OF A POLITICAL PROBLEM. IN *RED FAMINE*, ANNE APPLEBAUM ARGUES THAT MORE THAN THREE MILLION OF THOSE DEAD WERE UKRAINIANS WHO PERISHED NOT BECAUSE THEY WERE ACCIDENTAL VICTIMS OF A BAD POLICY BUT BECAUSE THE STATE DELIBERATELY SET OUT TO KILL THEM. DEVASTATING AND DEFINITIVE, *RED FAMINE* CAPTURES THE HORROR OF ORDINARY PEOPLE STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE EXTRAORDINARY EVIL. APPLEBAUM’S COMPULSIVELY READABLE NARRATIVE RECALLS ONE OF THE WORST CRIMES OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, AND SHOWS HOW IT MAY FORESHADOW A NEW THREAT TO THE POLITICAL ORDER IN THE TWENTY-FIRST. *EVERYONE LOSES* - SAMUEL CHARAP 2018-10-09

DISORDER ERUPTED IN UKRAINE IN 2014, INVOLVING THE OVERTHROW OF A SITTING GOVERNMENT, THE RUSSIAN ANNEXATION OF THE CRIMEAN PENINSULA, AND A VIOLENT INSURRECTION, SUPPORTED BY MOSCOW, IN THE EAST OF THE COUNTRY. THIS ADELPHI BOOK ARGUES THAT THE CRISIS HAS YIELDED A RUINOUS OUTCOME, IN WHICH ALL THE PARTIES ARE WORSE OFF AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY HAS DETERIORATED. THIS NEGATIVE-SUM SCENARIO RESULTED FROM YEARS OF ZERO-SUM BEHAVIOUR ON THE PART OF RUSSIA AND THE WEST IN POST-SOVIET EURASIA, WHICH THE AUTHORS RIGOROUSLY ANALYSE. THE RIVALRY WAS MANAGEABLE IN THE EARLY PERIOD AFTER THE COLD WAR, ONLY TO BECOME ENTRENCHED AND BITTER A DECADE LATER. THE UPSHOT HAS BEEN SYSTEMATIC LOSSES FOR RUSSIA, THE WEST AND THE COUNTRIES CAUGHT IN BETWEEN. ALL THE GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED MUST RECOGNISE THAT LONG-STANDING POLICIES AIMED AT ACHIEVING ONE-SIDED ADVANTAGE HAVE REACHED A DEAD END, CHARAP AND COLTON ARGUE, AND COMMIT TO FINDING MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVES THROUGH PATIENT NEGOTIATION.

*SPIRIT OF FLAME* - LEŚIA UKRAJKA 1971

*BEYOND NATO* - MICHAEL E. O’HANLON 2017-08-15

IN THIS NEW BROOKINGS MARSHALL PAPER, MICHAEL O’HANLON ARGUES THAT NOW IS THE TIME FOR WESTERN NATIONS TO NEGOTIATE A NEW SECURITY ARCHITECTURE FOR NEUTRAL COUNTRIES IN EASTERN EUROPE TO STABILIZE THE REGION AND REDUCE THE RISKS OF WAR WITH RUSSIA. HE BELIEVES NATO EXPANSION HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH. THE CORE CONCEPT OF THIS NEW SECURITY ARCHITECTURE WOULD BE ONE OF PERMANENT NEUTRALITY. THE COUNTRIES IN QUESTION COLLECTIVELY MAKE A BROKEN-UP ARC, FROM EUROPE’S FAR NORTH

