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Predicts that China will supplant the west as an economic superpower, and discusses China's anti-globalization stance and dubious capacity for maintaining world peace.

The Broken Kingdoms

Himalaya: A Human History

From the author of *Guns, Germs and Steel*, Jared Diamond's *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Survive* is a visionary study of the mysterious downfall of past civilizations. Now in a revised edition with a new afterword, Jared Diamond's *Collapse* uncovers the secret behind why some societies flourish, while others founder - and what this means for our future. What happened to the people who made the forlorn long-abandoned statues of Easter Island? What happened to the architects of the crumbling Maya pyramids? Will we go the same way, our skyscrapers one day standing derelict and overgrown like the temples at Angkor Wat? Bringing together new evidence from a startling range of sources and piecing together the myriad influences, from climate to culture, that make societies self-destruct, Jared Diamond's *Collapse* also shows how - unlike our ancestors - we can benefit from our knowledge of the past and learn to be survivors. 'A grand sweep

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from a master storyteller of the human race' - Daily Mail 'Riveting, superb, terrifying' - Observer 'Gripping the book fulfils its huge ambition, and Diamond is the only man who could have written it' - Economist 'This book shines like all Diamond's work' - Sunday Times

Death of the Moguls

Death of the Moguls is a detailed assessment of the last days of the “rulers of film.” Wheeler Winston Dixon examines the careers of such moguls as Harry Cohn at Columbia, Louis B. Mayer at MGM, Jack L. Warner at Warner Brothers, Adolph Zukor at Paramount, and Herbert J. Yates at Republic in the dying days of their once-mighty empires. He asserts that the sheer force of personality and business acumen displayed by these moguls made the studios successful; their deaths or departures hastened the studios’ collapse. Almost none had a plan for leadership succession; they simply couldn't imagine a world in which they didn’t reign supreme. Covering 20th Century-Fox, Selznick International Pictures, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Paramount Pictures, RKO Radio Pictures, Warner Brothers, Universal Pictures, Republic Pictures, Monogram Pictures and Columbia Pictures, Dixon briefly introduces the studios and their respective bosses in the late 1940s, just before the collapse, then chronicles the last productions from the studios and their eventual demise in the late 1950s and early 1960s. He details such game-changing factors as the de Havilland decision, which made actors free agents; the

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Consent Decree, which forced the studios to get rid of their theaters; how the moguls dealt with their collapsing empires in the television era; and the end of the conventional studio assembly line, where producers had rosters of directors, writers, and actors under their command. Complemented by rare, behind-the-scenes stills, *Death of the Moguls* is a compelling narrative of the end of the studio system at each of the Hollywood majors as television, the de Havilland decision, and the Consent Decree forced studios to slash payrolls, make the shift to color, 3D, and CinemaScope in desperate last-ditch efforts to save their kingdoms. The aftermath for some was the final switch to television production and, in some cases, the distribution of independent film.

The Forgotten Kingdom

Hitler's War

For many of us the history of Africa is, at best, vague. We might think of Egyptian pyramids, legendary queens (of Sheba or Cleopatra) and Zulu warriors. The truth, however, is one of remarkably diverse, creative, culturally rich civilisations. In this book, which accompanies an 8-part BBC series, Gus Casely-Hayford takes us on a fascinating journey through the history of this remarkable continent. We will

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encounter archaeological sites of staggering beauty that rival the Great Wall of China, vast and ancient universities that predate Oxford and Cambridge, kingdoms of extraordinary wealth, artistic traditions that still inspire artists today, great religious sites that surpass the Vatican, and a country with more pyramids than Egypt. In recent years new archaeological and anthropological research has opened up the study of African history in ways previously unimaginable. Long-lost kingdoms are suddenly being brought back to life. Civilisations that had faded into myth are revealing their secrets. Using this latest research, Gus Casely-Hayford is able to tell the history of Africa's major kingdoms in an entirely new, colourful and richly-informed way. Accessible and inspiring, *The Lost Kingdoms of Africa* is both a major addition to our understanding of this oft-overlooked history and a source of genuine delight and wonder.

