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behind the statistics of migration are the life stories of millions of migrants and their descendants the movement of people out of china is one of the largest movements of humanity in modern times and large numbers of chinese emigrated to the colony of the dutch east indies now indonesia while many of them prospered in their new home it was against a background of uncertainty and a feeling that they

were not entirely welcome in their adopted homeland bittersweet is the poignant story of one chinese family s life in indonesia and of their eventual emigration to australia from the late nineteenth century to the post communist period albanian and georgian political and intellectual elites have attributed hopes to europe yet have also exhibited ambivalent attitudes that do not appear likely to vanish any time soon albanians and georgians have evoked experienced and continue to speak of europe according to a tense triadic entity geopolitics progress culture which has generated aspirations as well as delusions towards it and themselves this unique dichotomy weaves a nuanced historical account of a changing europe continuously marred by uncertainties that greatly affect these countries domestic politics as well as foreign policy decisions a systematic and rich account of how albanians and georgians view europe this book offers a fresh perspective on the vast east west literature and more broadly on european intellectual cultural and political history while the yucatán peninsula of mexico may conjure up images of vacation getaways and cocktails by the sea these easy stereotypes hide a story filled with sweat and toil the story of sugarcane and rum production in the caribbean has been told many times but few know the bittersweet story of sugar and rum in the jungles of the yucatán peninsula during the nineteenth century this is much more than a history of coveted commodities the unique story that unfolds in john r gust and jennifer p mathews s new history sugarcane and rum is told through the lens of maya laborers who worked under brutal conditions on small haciendas to harvest sugarcane and produce rum gust and mathews weave together ethnographic interviews and historical archives with archaeological evidence to bring the daily lives of maya workers into focus they lived in a cycle of debt forced to buy all of their supplies from the company store and take loans from the hacienda owners and yet they had a certain autonomy because the owners were so dependent on their labor at harvest time we also see how the rise of cantinas and distilled alcohol in the nineteenth century

affected traditional maya culture and that the economies of cancún and the mérida area are predicated on the rum influenced local social systems of the past sugarcane and rum brings this bittersweet story to the present and explains how rum continues to impact the yucatán and the people who have lived there for millennia bittersweet legacy is the dramatic story of the relationship between two generations of black and white southerners in charlotte north carolina from 1850 to 1910 janette greenwood describes the interactions between black and white business and p lively and entertaining a splendid saga for the general reader kirkus reviews covers a tremendous amount of information a lighthearted but serious look choice a chronicle of the discovery and development of sugar around the world a rich and culturally diverse history of sugar sugar sugar tells the story behind india s migrant workers who first left the sub continent more than a hundred and fifty years ago and their descendants who now live in contemporary britain very recent history by choire sicha is an idiosyncratic and elegant narrative that follows a handful of young men in new york city as they navigate the ruins of money and power in search of love and connection after the wall street crash of 2008 the richest man in town is the mayor billionaires shed apartments like last season s fashions even as the country s economy turns inside out the young and careless go on as they always have getting laid and getting laid off falling in and out of love and trying to navigate the strange world they traffic in the internet complex financial markets credit cards pop stars micro plane cheese graters and sex apps a true life fable of money sex and politics choire sicha s very recent history an entirely factual account of a year c ad 2009 in a large city turns our focus to a year in the life of a great city this is the definitive illustrated guide to chocolate beginning 3 000 years ago in the mexican jungles it goes on to investigate archaeology history botany and socio economics and follows the story from the aztecs up to todays mass produced chocolate and its luxury versions a treat not just for chocoholics but for anyone who enjoys lively thorough historical

