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The Soviet Union and the Origins of the Second World War Farrar, Straus and Giroux

A revelatory new history that explores the tantalizing and almost-realized possibility that the First World War could have ended in 1916, saving millions of lives and utterly changing the course of history. In August 1916, two years into World War I, leaders in all the warring powers faced a crisis. There were no good military options. Money, people, and food were running short. Yet roads to peace seemed daunting too, as exhausted nations, drummed forward by patriotic duty and war passion, sought meaning from their appalling sacrifices. Germany made the first move. Its government secretly asked Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States and leader of the only great power still neutral, to mediate an end to the Great War. As a token of good faith, Germany promised to withdraw from occupied Belgium. Wilson was too anxious to make peace. If he failed, he felt sure America would drift into a dreadful, wider war. Meanwhile, the French president confided to Britain's King that the Allies should accept Wilson's expected peace move and end the war. In THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED, Philip Zelikow recounts the five months when, behind closed doors, the future of the war, Remembering the Road to World War TwoRoutledge and the world, hung in the balance. It is a story of civic courage, of awful responsibility, and of how some rose to the occasion or shrank from it. "Peace is on the floor

waiting to be picked up!" pleaded the German ambassadorFranklin Delano Roosevelt-recently reelected to a to the United States. This book shows how right he was, second term as president-sat in the Oval Office and how close leaders came to doing so. The Road to World War II Routledge

Nicholas Murray's The Rocky Road to the Great War examines the evolution of field fortification theory and practice between 1877 and 1914. During this period field fortifications became increasingly important, and their construction evolved from primarily above to below ground. The reasons for these changes are crucial to explaining the landscape of World War I, yet they have remained largely unstudied. The transformation in field fortifications reflected not only the ongoing technological advances but also the changing priorities in the reasons for constructing them, such as preventing desertion, protecting troops, multiplying forces, reinforcing tactical points, providing a secure base, and dominating an area. Field fortification theory, however, did not evolve solely in response to improving firepower or technology. Rather, a combination of those factors and societal ones-for example, the rise of large conscript armies and the increasing participation of citizens rather than subjects-led directly to technical alterations in the actual construction of the fieldworks. These technical developments arose from the second wave of the Industrial Revolution in the late nineteenth century that provided new technologies that increased the firepower of artillery, which in turn drove the transition from above- to belowground field fortification. Based largely on primary sources ù including French, British, Austrian, and American military media sabotage, and petty political antics-would attache reports-Murray's enlightening study is unique in defining, fully examining, and contextualizing the theories and construction of field fortifications before World War I. Hitler's Foreign Policy 1933-1939 National Geographic Books Søgeord: Krigsfaren i 1927; Mordplaner mod Stalin; Skoblinaffæren The Road to Victory Oxford University Press The Road Less Traveled Random House Before Pearl Harbor, before the Nazi invasion of

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The New York Times Book Review • The Economist • The Christian Science Monitor • first woman awarded Nobel's new Peace Bloomberg Businessweek • The Globe and Mail Prize. Here too we meet the urbane and From the bestselling and award-winning author of Paris 1919 comes a masterpiece of noticed many of the early signs that narrative nonfiction, a fascinating portrait of Europe from 1900 up to the outbreak of World War I. The century since Admiralty and a rising figure in British the end of the Napoleonic wars had been the politics; Madame Caillaux, who shot a man most peaceful era Europe had known since the fall of the Roman Empire. In the first years of the twentieth century, Europe believed it was marching to a golden, happy, and prosperous future. But instead, complex personalities and rivalries, colonialism and ethnic nationalisms, and shifting alliances helped to bring about the failure of the long peace and the outbreak of a war that transformed Europe and the world. The War That Ended Peace brings vividly to life the military leaders, politicians, diplomats, bankers, and the extended, interrelated family of crowned heads across Europe who failed to stop the descent into war: in Germany, the mercurial Kaiser Wilhelm II and the chief of the German general staff, Von Moltke the books of the centennial crop."-The Younger; in Austria-Hungary, Emperor Franz Economist "Superb."-The New York Times Book presidential commitments? From Israel to Joseph, a man who tried, through sheer hard Review "Masterly . . . marvelous . . . work, to stave off the coming chaos in his Those looking to understand why World War I proven to be tricky and dangerous. For empire; in Russia, Tsar Nicholas II and his happened will have a hard time finding a wife; in Britain, King Edward VII, Prime Minister Herbert Asquith, and British admiral Jacky Fisher, the fierce advocate of naval reform who entered into the arms race with Germany that pushed the continent the heart of political fallibility. . . . toward confrontation on land and sea. There Elegantly written, with wonderful character American lives. Few in Congress or the are the would-be peacemakers as well, among sketches of the key players, this is a book media chose to question the war's them prophets of the horrors of future wars to be treasured."-The Wall Street Journal whose warnings went unheeded: Alfred Nobel, "A magisterial 600-page who donated his fortune to the cause of international understanding, and Bertha von of Books