Lost Kingdom

A magisterial history of the Himalaya: an epic story of peoples, cultures, and adventures among the world's highest mountains. For centuries, the unique and astonishing geography of the Himalaya has attracted those in search of spiritual and literal elevation: pilgrims, adventurers, and mountaineers seeking to test themselves among the world's most spectacular and challenging peaks. But far from being wild and barren, the Himalaya has been home to a diversity of indigenous and local cultures, a crucible of world religions, a crossroads for trade,

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and a meeting point and conflict zone for empires past and present. In this landmark work, nearly two decades in the making, Ed Douglas makes a thrilling case for the Himalaya's importance in global history and offers a soaring account of life at the "roof of the world." Spanning millennia, from the earliest inhabitants to the present conflicts over Tibet and Everest, Himalaya explores history, culture, climate, geography, and politics. Douglas profiles the great kings of Kathmandu and Nepal; he describes the architects who built the towering white Stupas that distinguish Himalayan architecture; and he traces the flourishing evolution of Hinduism, Islam, and Buddhism that brought Himalayan spirituality to the world. He also depicts with great drama the story of how the East India Company grappled for dominance with China's emperors, how India fought Mao's Communists, and how mass tourism and ecological transformation are obscuring the bloody legacy of the Cold War. Himalaya is history written on the grandest yet also the most human scale—encompassing geology and genetics, botany and art, and bursting with stories of courage and resourcefulness.

The Lost Heir

Lost Kingdoms

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With the appearance of his latest novel, ""Lost Kingdoms"", Phillip H. McMath has completed his fictional trilogy beginning with ""Native Ground"" (1984), then ""Arrival Point"" (1991). Now in ""Lost Kingdoms"", the fictional Elizabeth Shaw flashes back via grief and remembrance on the death of her son, Christopher, the Marine hero of Native Ground killed in Vietnam. Through this medium of memory and loss is woven in the lives of several families (White, Black, and Red) the tragic story of Arkansas, the South, Southwest, and Mexico, which slowly emerges as a philosophical-historical tapestry not only as a tale uniquely its own but a comment on the meaning of history itself.

The Island of Lost Souls

Fungi research and knowledge grew rapidly following recent advances in genetics and genomics. This book synthesizes new knowledge with existing information to stimulate new scientific questions and propel fungal scientists on to the next stages of research. This book is a comprehensive guide on fungi, environmental sensing, genetics, genomics, interactions with microbes, plants, insects, and humans, technological applications, and natural product development.

Return to the Isle of the Lost

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At age 12, Sophie learns that the remarkable abilities that have always made her different from others actually identify her as an elf, and after being brought to Eternalia to hone her skills, she discovers that she has secrets buried in her memory for which some would kill.

The Last Viking in Wineland

There's no place like home. Especially if home is the infamous Isle of the Lost. Mal, Evie, Carlos, and Jay haven't exactly turned their villainous noses up at the comforts of Auradon after spending their childhoods banished on the Isle. After all, meeting princes and starring on the Tourney team aren't nearly as terrible as Mal and her friends once thought they would be. But when they receive a mysterious invitation to return to the Isle, Mal, Evie, Carlos, and Jay can't help feeling comfortable in their old hood—and their old ways. Not everything is how they left it, though, and when they discover a dark mystery at the Isle's core, they'll have to combine all of their talents in order to save the kingdom.

The Lost Queen

It's been more than 250 years since Leif "The Lucky" first set foot somewhere on the North American coast. Now, in this final chapter of "The Wineland Sagas" Leif's