TO ITS SOUTH: FINLAND AND SWEDEN; UKRAINE, MOLDOVA, AND BELARUS; GEORGIA, ARMENIA, AND AZERBAIJAN; AND FINALLY CYPRUS PLUS SERBIA, AS WELL AS POSSIBLY SEVERAL OTHER BALKAN STATES. DISCUSSION ON THE NEW FRAMEWORK SHOULD BEGIN WITHIN NATO, FOLLOWED BY DELIBERATION WITH THE NEUTRAL COUNTRIES THEMSELVES, AND THEN FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH RUSSIA. THE NEW SECURITY ARCHITECTURE WOULD REQUIRE THAT RUSSIA, LIKE NATO, COMMIT TO HELP UPHOLD THE SECURITY OF UKRAINE, GEORGIA, MOLDOVA, AND OTHER STATES IN THE REGION. RUSSIA WOULD HAVE TO WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM THOSE COUNTRIES IN A VERIFIABLE MANNER; AFTER THAT, CORRESPONDING SANCTIONS ON RUSSIA WOULD BE LIFTED. THE NEUTRAL COUNTRIES WOULD RETAIN THEIR RIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE IN MULTILATERAL SECURITY OPERATIONS ON A SCALE COMPARABLE TO WHAT HAS BEEN THE CASE IN THE PAST, INCLUDING EVEN THOSE OPERATIONS THAT MIGHT BE LED BY NATO. THEY COULD THINK OF AND DESCRIBE THEMSELVES AS WESTERN STATES (OR ANYTHING ELSE, FOR THAT MATTER). IF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THEY SO WISHED IN THE FUTURE, THEY COULD JOIN THE EU. THEY WOULD HAVE COMPLETE SOVEREIGNTY AND SELF-DETERMINATION IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD. BUT NATO WOULD DECIDE NOT TO INVITE THEM INTO THE ALLIANCE AS MEMBERS. IDEALLY, THESE NATIONS WOULD ENDORSE AND PROMOTE THIS CONCEPT THEMSELVES AS A MORE PRACTICAL WAY TO ENSURE THEIR SECURITY THAN THE CURRENT SITUATION OR ANY OTHER PLAUSIBLE ALTERNATIVE.

*RUSSIA* - TIMOTHY J. COLTON 2016-09-08

TODAY’S RUSSIA, ALSO KNOWN AS THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, IS OFTEN VIEWED AS LESS POWERFUL THAN THE SOVIET UNION OF THE PAST. WHEN STACKED AGAINST OTHER MAJOR NATIONS IN THE PRESENT, HOWEVER, THE NEW RUSSIA IS A FORMIDABLE IF FLAWED PLAYER. *RUSSIA: WHAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW*® PROVIDES FUNDAMENTAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ORIGINS, EVOLUTION, AND CURRENT AFFAIRS OF THE RUSSIAN STATE AND SOCIETY. THE STORY BEGINS WITH RUSSIA’S GEOGRAPHIC ENDOWMENT, PROCEEDS THROUGH ITS EXPERIENCES AS A KINGDOM AND EMPIRE, AND CONTINUES THROUGH THE USSR’S THREE-QUARTERS OF A CENTURY, AND FINALLY THE SHOCKING BREAKUP OF THAT REGIME A GENERATION AGO. CHAPTERS ON THE FAILED ATTEMPT TO REFORM COMMUNISM UNDER MIKHAIL GORBACHEV, THE HALTING STEPS TOWARD DEMOCRATIZATION UNDER BORIS YELTSIN, AND THE ENTRENCHMENT OF CENTRAL CONTROLS UNDER VLADIMIR PUTIN BRING THE READER INTO THE CONTEMPORARY SCENE AND TO HEADLINE-GRABBING EVENTS SUCH AS RUSSIA’S ANNEXATION OF THE CRIMEAN PENINSULA FROM UKRAINE AND ITS MILITARY INTERVENTION IN SYRIA. DRAWING ON TRENDS WITHIN RUSSIA AND ON RATINGS AND RANKINGS COMPILED BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, COLTON DISCUSSES THE CHALLENGES FACING THE COUNTRY—RANGING FROM ECONOMIC RECESSION TO DEMOGRAPHIC STRESS, POLITICAL STAGNATION, AND OVEREXTENSION IN FOREIGN POLICY—AND TO THE REALISTIC OPTIONS FOR COPING WITH THEM. THE BOOK SHOWS THAT, ALTHOUGH RUSSIA IS NOT IMPRISONED BY ITS HISTORY, IT IS HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY IT. COLTON ILLUSTRATES RUSSIA’S GREATEST STRENGTH AND, IRONICALLY, ITS GREATEST WEAKNESS: THE ABILITY OF ITS PEOPLE TO

ADAPT THEMSELVES TO DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THEIR IMMEDIATE CONTROL. RUSSIA, AS PUTIN HAS ASSERTED, WILL NOT SOON BE A SECOND EDITION OF THE UNITED STATES OR BRITAIN. BUT, COLTON SHOWS, THERE ARE WAYS IN WHICH IT COULD BECOME A BETTER VERSION OF ITSELF.