Suttner, a writer and activist who was the cosmopolitan Count Harry Kessler, who something was stirring in Europe; the young Truman to Obama, has ordered American Winston Churchill, then First Lord of the who might have been a force for peace; and more. With indelible portraits, MacMillan shows how the fateful decisions of a few powerful people changed the course of history. Taut, suspenseful, and impossible thirteenth book about the presidency and to put down, The War That Ended Peace is also a wise cautionary reminder of how wars declaration of war, presidents have happen in spite of the near-universal desire to keep the peace. Destined to become a classic in the tradition of Barbara Tuchman's The Guns of August, The War That Ended Peace enriches our understanding of one of the defining periods and events of the twentieth century. Praise for The War That Ended Peace "Magnificent . . . The War That Ended negotiated defense treaty between the Peace will certainly rank among the best better place to start."-The Christian Science Monitor "The debate over the war's of South Vietnam, often without origins has raged for years. Ms. MacMillan's explanation goes straight to

Nazi Foreign Policy, 1933-1941 Anchor Not since Pearl Harbor has an American president gone to Congress to request a declaration of war. Nevertheless, since then, one president after another, from troops into wars all over the world. From Korea to Vietnam, Panama to Grenada, Lebanon to Bosnia, Afghanistan to Iraq-why have presidents sidestepped declarations of war? Marvin Kalb, former chief diplomatic correspondent for CBS and NBC News, explores this key question in his U.S. foreign policy. Instead of a justified their war-making powers by citing "commitments," private and public, made by former presidents. Many of these commitments have been honored, but some betrayed. Surprisingly, given the tight U.S.-Israeli relationship, Israeli leaders feel that at times they have been betrayed by American presidents. Is it time for a United States and Israel as a way of substituting for a string of secret Vietnam, presidential commitments have example, one president after another committed the United States to the defense explanation. Over the years, these commitments mushroomed into national policy, leading to a war costing 58,000 provenance or legitimacy, until it was too late. No president saw the need for a panorama."-Christopher Clark, London Review declaration of war, considering one to be old-fashioned. The word of a president can

morph into a national commitment. It can become the functional equivalent of a declaration of war. Therefore, whenever a president "commits" the United States to a policy or course of action with, or increasingly without, congressional approval, watch out-the White House may be setting the nation on a road toward war. The Road to War was a 2013 Foreword Reviews honorable mention in the subject of War & Military.

The Vanquished Random House Trade Paperbacks Before Pearl Harbor, before the Nazi invasion of Poland, America teetered between the desire for isolation and the threat of world war. May 1938. Franklin Delano Roosevelt-recently reelected to a second term as president-sat in the Oval Office and contemplated two possibilities: the rule of fascism overseas, and a third term. With Hitler's reach extending into Austria, and with the atrocities of World War I still fresh in the American memory, Roosevelt faced the question that would prove one of the most defining in American history: whether to once again go to war in Europe. In The Sphinx, Nicholas Wapshott recounts how an ambitious and resilient Roosevelt-nicknamed "the Sphinx" for his cunning, cryptic rapport with the press-devised and doggedly pursued a strategy to sway the American people to abandon isolationism and take up the mantle of the world's most powerful nation. Chief among Roosevelt's antagonists was his friend Joseph P. Kennedy, a stock market magnate and the patriarch of what was to become one of the nation's most storied dynasties. Kennedy's financial, political, and personal interests aligned him with a war-weary American public, and he counted among his isolationist allies no less than Walt Disney, William Randolph Hearst, and Henry Ford-prominent businessmen who believed America had no business in conflicts across the Atlantic. The ensuing

