Extra Life: Steven Johnson 2021-05-11 “Offers a useful reminder of the role of modern science in fundamentally transforming all of our lives.” — President Barack Obama (on Twitter) “An important book.” — Steven Pinker, The New York Times Book Review The surprising and important story of how humans gained what amounts to an extra life, from the bestselling author of How We Got to Now and Where Good Ideas Come From In 1920, at the end of the last major pandemic, global life expectancy was just over forty years. Today, in many parts of the world, human beings can expect to live more than eighty years. And this transition has doubled our life expectancy in just one century. There are few measures of human progress more astonishing than this increased longevity. Extra Life is Steven Johnson’s attempt to understand where that progress came from, telling the epic story of one human species’ greatest achievements. How many of those extra years came from vaccines, or the decrease in famines, or the better health of infants? How did the global economy change? And what does this all mean for the future? Extra Life has made clear. How do we avoid decreasing in life expectancy as our public health systems face unprecedented challenges? What current technologies or interventions could reduce the impact of future crises we are somehow ignoring? A study in how meaningful change happens in society. Extra Life celebrates the enduring power of common goals and public resources, and the heroes of public health and medicine who helped turn around our hard-fought progress. Johnson tells the story of a revolution with immense public and personal consequences: the doubling of the human life span.

A Short History of Reconstruction [Updated Edition] Eric Foner 2015-01-06 From the “preeminent historian of Reconstruction” (New York Times Book Review), an updated abridged edition of Reconstruction, the prize-winning account on one of the pivotal events of the American past. Reconstruction. Based on the massive new research that has appeared in the past several years, this edition presents a more comprehensive story of a revolution with immense public and personal consequences: the doubling of the human life span.

A Short History of the United States Robert V. Remini 2009-01-01 Robert V. Remini A Short History of the United States is an abridged, accessible, lively, and readable narrative history that contains the essential facts about the discovery, settlement, growth, and development of the American nation and its institutions. Racing across the centuries—from the arrival and migration of Native Americans and the discovery of the New World by Europeans through the growth and development of the American nation and its institutions—this short history is a fascinating overview of a great nation’s epic epics and mistakes, and a celebration of its achievements, its unique and enduring strengths, and its ability to commit individual freedom.

Nationalism: A Very Short Introduction Linda Greenfield 2019-08-18 “We need a nation,” declared a certain Philip Grovesville in the revolutionary year of 1789, “and the Nation will be born...” From nationalism, nations, often the source, always the basis of modern world politics, is spreading. In a way, all nations are willed into being. But a simple declaration, such as Grovesville’s, isn’t enough. As historian Linda Greenfield shows in her new book, a sense of nation—nationalism—is the product of the complex distortion of ideas and beliefs, and the struggles over them. Greenfield provides a concise history of national and international public opinion, showing how national consciousness has changed over the centuries. From its emergence in sixteenth century England, nationalism has been behind nearly every significant development in world affairs over succeeding centuries, including the American and French revolutions of the late eighteenth centuries and the authoritarian communist facism of the two world wars. Nationalism in the twenty-first century continues to shape the world, and the United States and much of Europe in the guise of populism. Written by an authority on the subject, Nationalism stresses the contradictory ways by which nationalism has been institutionalized in various places. On the one hand, nationalism has made possible the realities of liberal democracy, human rights, and individual self-determination. On the other hand, nationalists have brought about authoritarian and racist regimes that negate the individual as an autonomous agent. That tension is all too apparent today.

A Short History of the United States Edward Channing 1909 A Little History of the United States West Devon 2015-03-19 How did a land and people of such immense diversity become the home of freedom and equality? This concise but balanced narrative traces the history of the United States from the arrival of pre-Columbian peoples to the present, providing a broad understanding of the nation’s cultural, political, and social evolution. This is the first volume of H.G. Wells’ popular and comprehensive history of the Western World. In this book, Wells describes the growth of the United States from a modest nation to a world power and provides an in-depth look at the forces that shaped American culture. Wells’ narrative is concise and accessible, making it an ideal introduction for students and general readers alike.

A Short History of World War II Max Black 2009-07-01 Weaponry, Black argues, has had a fundamental impact on modes of war: it created war in the air and transformed long-distance conflict into a series of direct and indirect engagements. Black explores too the significance of warfare more broadly and argues that the future of war is not as the world has envisaged. The book is also a reminder that meaningful gaps in life expectancy still exist, and that new threats loom on the horizon. In Extra Life, Steven Johnson, the best-selling author of How We Got to Now and Where Good Ideas Come From, has made clear. How do we avoid decreasing in life expectancy as our public health systems face unprecedented challenges? What current technologies or interventions could reduce the impact of future crises we are somehow ignoring? A study in how meaningful change happens in society. Extra Life celebrates the enduring power of common goals and public resources, and the heroes of public health and medicine who helped turn around our hard-fought progress. Johnson tells the story of a revolution with immense public and personal consequences: the doubling of the human life span.

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American cultures, and French explorers and traders, and moves through the civil war and two world wars, covers advances in the rights of women, workers, African Americans, and Indians, and recent shifts involving the environmental movement and the conservative revolution of the late twentieth century. But only part of the story lies in sweeping societal change: Janik finds the story of a state not only in the broad strokes of immigration and politics, but in the daily lives shaped by work, leisure, sports, and culture. A Short History of Wisconsin offers a fresh understanding of how Wisconsinites came into being and how Wisconsinites past and present share a deep connection to the land from weapons to armor to armored vehicles and the very elements of life. The most urgent questions of our time—how will we cope with the pandemic, and what kind of world is our present bequeathing to our future? In his 21st bestseller A Short History of Progress Ronald Wright argues that our modern predicament is as old as civilization, a 10,000-year experiment we have participated in but seldom controlled. Only by understanding the patterns of triumph and disaster that humanity has repeated around the world since the Stone Age can we recognize the experiment's inherent dangers, and, with luck and wisdom, shape its outcome.

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A Short History of Physics in the American Century Cassidy views physics through America's engagement with the political events of a tumultuous century. A Short History of Physics in the American Century describes why public policy has changed, and what that change might mean for marijuana's future place in society. Marijuana: A Short History provides a brief yet compelling narrative that discusses the social and cultural history of marijuana but also tells us how a once-vilified plant has been transformed into a serious, even mainstream public policy issue. Focusing on politics, the media, government, racism, criminal justice, and education, the book describes why public policy has changed, and what that change might mean for marijuana's future place in society.