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**Small-Space Vegetable Gardens** Open Road  
Media

Go Figure: Things You Didn't Know You Didn't Know brings together for the first time the very best explainers and charts, written and created by top journalists to help us understand such brain-bending conundrums as why almost half the population of Korea has one of two surnames, how bitcoin mining

works, and the seasonal distribution of dog poo on the streets of New York. Subjects both topical and timeless, profound and peculiar, are explained with The Economist's trademark wit and verve. The Economist Explains and its online sister, the Daily Chart, are the two most popular blogs on The Economist's website. Together, these online giants provide answers to the kinds of questions, quirky and serious, that may be puzzling anyone interested in the world around them. Want to know how a tattoo affects your job prospects, why bees are under threat, or even how different countries spend their money? We have the answers. They are sometimes surprising, often intriguing, and always enlightening.

[An Edible History of Humanity](#) Economist Books

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How did we get here? David Fromkin provides arresting and dramatic answers to the questions we ask ourselves as we approach the new millennium. He maps and illuminates the paths by which humanity came to its current state, giving coherence and meaning to the main turning points along the way by relating them to a vision of things to come. His unconventional approach to narrating universal history is to focus on the relevant past and to single out the eight critical evolutions that brought the world from the Big Bang to the eve of the twenty-first century. He describes how human beings survived by adapting to a world they had not yet begun to make their own, and how they created and developed organized society, religion, and warfare. He emphasizes the transformative forces of art and the written word, and the explosive effects of scientific discoveries. He traces the course of commerce, exploration, the growth of law, and the quest for freedom, and details how their convergence led to the world of today. History's great movements and moments are here: the rise of the first empires in Mesopotamia; the exodus from Pharaoh's Egypt; the coming of Moses, Confucius, the Buddha, Jesus, and Muhammad; the fall of the Roman Empire; the rise of China; Vasco da Gama finding the sea road to India that led to unification of the globe under European leadership. Connections are made: the invention of writing, of the alphabet, of the printing press, and of the computer lead to an information revolution that is shaping the world of tomorrow. The industrial, scientific, and technological revolutions are related to the credit revolution that lies behind today's world economy. The eighty-year world war of the twentieth century, which ended only on August 31, 1994, when the last Russian troops left German soil, points the way to a long but perhaps troubled peace in the twenty-first. Where are we now? The Way of the World asserts that the human race has been borne on the waters of a great river--a river of scientific and technological innovation that has been flowing in the Western world for a thousand years, and that now surges forward more strongly than ever. This river highway, it says, has become the way of the world; and because the constitutional and open society that the United States champions is uniquely suited to it, America will be the lucky country of the centuries to come. Fromkin concludes by examining some of the choices that lie ahead for a

world still constrained by its past and by human nature but endowed by science with new powers and possibilities. He pictures exciting prospects ahead--if the United States takes the lead, and can develop wisdom on a scale to match its good fortune.

#### Teaching Big History Vintage

A "delightful" tour of Rome's St. Agnes Outside the Walls, examining the stories, rituals, and architecture of this seventeen-hundred-year-old building (The Christian Science Monitor). In The Geometry of Love, acclaimed author Margaret Visser, the preeminent "anthropologist of everyday life," takes on the living history of the ancient church of St. Agnes. Examining every facet of the building, from windows to catacombs, Visser takes readers on a mesmerizing tour of the old church, covering its social, political, religious, and architectural history. In so doing, she illuminates not only the church's evolution but also its religious legacy in our modern lives. Written as an antidote to the usual dry and traditional studies of European churches, The Geometry of Love is infused with Visser's unmatched warmth and wit, celebrating the remarkable ways that one building can reveal so much about our history and ourselves.

#### BenBella Books

A lighthearted chronicle of how foods have transformed human culture throughout the ages traces the barley- and wheat-driven early civilizations of the near East through the corn and potato industries in America.

#### Seriously Curious The Economist

Traditional Chinese edition of An Edible History of Humanity. This is an intriguing story of how hunger has shaped human civilization and history. In Chinese. Distributed by Tsai Fong Books, Inc.