researcher sophie d coe anthropologist and food historian was also the author of americas first cuisines beautifully written and deeply researched the observer upon victory in 1945 britain still dominated the middle east but her motives for wanting to dominate this crossroads between europe asia and africa were changing where imperial security control of the route to india had once been paramount now oil was an increasingly important factor so too was prestige ironically the very end of empire made control of the middle east precious in itself on it hung britain s claim to be a great power unable to withstand arab and jewish nationalism within a generation the british were gone but that is not the full story what ultimately sped britain on her way was the uncompromising attitude of the united states which was determined to displace the british in the middle east using newly declassified records and long forgotten memoirs including the diaries of a key british spy james barr tears up the conventional interpretation of this era in the middle east vividly portraying the tensions between london and washington and shedding an uncompromising light on the murkier activities of a generation of american and british diehards in the region from the battle of el alamein in 1942 to britain s abandonment of aden in 1967 reminding us that the middle east has always served as the arena for great power conflict this is the tale of an internecine struggle in which britain would discover that her most formidable rival was the ally she had assumed would be her closest friend bustles impressively with detail and anecdote sunday times consistently fascinating the spectator barr draws on a rich and varied trove of sources to knit a sequence of dramatic episodes into an elegant whole great events march through these pages wall street journal southern fiction at its finest a mix of heart and adventure from the author of the education of dixie dupree historical novel society set in the carolinas in the 1940s the road to bittersweet is a beautifully written evocative account of a young woman reckoning not just with the unforgiving landscape but with the rocky emotional terrain that leads from innocence

to wisdom for fourteen year old wallis ann stamper and her family life in the appalachian mountains is simple and satisfying though not for the tenderhearted while her older sister laci a mute musically gifted savant is constantly watched over and protected wallis ann is as practical and sturdy as her name when the tuckasegee river bursts its banks forcing them to flee in the middle of the night those qualities save her life but though her family is eventually reunited the tragedy opens wallis ann s eyes to a world beyond the creek that s borne their name for generations carrying what s left of their possessions the stampers begin another perilous journey from their ruined home to the hill country of south carolina wallis ann s blossoming friendship with clayton a high diving performer for a traveling show sparks a new opportunity and the family joins as a singing group but clayton s attention to laci drives a wedge between the two sisters as jealousy and betrayal threaten to accomplish what hardship never could divide the family for good wallis ann makes a decision that will transform them all in unforeseeable ways you will fall in love with wallis ann stamper sandra dallas new york times bestselling author one of medicine s most remarkable therapeutic triumphs was the discovery of insulin in 1921 the drug produced astonishing results rescuing children and adults from the deadly grip of diabetes but as chris feudtner demonstrates the subsequent transformation of the disease from a fatal condition into a chronic illness is a story of success tinged with irony a revealing saga that illuminates the complex human consequences of medical intervention bittersweet chronicles this history of diabetes through the compelling perspectives of people who lived with this disease drawing on a remarkable body of letters exchanged between patients or their parents and dr elliot p joslin and the staff of physicians at his famed boston clinic feudtner examines the experience of living with diabetes across the twentieth century highlighting changes in treatment and their profound effects on patients lives although focused on juvenile onset or type 1 diabetes the themes explored in bittersweet have

implications for our understanding of adult onset or type 2 diabetes as well as a host of other diseases that thanks to drugs or medical advances are being transformed from acute to chronic conditions indeed the tale of diabetes in the post insulin era provides an ideal opportunity for exploring the larger questions of how medicine changes our lives a 1956 hungarian freedom fighter escaping a death sentence inflicted upon him by the soviet army makes a death defying escape with his wife and baby daughter seeking a small bridge shrouded amidst swampy marshland whose rickety planks wait to lead the family into a vast void called freedom brimming with magic passion and history new york times captivating from the very first page jennifer egan shortlisted for the fiction category in the ocm bocas prize for caribbean literature shortlisted for the kitschies red tentacle award discovered amidst a tangle of sea grape trees moshe fisher s provenance is a thing of myth and mystery his unusual appearance with blueish translucent skin and duo toned hair only serves to compound his mystique equally feared and ridiculed by peers as he grows up he finds a surprising kindred soul in the striking and bold arrienne christie but their complex relationship is fraught with obstacles that tear them apart as powerfully as they are drawn together beginning in the late 1950s four years before jamaica s independence from colonial rule a tall history of sugar s epic love story sweeps between a rural jamaica scarred by the legacies of colonialism and an england increasingly riven by race riots and class division the fully illustrated history of one of the country s best known brand names from its beginnings in 1871 to its sale in 1959 sugar offers a compelling and surprising look at the sweet commodity from the ways in which it africanized the cane fields of the caribbean to how it fueled the industrial revolution and jump started the fast food craze the award winning author of olives guides readers on a delectable journey into the world of chocolate from manufacturing to marketing french boutiques to american multinationals for the first time a great granddaughter of henry clay frick world