**A GREAT DEAL OF RUIN** - JAMES GERBER 2019-08-22

ILLUSTRATED WITH HISTORICAL ANALYSIS, CASE STUDIES, AND ACCESSIBLE ECONOMIC CONCEPTS, THIS BOOK EXPLAINS WHAT FINANCIAL CRISES ARE, HOW THEY ARE CAUSED AND WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM. IT WILL APPEAL TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AS WELL AS GENERAL READERS WHO ARE CURIOUS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RECENT SUBPRIME CRISIS AND OTHER FINANCIAL CRISES.

**RED NOTICE** - BILL BROWDER 2015-02-03

EXPELLED FROM RUSSIA AFTER EXPOSING CORRUPTION IN RUSSIAN COMPANIES, AN INVESTMENT BROKER DESCRIBES HOW HIS ATTORNEY WAS DETAINED, TORTURED AND BEATEN TO DEATH FOR TESTIFYING AGAINST RUSSIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO STOLE MILLIONS IN TAXES PAID TO THE GOVERNMENT. ILLUSTRATIONS. TOUR.

**WAR WITH CHINA** - DAVID C. GOMPERT 2016-07-05

A SINO-U.S. WAR COULD TAKE VARIOUS, AND UNINTENDED, PATHS. BECAUSE INTENSE, RECIPROCAL CONVENTIONAL COUNTERFORCE ATTACKS COULD INFLICT HEAVY LOSSES AND COSTS ON BOTH SIDES, LEADERS NEED OPTIONS AND CHANNELS TO CONTAIN AND TERMINATE FIGHTING.

**THE UNDERCOVER ECONOMIST** - TIM HARFORD 2012

HARFORD RANGES FROM AFRICA, ASIA, EUROPE, AND OF COURSE THE UNITED STATES TO REVEAL HOW SUPERMARKETS, AIRLINES, HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, AND COFFEE CHAINS--TO NAME JUST A FEW--ARE VACUUMING MONEY FROM OUR WALLETS.

**THE WAR ON NORMAL PEOPLE** - ANDREW YANG 2018-04-03

THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER FROM CNN POLITICAL COMMENTATOR AND 2020 FORMER DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ANDREW YANG, THIS THOUGHT-PROVOKING AND PRESIDENTIAL CALL-TO-ACTION OUTLINES THE URGENT STEPS AMERICA MUST TAKE, INCLUDING UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME (UBI), TO STABILIZE OUR ECONOMY AMID RAPID TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE AND AUTOMATION. THE SHIFT TOWARD AUTOMATION IS ABOUT TO CREATE A TSUNAMI OF UNEMPLOYMENT. NOT IN THE DISTANT FUTURE--NOW. ONE RECENT ESTIMATE PREDICTS 45 MILLION AMERICAN WORKERS WILL LOSE THEIR JOBS WITHIN THE NEXT TWELVE YEARS--JOBS THAT WON'T BE REPLACED. IN A FUTURE MARKED BY RESTLESSNESS AND CHRONIC UNEMPLOYMENT, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO AMERICAN SOCIETY? IN THE WAR ON NORMAL PEOPLE, ANDREW YANG PAINTS A DIRE PORTRAIT OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY. RAPIDLY ADVANCING TECHNOLOGIES LIKE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, ROBOTICS AND AUTOMATION SOFTWARE ARE MAKING MILLIONS OF AMERICANS' LIVELIHOODS IRRELEVANT. THE CONSEQUENCES OF THESE TRENDS ARE ALREADY BEING FELT ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES IN THE FORM OF POLITICAL UNREST, DRUG USE, AND OTHER SOCIAL ILLS. THE FUTURE LOOKS DIRE--BUT IS IT UNAVOIDABLE? IN THE WAR ON NORMAL PEOPLE, YANG IMAGINES A