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descendants are in a life and death struggle to survive. The "lost" Viking colony is isolated and all but abandoned by their fellow Norse in Greenland and Iceland. Contact with the old Scandinavian kingdoms has been lost; their kings are locked in their own struggles for survival. A combination of overwhelming forces threaten the lost Viking colony. They are a small group of settlers amidst a sea of Native Americans, tribes that sometimes turn hostile to the Norse outsiders. Worse, Mother Nature has sent the "Little Ice Age" into the Northern Hemisphere and frozen the sea lanes between North America and Northern Europe. The colony's lifeline is being choked off. Ships carrying iron tools and weapons can no longer supply the westernmost Norse with these absolute necessities. Even Greenland and Iceland are threatened with isolation. How can Leif's struggling descendants survive in their beautiful but dangerous Wineland the Good? Can they maintain their European culture and identity or must they merge with the Native culture to survive. Just when it seems all is lost, a succession of strong-willed women and their tough-minded men rise to confront the obstacles thrown in their path. The old "Viking Spirit" seems to be revived and promises to rescue the lost colony. A fragile chain is forged to link them to the old motherland across the sea. The one lure that would attract European kings and turn their attention to the Winelanders is gold. But there is no gold in Wineland. Or is there something more valuable? It turns out the Wineland colony is home to the greatest concentration of piscatorial "gold" in the New World; cod, the Holy Fish of a hungry Catholic Europe. Once the word gets out, the great fishing nations of Western Europe scramble to grab the prize for

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themselves. Will the sea lanes thaw in time for Leif's old colony to be rescued by the Nordic kingdoms? Or will some other European power gain the upper hand? It turns out there is an even more dangerous threat to not only Leif's old colony, but also to the European kingdoms themselves. It arrives in the form of a small stowaway in the hold of a Venetian merchant ship. In the end, it is the Fates who decide the destiny of the last Vikings in Wineland.

Switch!

Now a Starz® Original Series "Utterly convincing and engrossing---totally thought-through and frequently hilarious. Even this aging, jaded, attention-deficit-disordered critic was blown away." --Lev Grossman, Time Myfanwy Thomas awakens in a London park surrounded by dead bodies. With her memory gone, she must trust the instructions left by her former in order to survive. She quickly learns that she is a Rook, a high-level operative in a secret agency that protects the world from supernatural threats. But there is a mole inside the organization, and this person wants her dead. Battling to save herself, Myfanwy will encounter a person with four bodies, a woman who can enter her dreams, children transformed into deadly fighters, and terrifyingly vast conspiracy. Suspenseful and hilarious, THE ROOK is an outrageously imaginative thriller for readers who like their espionage with a dollop of purple slime.

Kingdoms Unveiled

In his best-selling book Rediscovering the Kingdom, Myles Munroe made a compelling case that the kingdom of God is the true message of the gospel and the only message that Jesus preached. Now, in Kingdom Principles, the second book in the "Kingdom" series, Munroe insists that we cannot appropriate and enjoy the benefits of God's kingdom until we understand how it operates. Accordingly, he provides in this follow-up volume a detailed examination of the principles, concepts, and characteristics of the kingdom of God. As you study such principles as the Kingdom concepts of kings, lord, territory, law, citizens, royal privilege, culture, economy and others, prepare for your thinking about God's kingdom and mankind's destiny to be radically transformed. Kingdom Principles will help you learn to think and act like a Kingdom citizen and the ruler God intended you to be. It will infuse your life as a believer with a new sense of excitement and purpose.

Kingdom Principles

The brother knights Balin and Balan of North Umlerland are only given a handful of pages in Malory's Le Morte D'Arthur. Now, they are given their due and their bravery and deeds are brought to light in the pages of Island of Lost Souls. Seeking justice for the murders of their parents, Balin and Balan run afoul of Merlin's malign

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plots and the treachery of King Arthur. First they are used and deceived, torn from the women they love, but when they discover the truth they turn their might and their swords against the deception and illusion of the shining Kingdom of Camelot.

When China Rules the World

This book is about your original purpose for existence and the source of meaning behind your life. In these pages you will discover the Creator's divine motivation, design, and mandate for His creation and your role in that creation. After reading this book, you will be equipped with the knowledge to answer some of the questions addressing the heart cries of humanity in our search for a better world. I am convinced also that you will come to believe, as I do, that there is hope for mankind, but only as we reconnect to the source of creation and our Creator's original concepts for life on planet earth. It is this concern that this book will attempt to address. The goal of this book is to reintroduce the concepts, principles, and nature of true authentic kingdoms as presented by the Creator and show the superior and advantageous nature of kingdom as compared to any religion, political ideology, government system, or social program. Join me as we explore and understand the precepts and principles of "the Kingdom."