famous art collector and steel tycoon has assembled an intimate pictorial biography that reveals the triumphs and tragedies of frick s life 370 illustrations 225 in color sentimental heartfelt the exploration of henry s changing relationship with his family and with keiko will keep most readers turning pages a timely debut that not only reminds readers of a shameful episode in american history but cautions us to examine the present and take heed we don t repeat those injustices kirkus reviews a tender and satisfying novel set in a time and a place lost forever hotel on the corner of bitter and sweet gives us a glimpse of the damage that is caused by war not the sweeping damage of the battlefield but the cold cruel damage to the hearts and humanity of individual people especially relevant in today s world this is a beautifully written book that will make you think and more importantly it will make you feel garth stein new york times bestselling author of the art of racing in the rain jamie ford s first novel explores the age old conflicts between father and son the beauty and sadness of what happened to japanese americans in the seattle area during world war ii and the depths and longing of deep heart love an impressive bitter and sweet debut lisa see bestselling author of snow flower and the secret fan in the opening pages of jamie ford s stunning debut novel hotel on the corner of bitter and sweet henry lee comes upon a crowd gathered outside the panama hotel once the gateway to seattle s japantown it has been boarded up for decades but now the new owner has made an incredible discovery the belongings of japanese families left when they were rounded up and sent to internment camps during world war ii as henry looks on the owner opens a japanese parasol this simple act takes old henry lee back to the 1940s at the height of the war when young henry s world is a jumble of confusion and excitement and to his father who is obsessed with the war in china and having henry grow up american while scholarshiping at the exclusive rainier elementary where the white kids ignore him henry meets keiko okabe a young japanese american student amid the chaos of blackouts curfews and fbi raids henry and

keiko forge a bond of friendship and innocent love that transcends the long standing prejudices of their old world ancestors and after keiko and her family are swept up in the evacuations to the internment camps she and henry are left only with the hope that the war will end and that their promise to each other will be kept forty years later henry lee is certain that the parasol belonged to keiko in the hotel s dark dusty basement he begins looking for signs of the okabe family s belongings and for a long lost object whose value he cannot begin to measure now a widower henry is still trying to find his voice words that might explain the actions of his nationalistic father words that might bridge the gap between him and his modern chinese american son words that might help him confront the choices he made many years ago set during one of the most conflicted and volatile times in american history hotel on the corner of bitter and sweet is an extraordinary story of commitment and enduring hope in henry and keiko jamie ford has created an unforgettable duo whose story teaches us of the power of forgiveness and the human heart bonus this edition contains a hotel on the corner of bitter and sweet discussion guide and an excerpt from jamie ford s love and other consolation prizes an engrossing suspenseful family saga filled with unpredictable twists and turns chanel cleeton new york times bestselling author of next year in havana with an equal mix of historical fiction dramatic family conflict and mystery this tale should please fans of christina baker kline lisa wingate and kate quinn booklist the washington post books to read now ms magazine reads for the rest of us hustle most anticipated books popsugar best books bibliolifestyle most anticipated historical fiction books book riot book recommendations finer things book lover gifts they ll actually love perfect for fans of julia alvarez and silvia moreno garcia this exhilarating novel transports you to the lush tropical landscape of 1920s ecuador blending family drama dangerous mystery and the real life history of the coastal town known as the birthplace of cacao as a child in spain puri always knew her passion for chocolate was inherited from her father

but it's not until his death that she learns of something else she's inherited a cocoa estate in Vinces Ecuador a town nicknamed París Chiquito eager to claim her birthright and filled with hope for a new life after the devastation of World War I she and her husband Cristóbal set out across the Atlantic Ocean but it soon becomes clear someone is angered by Puri's claim to the estate when a mercenary sent to murder her aboard the ship accidentally kills Cristóbal instead Puri dons her husband's clothes and assumes his identity hoping to stay safe while she searches for the truth of her father's legacy in Ecuador though freed from the rules that women are expected to follow Puri confronts other challenges at the estate newfound siblings hidden affairs and her father's dark secrets then there are the dangers awakened by her attraction to an enigmatic man as she tries to learn the identity of an enemy who is still at large threatening the future she is determined to claim a lush Ecuadoran cacao plantation is the setting for this imaginative historical drama filled with sibling rivalry and betrayals threaded throughout this dramatic family saga are descriptions of cocoa making that will leave your mouth watering for chocolate the Washington Post a sweepingly elegant historical novel MS Magazine a lushly written story of bittersweet family secrets and betrayals Andrea Penrose author of Murder at the Royal Botanic Gardens passionate and suspenseful the Spanish Daughter is a satisfying historical mystery set in a lush tropical land Foreword Reviews starred review engrossing as addictive as chocolate Publishers Weekly richly captivating Woman's World a fascinating historical Popsugar a cultural history of candy how it evolved from medicine and a luxury to today's Kit Kat bars and M&M's told through the Kate Hopkins travels in Europe and the U.S. Sweet Tooth is a first-hand account of her obsession with candy and a detailed look at its history and development the sugary treats we enjoy today have a prominent past entertaining Kings curing the ill and later developing into a billion-dollar industry the dark side of this history is that the confectionery industry has helped create an environment of unhealthy