DIFFERENT FUTURE--ONE IN WHICH HAVING A JOB IS DISTINCT FROM THE CAPACITY TO PROSPER AND SEEK FULFILLMENT. AT THIS VISION'S CORE IS UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME, THE CONCEPT OF PROVIDING ALL CITIZENS WITH A GUARANTEED INCOME--AND ONE THAT IS RAPIDLY GAINING POPULARITY AMONG FORWARD-THINKING POLITICIANS AND ECONOMISTS. YANG PROPOSES THAT UBI IS AN ESSENTIAL STEP TOWARD A NEW, MORE DURABLE KIND OF ECONOMY, ONE HE CALLS "HUMAN CAPITALISM."

**CROSSING THE BAY OF BENGAL** - SUNIL S. AMRITH 2013-10-07

FOR CENTURIES THE BAY OF BENGAL SERVED AS A MARITIME HIGHWAY BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA, AND AS A BATTLEGROUND FOR EUROPEAN EMPIRES, WHILE BEING SHAPED BY MONSOONS AND HUMAN MIGRATION. INTEGRATING ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY AND MINING A WEALTH OF SOURCES, SUNIL S. AMRITH OFFERS INSIGHTS TO THE MANY CHALLENGES FACING ASIA IN THE DECADES AHEAD.

**THE UKRAINIAN CRISIS** - TRACEY GERMAN 2018-12-07

THE CONFLICT IN EASTERN UKRAINE CONTINUES WITH LITTLE SIGN OF A NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION. CRIMEA HAS BEEN ABSORBED INTO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, AND CELEBRATES THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF ITS 'INTEGRATION' IN MARCH 2017. THE ONGOING NATURE OF THE CONFLICT CONTRASTS WITH A LACK OF ACADEMIC EXPLORATION OF THE ISSUES SURROUNDING IT. TO DATE, MOST ANALYSES HAVE FOCUSED ON THE GEOPOLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE UKRAINIAN CRISIS, SUCH AS THE IMPACT ON NATO-RUSSIA RELATIONS, AND FOREIGN POLICY RESPONSES TO THE CRISIS FROM A VARIETY OF STATE AND SUPRANATIONAL ACTORS INCLUDING THE EU AND RUSSIA. THE ROLE OF SUB-STATE AND NON-STATE ACTORS, AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THEM, HAS BEEN LARGELY OVERLOOKED. THIS VOLUME SEEKS TO RECTIFY THIS BY EXAMINING A WIDE ARRAY OF NON-STATE AND SUB-STATE ACTORS THAT HAVE BOTH PLAYED A ROLE IN THE CONFLICT IN UKRAINE AND BEEN INDIRECTLY IMPACTED BY IT.

**THIS TIME IS DIFFERENT** - CARMEN M. REINHART 2011-08-07

EXAMINES FINANCIAL CRISES OF THE PAST AND DISCUSSES SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THESE EVENTS AND THE CURRENT CRISIS, PRESENTING AND COMPARING HISTORICAL PATTERNS IN BANK FAILURES, INFLATION, DEBT, CURRENCY, HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, AND GOVERNMENT SPENDING.