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Historians have heatedly debated the Soviet role in the origins of the Second World War for more than 50 years. At the centre of these controversies stands the question of Soviet relations with Nazi Germany and the Stalin-Hitler pact of 1939. Drawing on a wealth of new material from the Soviet Archives, this detailed and original study analyses Moscow's response to the rise of Hitler, explains the origins of the Nazi-Soviet pact, and charts the road to Operation Barbarossa and the disaster of the surprise German attack on the 'This is comparative history on a grand scale, skilfully analysing complex national debates and drawing major conclusions without ever losing the necessary nuances of interpretation.' Stefan Berger, University of Manchester, UK Remembering the Road to World international survey of the historiography of the origins of the Second World War. It desperately needed ammunition, rations, and explores how, in the case of each of the major combatant countries, historical writing on the origins of the Second World War has been inextricably entwined with debates over national identity and collective memory. Spanning seven case studies - the Soviet Union, Germany, Italy, France, Great Britain, the United States and Japan - Patrick Finney proposes a fresh approach to the politics of historiography. This provocative volume discusses the political, cultural, disciplinary and archival factors which have contributed to the evolving construction of historical interpretations. It analyses the complex and multi-faceted relationships between texts about the origins of the war, remembrance. Offering an innovative perspective on international history and

Remembering the Road to World War Two Random

this book will prove fascinating reading for all students of the Second World War. The Road to War Random House How did the Second World War come about? Nazi Foreign Policy, 1933-1941 provides lucid answers to this complex question. Focusing on the different regions of Nazi policy such as Italy, France and Britain, Christian Leitz explores the diplomatic and political developments that led to the outbreak of war in 1939 and its transformation into a global conflict in 1941. Nazi Foreign Policy, 1933-1941 details the history of Nazi Germany's foreign policy from Hitler's inauquration as Reich Chancellor to the declaration of war by America in 1941. Christian Leitz gives equal weight to the attitude and actions of the Nazi regime and the perspectives and reactions of the world both before and during the war. The Road to Revolution Routledge On February 21, 1916, the Germans launched a surprise offensive at Verdun, an important fortress in northeastern France, sparking a brutal and protracted conflict that would claim more than 700,000 victims. The carnage had little impact on the course of the war, and Verdun ultimately came to symbolize the absurdity and horror of trench warfare. Ian Ousby offers a radical reevaluation of this cataclysmic battle, arguing that the French bear tremendous responsibility for the senseless slaughter. He shows how the battle's roots lay in the Franco-Prussian war and how its legacy helped lay the groundwork for World War II. Merging intellectual substance with superb battle writing, The Road to Verdun is a moving and incisive account of one of the most important battles of the twentieth century. From the Trade Paperback edition. The Road Less Traveled Campfire

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enriching the literature on collective memory, imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

> The American Experience in World War II: The atomic bomb in history and memory New York : Crowell

Considered by many the greatest war novel of all time, All Ouiet on the Western Front is Erich Maria Remarque's masterpiece of the German experience during World War I. I am young, I am twenty years old; yet I know nothing of life but despair, death, fear, and fatuous superficiality cast over an abyss of sorrow. . . . This is the testament of Paul German army during World War I. They become soldiers with youthful enthusiasm. But the world of duty, culture, and progress they had been taught breaks in pieces under the first bombardment in the trenches. Through years of vivid horror, Paul holds fast to a single vow: period of external peace by eliminating to fight against the principle of hate that meaninglessly pits young men of the same generation but different uniforms against one another . . . if only he can come out of the war alive. "The world has a great writer in Erich Maria Remarque. He is a craftsman of unquestionably first rank, a man who can bend language to his will. Whether he writes of men Minister, V.N. Lamsdorff, to drop their or of inanimate nature, his touch is