Super Mario Bros. Encyclopedia

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The first novel in the Kingdoms of Karibu series, set in a world that quite literally defies belief, where magic seeps into the drinking water for anyone to use or abuse, and the terrain is impossible to navigate without help from extremely risky sources.

The Priestley Companion

A man with no memory of his past and a struggling, blind street artist will face off against the will of the gods as the secrets of this stranger's past are revealed in the sequel to *The Hundred Thousand Kingdoms*, the debut novel of NYT bestselling author N. K. Jemisin. In the city of Shadow, beneath the World Tree, alleyways shimmer with magic and godlings live hidden among mortalkind. Oree Shoth, a blind artist, takes in a strange homeless man on an impulse. This act of kindness engulfs Oree in a nightmarish conspiracy. Someone, somehow, is murdering godlings, leaving their desecrated bodies all over the city. And Oree's guest is at the heart of it. . .

The Inheritance Trilogy
The Hundred Thousand Kingdoms
The Broken Kingdoms
The Kingdom of Gods
The Inheritance Trilogy (omnibus edition)
Shades in Shadow: An Inheritance Triptych (e-only short fiction)
The Awakened Kingdom (e-only novella)

For more from N. K. Jemisin, check out: *Dreamblood Duology*
The Killing Moon
The Shadowed Sun
The Broken Earth series
The Fifth Season
The Obelisk Gate
The Stone Sky

The Lost Kingdoms of Africa

Marrying lively essays and color photography--the hallmark of the original, award-winning Insight Guides--with a portable format and more practical information, the new Insight City Guides are the next generation in travel guides. Magazine-style information includes money-saving tips, free attractions, activities for kids, and websites. Expert evaluations of must-see sites boast full-bleed photos. A street atlas, tabbed travel tips section, and take-it-with-you restaurant guide and city map complete the most user-friendly travel guides on the market.

The Lutheran Home Journal

In this Second Edition of this radical social history of America from Columbus to the present, Howard Zinn includes substantial coverage of the Carter, Reagan and Bush years and an Afterword on the Clinton presidency. Its commitment and vigorous style mean it will be compelling reading for under-graduate and post-graduate students and scholars in American social history and American studies, as well as the general reader.

Codes and Cheats

A People's History of the United States

The Literary Review

Verified Codes! Includes Codes For... ·Nintendo DS: New Super Mario Bros., The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe ·GBA: Fire Emblem, Advanced Wars 2: Black Hole Rising, F-Zero ·PSP: Grand Theft Auto Liberty City Stories, Metal Gear Acid 2, Gretzky NHL 06 ·GameCube: Burnout 2: Need for Speed, Animal Crossing, Dragon Ball Z Sagas ·PS2: Tomb Raider Legends, NBA Live 06, Guitar Hero ·Xbox: Lego Star Wars II, Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas, Madden NFL 07 ·Xbox 360: Saint's Row, Call of Duty 2, Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon Advanced Warfighter

Switching Sides

“Outlander meets Camelot” (Kirsty Logan, author of The Gracekeepers) in the first book of an exciting historical trilogy that reveals the untold story of Languoreth—a powerful and, until now, tragically forgotten queen of sixth-century Scotland—twin sister of the man who inspired the legendary character of Merlin. Intelligent, passionate, rebellious, and brave, Languoreth is the unforgettable heroine of The

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Lost Queen, a tale of conflicted loves and survival set against the cinematic backdrop of ancient Scotland, a magical land of myths and superstition inspired by the beauty of the natural world. One of the most powerful early medieval queens in British history, Languoreth ruled at a time of enormous disruption and bloodshed, when the burgeoning forces of Christianity threatened to obliterate the ancient pagan beliefs and change her way of life forever. Together with her twin brother Lailoken, a warrior and druid known to history as Merlin, Languoreth is catapulted into a world of danger and violence. When a war brings the hero Emrys Pendragon, to their door, Languoreth collides with the handsome warrior Maelgwn. Their passionate connection is forged by enchantment, but Languoreth is promised in marriage to Rhydderch, son of the High King who is sympathetic to the followers of Christianity. As Rhydderch's wife, Languoreth must assume her duty to fight for the preservation of the Old Way, her kingdom, and all she holds dear. “Moving, thrilling, and ultimately spellbinding” (BookPage), The Lost Queen brings this remarkable woman to life—rescuing her from obscurity, and reaffirming her place at the center of the most enduring legends of all time. “Moving, thrilling, and ultimately spellbinding, The Lost Queen is perfect for readers of historical fiction like The Clan of the Cave Bear and Wolf Hall, and for lovers of fantasy like Outlander and The Mists of Avalon” (BookPage).

