

Recommended History Reading

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Members: Feel free to add categories and / or titles of history books you've found interesting or helpful. This list is intended for background reading or for high school students.

General & World History

[*Destiny Disrupted: A History of the World Through Islamic Eyes*, Tamim Ansary](#)

[*In the Shadow of the Sword: The Birth of Islam and the Rise of the Global Arab*](#)

[*Empire*, Tom Holland](#)

[*Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*, Jared M. Diamond](#)

[*A History of the World in 6 Glasses*, Tom Standage](#)

[*The History of Now: A New Kind of History*, Scott Powell](#)

[*The Silk Roads: A New History of the World*, Peter Frankopan](#)

The Americas

[*A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America*, Ronald Tanaki](#)

[*A People's History of the United States*, Howard Zinn](#)

[*The New Mind of the South*, Tracy Thompson](#)

Asia

[*The Arabs: A History*, Eugene Rogan](#)

[*China: A History*, John Keay](#)

[*India: A History*, John Keay](#)

The Ancient World

[*SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome*, Mary Beard](#)

The Middle Ages

[*Children of Ash and Elm: A History of the Vikings*, Neil Price](#)

The Columbian Exchange

[*1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created*, Charles C. Mann](#)

Natural History

[*The Age of Wonder: The Romantic Generation and the Discovery of the Beauty and*](#)

[*Terror of Science*, Richard Holmes](#)

[*A Short History of Nearly Everything*, Bill Bryson](#)