**A WORLD OF REGIONS** - PETER J. KATZENSTEIN 2015-11-16

OBSERVING THE DRAMATIC SHIFT IN WORLD POLITICS SINCE THE END OF THE COLD WAR, PETER J. KATZENSTEIN ARGUES THAT REGIONS HAVE BECOME CRITICAL TO CONTEMPORARY WORLD POLITICS. THIS VIEW IS IN STARK CONTRAST TO THOSE WHO FOCUS ON THE PURPORTEDLY STUBBORN PERSISTENCE OF THE NATION-STATE OR THE INEVITABLE MARCH OF GLOBALIZATION. IN DETAILED STUDIES OF TECHNOLOGY AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT, DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, AND CULTURAL DIPLOMACY AND POPULAR CULTURE, KATZENSTEIN EXAMINES THE CHANGING REGIONAL DYNAMICS OF EUROPE AND ASIA, WHICH ARE LINKED TO THE UNITED STATES THROUGH GERMANY AND JAPAN. REGIONS, KATZENSTEIN CONTENDS, ARE INTERACTING CLOSELY WITH AN AMERICAN IMPERIUM THAT COMBINES TERRITORIAL AND NON-TERRITORIAL POWERS. KATZENSTEIN ARGUES THAT GLOBALIZATION

AND INTERNATIONALIZATION CREATE OPEN OR POROUS REGIONS. REGIONS MAY PROVIDE SOLUTIONS TO THE CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN STATES AND MARKETS, SECURITY AND INSECURITY, NATIONALISM AND COSMOPOLITANISM. EMBEDDED IN THE AMERICAN IMPERIUM, REGIONS ARE NOW CENTRAL TO WORLD POLITICS.

Ukraine in Crisis - Nicolai Petro 2017-07-14

IN THIS COMPREHENSIVE VOLUME, CANADIAN, UKRAINIAN, AND AMERICAN SCHOLARS EXAMINE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE UKRAINIAN CRISIS, AND CONSIDER ITS IMPACT ON EUROPE. THE CHAPTERS INCLUDE TOPICS SUCH AS: RUSSIAN NARRATIVES ABOUT UKRAINE; THE CONFLICTING ASSUMPTIONS UNDERLYING THEIR DIVERGENT NATION-BUILDING AGENDAS; NEW FINDINGS ABOUT THE FAR RIGHT'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE MAIDAN PROTESTS; THE UKRAINIAN CRISIS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF WESTERN GRAND STRATEGY; THE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF RUSSIA'S GEOPOLITICAL AGENDA IN UKRAINE; THE FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE RISE OF SEPARATISM IN DONBASS; AND THE ECONOMIC COSTS FOR UKRAINE OF CHOOSING ECONOMIC INTEGRATION WITH EUROPE RATHER THAN EURASIA. THIS BOOK DEMONSTRATES THAT THE CURRENT CRISIS IN UKRAINE IS MUCH MORE COMPLEX THAN COMES ACROSS IN THE MEDIA. IT ALSO EXPLORES THE FACT THAT, SINCE RUSSIA AND UKRAINE WILL ALWAYS BE NEIGHBOURS, SOME SORT OF MODUS VIVENDI BETWEEN THEM WILL HAVE TO BE FOUND. THIS BOOK WAS ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED AS A SPECIAL ISSUE OF EUROPEAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY.

The Gates of Europe - Serhii Plokhly 2017-05-30

A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER, THIS DEFINITIVE HISTORY OF UKRAINE IS "AN EXEMPLARY ACCOUNT OF EUROPE'S LEAST-KNOWN LARGE COUNTRY" (WALL STREET JOURNAL). AS UKRAINE IS EMBROILED IN AN ONGOING STRUGGLE WITH RUSSIA TO PRESERVE ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE, CELEBRATED HISTORIAN SERHII PLOKHY EXPLAINS THAT TODAY'S CRISIS IS A CASE OF HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF: THE UKRAINIAN CONFLICT IS ONLY THE LATEST IN A LONG HISTORY OF TURMOIL OVER UKRAINE'S SOVEREIGNTY. SITUATED BETWEEN CENTRAL EUROPE, RUSSIA, AND THE MIDDLE EAST, UKRAINE HAS BEEN SHAPED BY EMPIRES THAT EXPLOITED THE NATION AS A STRATEGIC GATEWAY BETWEEN EAST AND WEST—FROM THE ROMANS AND OTTOMANS TO THE THIRD REICH AND THE SOVIET UNION. IN THE GATES OF EUROPE, PLOKHY EXAMINES UKRAINE'S SEARCH FOR ITS IDENTITY THROUGH THE LIVES OF MAJOR UKRAINIAN HISTORICAL FIGURES, FROM ITS HEROES TO ITS CONQUERORS. THIS REVISED EDITION INCLUDES NEW MATERIAL THAT BRINGS THIS DEFINITIVE HISTORY UP TO THE PRESENT. AS UKRAINE ONCE AGAIN FINDS ITSELF AT THE CENTER OF GLOBAL ATTENTION, PLOKHY BRINGS ITS HISTORY TO VIVID LIFE AS HE CONNECTS THE NATION'S PAST WITH ITS PRESENT AND FUTURE.