Understanding Your Place in God's Kingdom

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"Everything I look for in a fantasy." - George R. R. Martin All paths lead to war Marcus' hero days are behind him. He knows too well that even the smallest war still means somebody's death. When his men are impressed into a doomed army, staying out of a battle he wants no part of requires some unorthodox steps. Cithrin is an orphan, ward of a banking house. Her job is to smuggle a nation's wealth across a war zone, hiding the gold from both sides. She knows the secret life of commerce like a second language, but the strategies of trade will not defend her from swords. Geder, sole scion of a noble house, has more interest in philosophy than in swordplay. A poor excuse for a soldier, he is a pawn in these games. No one can predict what he will become. Falling pebbles can start a landslide. A spat between the Free Cities and the Severed Throne is spiraling out of control. A new player rises from the depths of history, fanning the flames that will sweep the entire region onto The Dragon's Path -- the path to war. The Dagger and the CoinThe Dragon's PathThe King's Blood The Tyrant's LawThe Widow's HouseThe Spider's War Writing as James S. A. Corey (with Ty Franck) The Expanse (soon to be a major SyFy Channel television series)Leviathan WakesCaliban's WarAbaddon's GateCibola BurnNemesis GamesBabylon's AshesPersepolis RisingTiamat's Wrath

Vanished Kingdoms

The New York Times–bestselling author delivers “a riveting saga about Big Sugar flexing its imperialist muscle in Hawaii . . . A real gem of a book” (Douglas Brinkley,

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author of *American Moonshot*). Deftly weaving together a memorable cast of characters, *Lost Kingdom* brings to life the clash between a vulnerable Polynesian people and relentlessly expanding capitalist powers. Portraits of royalty and rogues, sugar barons, and missionaries combine into a sweeping tale of the Hawaiian Kingdom's rise and fall. At the center of the story is Lili'uokalani, the last queen of Hawai'i. Born in 1838, she lived through the nearly complete economic transformation of the islands. Lucrative sugar plantations gradually subsumed the majority of the land, owned almost exclusively by white planters, dubbed the "Sugar Kings." Hawai'i became a prize in the contest between America, Britain, and France, each seeking to expand their military and commercial influence in the Pacific. The monarchy had become a figurehead, victim to manipulation from the wealthy sugar plantation owners. Lili'u was determined to enact a constitution to reinstate the monarchy's power but was outmaneuvered by the United States. The annexation of Hawai'i had begun, ushering in a new century of American imperialism. "An important chapter in our national history, one that most Americans don't know but should." —The New York Times Book Review "Siler gives us a riveting and intimate look at the rise and tragic fall of Hawaii's royal family . . . A reminder that Hawaii remains one of the most breathtaking places in the world. Even if the kingdom is lost." —Fortune "[A] well-researched, nicely contextualized history . . . [Indeed] 'one of the most audacious land grabs of the Gilded Age.'" —Los Angeles Times

Keeper of the Lost Cities

BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Harry Turtledove's *The War that Came Early: West and East*. A stroke of the pen and history is changed. In 1938, British prime minister Neville Chamberlain, determined to avoid war, signed the Munich Accord, ceding part of Czechoslovakia to Hitler. But the following spring, Hitler snatched the rest of that country, and England, after a fatal act of appeasement, was fighting a war for which it was not prepared. Now, in this thrilling alternate history, another scenario is played out: What if Chamberlain had not signed the accord? In this action-packed chronicle of the war that might have been, Harry Turtledove uses dozens of points of view to tell the story: from American marines serving in Japanese-occupied China and ragtag volunteers fighting in the Abraham Lincoln Battalion in Spain to an American woman desperately trying to escape Nazi-occupied territory—and witnessing the war from within the belly of the beast. A tale of powerful leaders and ordinary people, at once brilliantly imaginative and hugely entertaining, *Hitler's War* captures the beginning of a very different World War II—with a very different fate for our world today.