#### The Victorian Internet Economist Books

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Today we are endlessly connected: constantly tweeting, texting or e-mailing. This may seem unprecedented, yet it is not. Throughout history, information has been spread through social networks, with far-reaching social and political effects. Writing on the Wall reveals how an elaborate network of letter exchanges forewarned of power shifts in Cicero's Rome, while the torrent of tracts circulating in sixteenth-century Germany triggered the Reformation. Standage traces the story of the rise, fall and rebirth of social media over the past 2,000 years offering an illuminating perspective on the history of media, and revealing that social networks do not merely connect us today - they also link us to the past.

Zachary Ying and the Dragon Emperor Economist Books  
O que as batatas têm a ver com a Revolução Industrial? Como o cravo e a canela ajudaram a descobrir o Brasil? O autor deste livro conta a história da humanidade através da comida. Usando os alimentos como chave para o passado, revela como impulsionaram grandes conquistas e também grandes desastres - como guerras e fomes coletivas. Desde o surgimento da agricultura, há milhares de anos, a comida determinou estruturas sociais e divisões de classe, e chegou mesmo a traçar a forma atual do mapa-múndi. Essa viagem pelo passado espera ajudar a repensar desafios futuros, como temas que vão desde a agricultura orgânica e o uso de transgênicos a uma questão - até quando haverá comida suficiente para alimentar uma população mundial em crescimento?  
Paleopathology at the Origins of Agriculture  
Bloomsbury Publishing USA

The more we ponder, the odder the world can seem. Why are coups making a comeback? What counts as a journey into space? Which countries cheat the most in athletics? Is the tale of the difficult second novel fact or fiction? The keen minds at The Economist contemplate all these and more in their quest for the globe's most extraordinary and up-to-date quandaries and conundrums, brought together in this latest annual compilation of the oddest and the most mind-boggling. Amaze and delight everyone you know with bizarre facts and headscratchers that show the world is even stranger than we might have thought.

Oddly Informative McFarland & Company Incorporated  
Pub

The world can be an amazing place if you know the right questions to ask: How did carrots become orange? What's stopping us from having a four-day week? How can we remove all the broken bits of satellite from orbit? If everything is so terrible, why is the global suicide rate falling? The keen minds of the Economist love to look beyond everyday appearances to find out what really makes things tick. In this latest collection of The Economist Explains, they have gathered together the juiciest fruits of their never-ending quest for answers. For an uncommonly interesting read, take a peek at some Uncommon Knowledge - and pass it on! The world only gets more amazing when discoveries are shared.  
A History of the World in Six Glasses Princeton University Press

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Presents data from nineteen different regions before, during, and after agricultural transitions, analyzing populations in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe, and South America while primarily focusing on North America. A wide range of health indicators are discussed, including mortality, episodic stress, physical trauma, degenerative bone conditions, isotopes, and dental pathology.

#### Uncommon Knowledge Anchor

Describes the eighteenth-century invention by Wolfgang von Kempelen of the Turk, a mechanical man fashioned of wood, powered by clockwork, and capable of playing chess, examining the machine's remarkable career in light of the industrial revolution and the impact of the invention on the history of technology. Reprint.

#### Mao National Geographic Books

"[T]his salutary...micro-history will have young readers lifting their shakers in tribute." —Kirkus Reviews, *\*starred review\** "A lively and well-researched title, with exemplary art." —School Library Journal, *\*starred review\** From the team that created the ALA Notable Book *The Cod's Tale* comes the fascinating history of salt, which has been the object of wars and revolutions and is vital for life. Based on Mark Kurlansky's critically acclaimed bestseller *Salt: A World History*, this handsome picture book explores every aspect of salt: The many ways it's gathered from the earth and sea; how ancient emperors in China, Egypt, and Rome used it to keep

their subjects happy; Why salt was key to the Age of Exploration; what salt meant to the American Revolution; And even how the search for salt eventually led to oil. Along the way, you'll meet a Celtic miner frozen in salt, learn how to make ketchup, and even experience salt's finest hour: Gandhi's famous Salt March.