Skin in the Game - Nassim Nicholas Taleb 2018-02-20

FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE BLACK SWAN, A BOLD BOOK THAT CHALLENGES MANY OF OUR LONG-HELD BELIEFS ABOUT RISK AND REWARD, POLITICS AND RELIGION, FINANCE AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY 'SKIN IN THE GAME MEANS THAT YOU DO NOT PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT PEOPLE SAY, ONLY TO WHAT THEY DO, AND HOW MUCH OF THEIR NECK THEY ARE

PUTTING ON THE LINE' CITIZENS, ARTISANS, POLICE, FISHERMEN, POLITICAL ACTIVISTS AND ENTREPRENEURS ALL HAVE SKIN IN THE GAME. POLICY WONKS, CORPORATE EXECUTIVES, MANY ACADEMICS, BANKERS AND MOST JOURNALISTS DON'T. IT'S ALL ABOUT HAVING SOMETHING TO LOSE AND SHARING RISKS WITH OTHERS. IN HIS MOST PROVOCATIVE AND PRACTICAL BOOK YET, NASSIM NICHOLAS TALEB SHOWS THAT SKIN IN THE GAME, OFTEN SEEN AS THE FOUNDATION OF RISK MANAGEMENT, IN FACT APPLIES TO ALL ASPECTS OF OUR LIVES. IN HIS INIMITABLE STYLE, TALEB DRAWS ON EVERYTHING FROM ANTAEUS THE GIANT TO HAMMURABI TO DONALD TRUMP, FROM ETHICS TO USED CAR SALESMEN, TO CREATE A JAW-DROPPING FRAMEWORK FOR UNDERSTANDING THIS IDEA. AMONG HIS INSIGHTS: FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, FOCUS ON SYMMETRY AND RISK SHARING. MINORITIES, NOT MAJORITIES, RUN THE WORLD. YOU CAN BE AN INTELLECTUAL YET STILL BE AN IDIOT. BEWARE OF COMPLICATED SOLUTIONS (THAT SOMEONE WAS PAID TO FIND). JUST AS THE BLACK SWAN DID DURING THE 2007 FINANCIAL CRISIS, SKIN IN THE GAME COMES AT PRECISELY THE RIGHT MOMENT TO CHALLENGE OUR LONG-HELD BELIEFS ABOUT RISK, REWARD, POLITICS, RELIGION AND BUSINESS - AND MAKE US RETHINK EVERYTHING WE THOUGHT WE KNEW.