Scrivener For Dummies

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When the royal couple she has been assigned to protect is kidnapped by pirates after a storm forces them to drop anchor, Tess, who possesses magical powers greater than any treasure, must rescue them, while deciding between two potential suitors. Original.

Sunday School Times

The Lost Heir transports the reader to the Spring of 1895, when Sir Dexter Mannington presents Sherlock Holmes with a trifling matter: Sir Dexter suspects his golf partner of cheating. But the fun and games soon end and lead into a dizzying search for a missing heir to the Mannington fortune.

Collapse

The story continues in *The Forgotten Kingdom*, the second book in the epic *Lost Queen* trilogy, already hailed as “*Outlander* meets *Camelot*” (Kirsty Logan, author of *Things We Say in the Dark*) and “*The Mists of Avalon* for a new generation” (Linnea Hartsuyker, author of *The Golden Wolf*). AD 573. Imprisoned in her chamber, Languoreth awaits news in torment. Her husband and son have ridden off to wage war against her brother, Lailoken. She doesn’t yet know that her young daughter, Angharad, who was training with Lailoken to become a Wisdom Keeper,

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has been lost in the chaos. As one of the bloodiest battles of early medieval Scottish history scatters its survivors to the wind, Lailoken and his men must flee to exile in the mountains of the Lowlands, while nine-year-old Angharad must summon all Lailoken has taught her and follow her own destiny through the mysterious, mystical land of the Picts. In the aftermath of the battle, old political alliances unravel, opening the way for the ambitious adherents of the new religion: Christianity. Lailoken is half-mad with battle sickness, and Languoreth must hide her allegiance to the Old Way to survive her marriage to the next Christian king of Strathclyde. Worst yet, the new King of the Angles is bent on expanding his kingdom at any cost. Now the exiled Lailoken, with the help of a young warrior named Artur, may be the only man who can bring the Christians and the pagans together to defeat the encroaching Angles. But to do so, he must claim the role that will forever transform him. He must become the man known to history as "Myrddin." Bitter rivalries are ignited, lost loves are found, new loves are born, and old enemies come face-to-face with their reckoning in this compellingly fresh look at one of the most enduring legends of all time.

Lost Kingdoms

A fresh and exciting exploration of Southeast Asian history from the 5th to 9th century, seen through the lens of the region's sculpture

Enchanted Storms

An evocative account of fourteen European kingdoms-their rise, maturity, and eventual disappearance. There is something profoundly romantic about lost civilizations. Europe's past is littered with states and kingdoms, large and small, that are scarcely remembered today, and while their names may be unfamiliar-Aragon, Etruria, the Kingdom of the Two Burgundies-their stories should change our mental map of the past. We come across forgotten characters and famous ones-King Arthur and Macbeth, Napoleon and Queen Victoria, right up to Stalin and Gorbachev-and discover how faulty memory can be, and how much we can glean from these lost empires. Davies peers through the cracks in the mainstream accounts of modern-day states to dazzle us with extraordinary stories of barely remembered pasts, and of the traces they left behind. This is Norman Davies at his best: sweeping narrative history packed with unexpected insights. Vanished Kingdoms will appeal to all fans of unconventional and thought-provoking history, from readers of Niall Ferguson to Jared Diamond.

A Foreign Heart

Starkey's devil in Massachusetts and the Post-World War II consensus -- Boyer and Nissenbaum's Salem possessed and the anti-capitalist critique -- An aside:

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investigations into the practice of actual witchcraft in seventeenth-century New England -- Demos's entertaining satan and the functionalist perspective -- Karlsen's devil in the shape of a woman and feminist interpretations -- Norton's in the devil's snare and racial approaches, I -- Norton's in the devil's snare and racial approaches, II

The Dragon's Path

"Fascinating. Lays a foundation for understanding human history."—Bill Gates In this "artful, informative, and delightful" (William H. McNeill, *New York Review of Books*) book, Jared Diamond convincingly argues that geographical and environmental factors shaped the modern world. Societies that had had a head start in food production advanced beyond the hunter-gatherer stage, and then developed religion --as well as nasty germs and potent weapons of war --and adventured on sea and land to conquer and decimate preliterate cultures. A major advance in our understanding of human societies, *Guns, Germs, and Steel* chronicles the way that the modern world came to be and stunningly dismantles racially based theories of human history. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, the Phi Beta Kappa Award in Science, the Rhone-Poulenc Prize, and the Commonwealth club of California's Gold Medal.