*A History of the World in Six Glasses* Simon and Schuster

*An Edible History of Humanity* Bloomsbury Publishing USA

*Unconventional Wisdom* Berkley Publishing Group  
*Photojournalist Reader (Africa: A Biography of the Continent)* traces the humble potato from its roots in the Peruvian Andes to J.R. Simplot's multibillion-dollar-a-year French fry business. Despite its predilection to disease, the potato is a highly adaptable, high-yield, and nutrient-packed foodstuff. While this title focuses primarily on the potato's presence in South America and Europe, it also touches on Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, and China—currently the world's largest producer and consumer of potatoes. Verdict: Curiously little attention is paid to the tuber's contributions to the culinary and beverage landscape; the UK subtitle of this work, "The Potato in World History," provides a more accurate description of the focus of the text.

*The Story of Salt* Bloomsbury Publishing  
Even tiny gardens can yield a bounty of organic vegetables, fruits, herbs and, more—with this complete guide to gardening small. Growing your own organic food is fun, healthy, cost-effective, and easier than it

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looks—no matter how little room you have for gardening. In *Small-Space Vegetable Gardens*, author and urban gardener Andrea Bellamy explains the basics of growing your own edibles in a minimal amount of space. Creator of the urban gardening blog *Heavy Petal*, Andrea shares the knowledge she's gained from years of gardening small. You'll learn how to find and assess a space, how to plan and build a garden, and how to sow, grow, and harvest the 60 best edible plants. This enthusiastic guide will help you take advantage of the space you have—whether it's a balcony, a patio, a plot in a community garden, or even a small yard—to create the food garden of your dreams.

Truly Peculiar Bloomsbury Publishing USA

Lists film and TV credits for child actors and actresses and briefly discusses the history of children in the movies

[What a Mushroom Lives For](#) Anchor Canada

The most authoritative life of the Chinese leader ever written, *Mao: The Unknown Story* is based on a decade of research, and on interviews with many of Mao's close circle in China who have never talked before — and with virtually everyone outside China who had significant dealings with him. It is full of startling revelations, exploding the myth of the Long March, and showing a completely unknown Mao: he was not driven by idealism or ideology; his intimate and intricate relationship with Stalin went back to the 1920s, ultimately bringing him to

power; he welcomed Japanese occupation of much of China; and he schemed, poisoned, and blackmailed to get his way. After Mao conquered China in 1949, his secret goal was to dominate the world. In chasing this dream he caused the deaths of 38 million people in the greatest famine in history. In all, well over 70 million Chinese perished under Mao's rule — in peacetime.

The Way of the World Univ of California Press

In 1856 - as Darwin was completing *Origin of Species* - the fossilized remains of a stocky, powerful human-like creature were discovered in a cave in the Neander Valley in Germany. This work offers an account of the search for man's beginnings and out of a particular man - dead for 40,000 years - who began a revolution that changed the world.

[Child and Youth Actors](#) Bloomsbury Publishing USA

Whatever your favourite tippie, when you pour yourself a drink, you have the past in a glass. You can likely find them all in your own kitchen — beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea, cola. Line them up on the counter, and there you have it: thousands of years of human history in six drinks. Tom Standage opens a window onto the past in this tour of six beverages that remain essentials today. En route he makes fascinating forays into the byways of western culture: Why were ancient Egyptians buried with beer? Why was wine considered a “classier” drink than beer by the Romans? How did rum grog help the British navy

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defeat Napoleon? What is the relationship between coffee and revolution? And how did Coca-Cola become the number one poster-product for globalization decades before the term was even coined?

A Brief History of Motion Economist Books

Chronicles social media over two millennia, from papyrus letters that Cicero used to exchange news across the Empire to today, reminding us how modern behavior echoes that of prior centuries and encouraging debate and discussion about how we'll communicate in the future.