The Mamba Mentality - Kobe Bryant 2018-10-23

THE MAMBA MENTALITY: HOW I PLAY IS KOBE BRYANT'S PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE OF HIS LIFE AND CAREER ON THE BASKETBALL COURT AND HIS EXCEPTIONAL, INSIGHTFUL STYLE OF PLAYING THE GAME—a fitting legacy from the late Los Angeles Laker superstar. IN THE WAKE OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL, KOBE "THE BLACK MAMBA" BRYANT DECIDED TO SHARE HIS VAST KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE GAME TO TAKE READERS ON AN UNPRECEDENTED JOURNEY TO THE CORE OF THE LEGENDARY "MAMBA MENTALITY." CITING AN OBLIGATION AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH YOUNG PLAYERS, HARDCORE FANS, AND DEVOTED STUDENTS OF THE GAME HOW TO PLAY IT "THE RIGHT WAY," THE MAMBA MENTALITY TAKES US INSIDE THE MIND OF ONE OF THE MOST INTELLIGENT, ANALYTICAL, AND CREATIVE BASKETBALL PLAYERS EVER. IN HIS OWN WORDS, BRYANT REVEALS HIS FAMOUSLY DETAILED APPROACH AND THE STEPS HE TOOK TO PREPARE MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY TO NOT JUST SUCCEED AT THE GAME, BUT TO EXCEL. READERS WILL LEARN HOW BRYANT STUDIED AN OPPONENT, HOW HE CHANNLED HIS PASSION FOR THE GAME, HOW HE PLAYED THROUGH INJURIES. THEY'LL ALSO GET FASCINATING GRANULAR DETAIL AS HE BREAKS DOWN SPECIFIC PLAYS AND MATCH-UPS FROM THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER. BRYANT'S DETAILED ACCOUNTS ARE PAIRED WITH STUNNING PHOTOGRAPHS BY THE HALL OF FAME PHOTOGRAPHER ANDREW D. BERNSTEIN. BERNSTEIN, LONG THE LAKERS AND NBA OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER, CAPTURED BRYANT'S VERY FIRST NBA PHOTO IN 1996 AND HIS LAST IN 2016—AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS IN BETWEEN, THE RECORD OF A UNIQUE, TWENTY-YEAR RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ONE ATHLETE AND ONE PHOTOGRAPHER. THE COMBINATION OF BRYANT'S NARRATIVE AND BERNSTEIN'S PHOTOS MAKE THE MAMBA MENTALITY AN UNPRECEDENTED LOOK BEHIND THE CURTAIN AT THE CAREER OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST CELEBRATED AND FASCINATING ATHLETES.

The Russian Job - Douglas Smith 2019-11-12



THE GRIPPING HUMAN STORY OF HOW AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS FOUGHT FAMINE IN BOLSHEVIK RUSSIA, SAVING LENIN'S REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT FROM CHAOS AND MILLIONS OF PEOPLE FROM STARVATION IN 1921, AFTER SIX YEARS OF UNRELENTING WAR AND REVOLUTION, RUSSIA WAS IN RUINS. THE ECONOMY HAD COLLAPSED, THE COUNTRY WAS RAVAGED BY DISEASE AND STARVATION CLAIMED THE LIVES OF MILLIONS. PEOPLE WERE SO DESPERATE FOR FOOD THAT THERE WERE REPORTS OF CANNIBALISM, REPORTS THAT WERE REVEALED TO BE HORRIBLY ACCURATE. REMARKABLY, IT WAS A YOUNG AMERICAN AID WORKER WHO UNCOVERED THE TRUTH AND, EVEN MORE REMARKABLY, IT WAS THE US-BACKED CHARITY THAT HAD SENT HIM TO RUSSIA THAT WOULD SAVE LENIN'S FLEDGLING

GOVERNMENT BY FEEDING HIS PEOPLE. IN THE RUSSIAN JOB, ACCLAIMED HISTORIAN DOUGLAS SMITH TELLS THE GRIPPING STORY OF HOW AN AMERICAN CHARITY FOUGHT THE RUSSIAN FAMINE. BACKED BY \$20 MILLION FROM THE US GOVERNMENT, AND FOUNDED BY HERBERT HOOVER, US SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, THE AMERICAN RELIEF ADMINISTRATION RECRUITED MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED YOUNG AMERICANS, MANY OF THEM WAR VETERANS. THEY WOULD OVERSEE THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD, CLOTHING AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO PEOPLE THROUGHOUT RUSSIA'S VAST LANDMASS, SAVING MILLIONS OF LIVES. VIVIDLY WRITTEN, WITH A RICH CAST OF CHARACTERS AND A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF THE PERIOD, THE RUSSIAN JOB SHINES A BRIGHT LIGHT ON THIS STRANGE AND SHADOWY MOMENT IN HISTORY.