overindulgence has quelled any small business competition that was deemed to be a risk to any large company's bottom line and was largely responsible for the slave trade that evolved during the era of colonization. Candy's history is vast and complex and plays a distinct part in the growth of the western world thanks to the ubiquity of these treats which allows us to take them for granted that history has been hidden or forgotten until now filled with Hopkins trademark humor and accompanied by her candy grab bag. Tasting Notes Sweet Tooth is a must read for everybody who considers themselves a candy freak. What happens when love and hate collide when an heiress fell in love with Hussein she could not have foreseen the tragic events that were to follow set in a Malaysia emerging from the outbreak of racial conflict in 1969. Bitter Sweet Harvest tells of the difficulties and tensions involved in a marriage between a Malay Muslim and a Chinese Christian. Atmospheric dramatic action packed and intriguing this is a spell binding journey through contrasting cultures from the learned spires of Oxford in England to the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia from vibrant Singapore to Catholic Rome and developing Indonesia. Bitter Sweet Harvest is the sequel to the novel Sweet Offerings the stories can be read in any order and are complete in themselves. A fascinating persuasive history of how sugar has shaped the world from European colonies to our modern diets in this eye opening study Sidney Mintz shows how Europeans and Americans transformed sugar from a rare foreign luxury to a commonplace necessity of modern life and how it changed the history of capitalism and industry he discusses the production and consumption of sugar and reveals how closely interwoven are sugar's origins as a slave crop grown in Europe's tropical colonies with its use first as an extravagant luxury for the aristocracy then as a staple of the diet of the new industrial proletariat finally he considers how sugar has altered work patterns eating habits and our diet in modern times like Sugar Mintz is persuasive and his detailed history is a real treat. San Francisco Chronicle what does the tradition of marriage really look like in a history of

marriage elizabeth abbott paints an often surprising picture of this most public yet most intimate institution ritual of romance or social obligation eternal bliss or cult of domesticity abbott reveals a complex tradition that includes same sex unions arranged marriages dowries self marriages and child brides marriage in all its loving unloving decadent and impoverished manifestations is revealed here through abbott s infectious curiosity haven crash landed in manchester at the tail end of the nineties they quickly found their feet and voices as well as a devoted fan base following a joyous residency at the legendary night and day café soon after radiate records virgin asked them to sign on the dotted line the summer of 2000 found the band recording at clear studios watched over and encouraged by the inspirational johnny marr 2002 dawned beautifully with the release of their album between the senses that hurled haven into all corners of the planet they were repeatedly met with critical acclaim wild applause and their fair share of rock n roll misadventure the book which is the first to be written about haven speaks of the chemistry and camaraderie the struggles and the smiles shared by this group of musicians against the backdrop of 21st century manchester author mary has weaved her own autobiographical sub plot around their story giving the book a particularly intimate perspective in depth interviews were conducted with all of the band members resulting in a good measure of the narrative being in their own words it is an authentic and accurate account of a largely untold journey that shines a light in an alternative corner of the celebrated manchester music scene mary is inspired by jack kerouac and other beat generation writers between the lines will appeal to fans of music and those interested in manchester s cultural history they had met and married on perilously short acquaintance she an american chef and food writer he a venetian banker now they were taking another audacious leap unstitching their ties with exquisite venice to live in a roughly renovated stable in tuscan once again it was love at first sight love for the timeless countryside and the ancient village of san casciano