The Fungal Kingdom

The fourth volume of the Inner Seas Kingdom Series, A Foreign Heart follows Kestrel through a fast-paced series of adventures. With his goal now defined as defeat of the Viathin race that has invaded and begun to conquer the world of the Inner Seas, Kestrel works closely with his imp allies to race around the lands he knows -- the Eastern Forest, Hydrotaz, and Graylee. But the threats and challenges the Viathin evil poses are not limited to the places he is familiar with. Kestrel will journey through the Water Mountains and try to reach the nations north of the mountains. He will find that the challenges in the north will not just be combat, but the culture as well. And his heart will be torn by the affections that he comes to realize, and the desire he is driven to pursue. There are new powers, new weapons, new characters, and new challenges that drive Kestrel across wide portions of the Inner Seas Kingdoms as he tries to defeat the Viathins and conquer the yearnings of his own heart.

Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies

In the kingdom of Amaranyllis there is a legend Of a prince who crossed the ocean chasing a prophecy. Of a princess traded for a rose. When destiny brings them together it will lead them through a fairy land and across the sea; along a road

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marked by strife and storms. For even though this destiny has bound their hearts together, it will also tear them apart. Embroiled in the battle between fairy magic and sorcery they will risk the schemes and lies of court and the wrath of rogue enemies to find their way back to one another. But will it be enough to defeat the prophecy that haunts them both? This loose fairy tale retelling evokes the romance of Beauty and the Beast and the perils of Eros and Psyche to reveal that legends are not always what they seem. ENCHANTED STORMS is a young adult fantasy romance where prince charming is only the beginning of the heroine's adventure. It is the second book in the PRINCESS KINGDOM, a richly imagined world of fairytale retellings full of sweet romance, compelling characters and fairy magic. Fans of Robin McKinley, Melanie Dickerson, and Juliet Marillier will enjoy ENCHANTED STORMS and the other books in the PRINCESS KINGDOM series.

The Compass

The picture of grace came alive as puzzle pieces through nine states begin to unravel a web of deception. Meeting the redeemed in Ocean City set the path of visiting areas that held much history. The jewels in the rough in man's eyes were the crown jewels in the kingdom of Heaven. Satan did not like the ministry of amazing grace. What do the Pagans, the Illuminati, and the Freemasons all have in common? They all ran into a path designed by the one who is able to expose the things of darkness. As a servant for the Lord, I encountered all these forces that

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are against Jesus. The intriguing, mystifying journey, hoping to encourage the broken, the lost, and the weary, stirred up the forces of evil that tried to hang on to the vessels he wanted to continue to control. The Bride of Christ stood with victory as the separation of the sheep and the goats was being done before my eyes. The purpose of the journey I encountered was directed by God with vigilance to warn his beloved bride.

Princess at Sea

No matter what you want to write, Scrivener makes it easier. Whether you're a planner, a seat-of-the-pants writer, or something in between, Scrivener provides tools for every stage of the writing process. Scrivener For Dummies walks you step-by-step through this popular writing software's best features. This friendly For Dummies guide starts with the basics, but even experienced scriveners will benefit from the helpful tips for getting more from their favourite writing software. Walks you through customizing project templates for your project needs Offers useful advice on compiling your project for print and e-book formats Helps you set up project and document targets and minimize distractions to keep you on track and on deadline Explains how to storyboard with the corkboard, create collections, and understand their value Shows you how to use automated backups to protect your hardwork along the way From idea inception to manuscript submission, Scrivener for Dummies makes it easier than ever to plan, write, organize, and revise

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