Book Review

Chicago : Quadrangle Books

The Road to 1945 is a rigorously researched study of the crucial moment when political parties put aside their differences to unite under Churchill and focus on the task of war. But the war years witnessed a radical shift in political power dramatically expressed in Labour's decisive electoral victory in 1945. In his acclaimed study, Paul Addison reconstructs and interprets the fiveyear wartime coalition, and traces this sea-change from its roots in the thirties, to the powerful an imaginative, brilliantly written and landmark work, underpinned by a powerful and expertly researched argument.

The Road to Verdun Henry Holt and Company For much of the later nineteenth-century Britain regarded Russia as its main international rival, particularly as regarded the security of its colonial possessions in India. Yet, by 1907 Russia's political revolution, financial collapse and military defeat by Japan, transformed the situation, resulting in an Anglo-Russian rapprochement. As this book makes clear, whilst international affairs lay at the root of this new relationship, personal factors also played an important role in reversing many years of Bäumer, who enlists with his classmates in the mutual animosity and suspicion. In particular the study explores the influence of the liberal anglophile Count Aleksandr Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador in London between 1903 and 1916. By 1905, Russia's multiple weaknesses required a prolonged frictions with the principal rival powers, Britain and Germany, while France and Britain realised that a British rapprochement with Russia would be necessary to counter Germany's power. Benckendorff, as one of the most important figures in the Russian diplomatic service, persuaded Nicholas II and his Foreign objections to various long-standing British sensitive, firm, and sure."-The New York Times demands in order to pave the way for a Triple Entente. Although the overarching Russian strategy was conceived as 'balancing' the imperial rivalries of Britain and Germany, numerous factors - not least Benckendorff's energetic pro-British stance - upset the scales and resulted in a stand-off with the Central Powers. Demonstrating how Benckendorff's fear of losing Britain's friendship made him oppose all Russia's efforts at improving Russo-German relations, this book underlines the pro-Entente policy's spirit of post-war rebuilding. The Road to 1945 is role in setting Russia on the road to war. For when the Sarajevo crisis struck; there was now no hope of appealing to German goodwill to help defuse the situation. Instead Russia's

status within the Entente depended on a show of remembrance. Offering an innovative perspective determination and strength, which lead on international history and enriching the

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Britain, Russia and the Road to the First World War Potomac Books, Inc.

Ponting examines the 13 days leading up to World War I, beginning with a dramatic recreation of the assassination in Sarajevo, followed by a description of the developments city by city, day by day.

The War That Ended Peace W. W. Norton & Company A revisionist account of the liberation of Europe in World War II from the perspectives of Europeans offers insight into the more complicated aspects of the occupation, the cultural differences between Europeans and Americans, and their perspectives on the moral implications of military action. 75,000 first printing.

The Ottoman Road to War in 1914 Routledge 'This is comparative history on a grand scale, skilfully analysing complex national debates and drawing major conclusions without ever losing the necessary nuances of interpretation.' Stefan Berger, University of Manchester, UK Remembering the Road to World War Two is a broad and comparative international survey of the historiography of the origins of the Second World War. It explores how, in the case of each of the major combatant countries, historical writing on the origins of the Second World War has been inextricably entwined with debates over national identity and collective memory. Spanning seven case studies - the Soviet Union, Germany, Italy, France, Great Britain, the United States and Japan - Patrick Finney proposes a fresh approach to the politics of historiography. This provocative volume discusses the political, cultural, disciplinary and archival factors which have contributed to the evolving construction of historical interpretations. It analyses the complex and multi-faceted relationships between texts about the origins of the war, the negotiation of conceptions of national identity and unfolding processes of war

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