dei bagni for the local vintage and the magnificent cooking for the tuscan sky and the friendly church bells love especially for old barlozzo the village mago who escorts the newcomers to tuscan seasonal festivals gives them roasted country bread drizzled with just pressed olive oil invites them to gather chestnuts harvest grapes hunt truffles and teaches them to caress the simple pleasures of each precious day it s barlozzo who guides them across the minefields of village history and into the warm and fiercely beating heart of love itself a thousand days in tuscan is set in one of the most beautiful places on earth and tucked into its fragrant corners are luscious recipes including one for the only true bruschetta directly from the author s private collection one of popsugar s best new ya novels of 2021 a buzzfeed top lgbtq ya book a lambda literary ya book to add to your tbr pile a goodreads pride month pick an epic heartfelt romance about a boy torn between two loves one in his present and one in the past a story of black queer history love loss and learning to stay in the moment before it passes you by weeks ago andre cobb received a much needed liver transplant he s ready for his life to finally begin until one night when he passes out and wakes up somewhere totally unexpected in 1969 where he connects with a magnetic boy named michael and then just as suddenly as he arrived he slips back to present day boston where the family of his donor is waiting to explain that his new liver came with a side effect the ability to time travel and they ve tasked their youngest son blake with teaching andre how to use his unexpected new gift andre splits his time bouncing between the past and future between michael and blake michael is everything andre wishes he could be and blake still reeling from the death of his brother andre s donor keeps him at arm s length despite their obvious attraction to each other torn between two boys one in the past and one in the present andre has to figure out where he belongs and more importantly who he wants to be before the consequences of jumping in time catch up to him and change his future for good fast paced fun and perfect laurie halse anderson nyt

bestselling author of speak this book was absolutely incredible creya goodreads reviewer tears man so many tears marci goodreads reviewer oh my goodness this book y all i m a mess netgalley reviewer a junior library guild selection a stellar novel that today s teens needed yesterday booklist starred review charming and captivating phil stamper bestselling author of the gravity of us a clever and honestly brilliant novel julian winters award winning author of running with lions a skillful and engrossing time travel adventure kirkus reviews compelling and memorable a gem of a novel the bulletin of the center for children s books in his ya debut jackson has a great gimmick as well as a likeable protagonist who faces sociocultural realities across time publishers weekly many books have been written and continue to be written about the second world war military histories histories of the holocaust the war in asia or collaboration and resistance in europe few books have taken a close look at the immediate aftermath of the worldwide catastrophe drawing on hundreds of eye witness accounts and personal stories this sweeping book examines the seven months in europe and four months in asia that followed the surrender of the axis powers from the fate of holocaust survivors liberated from the concentration camps and the formation of the state of israel to the incipient civil war in china and the allied occupation of japan it was a time when terrible revenge was taken on collaborators and their former masters of ubiquitous black markets war crime tribunals and the servicing of millions of occupation troops former foes in some places liberators in others but year zero is not just a story of vengeance it was also a new beginning of democratic restorations in japan and west germany of social democracy in britain and of a new world order under the united nations if construction follows destruction year zero describes that extraordinary moment in between when people faced the wreckage full of despair as well as great hope an old world had been destroyed a new one was yet to be built bittersweet destiny combines discourse on the evolution of human behavior with a philosophical perspective it explores

evolutionary theory aimed at determining human behavior del thiesen presents this material against the broad background of everyday life allowing the reader to see the theory of evolution as it has shaped his or her own behavior however he points out that when evolutionary theory is aimed at human behavior the critics object and controversy results thiesen argues that nothing in our lives makes sense unless we look at it through a biological lens we can thereby understand our origin our affiliation with all animals and plants and our cultural destination however we can also discover a dark side to our destiny our favoritism to those who share our own genes our ability to deceive and our capacity for abuse rape and murder good bad and indifferent we serve the replication of our dna critics extrapolate evolutionary theory to a wide range of animal species and even human morphology and physiology but when the same perspective is applied to human behavior there is strong dissent what these critics fear according to thiesen is that accepting evolutionary notions about human behavior strikes at the heart of free will self determination and social equality bittersweet destiny describes the heroic efforts of naturalists charles darwin and alfred wallace to unlock the secrets of evolution it continues with a vivid description of our fossil history and our chance beginnings from there the story implicates disease processes in evolution highlights our rational and irrational nature focuses on those characteristics of brain evolution and language that make us distinctive and illustrates our most basic survival and reproductive mechanisms thiesen warns the reader that things are as they are no matter what we might wish we ignore facts and controversy at our own risk this book will be significant to anthropologists psychologists biologists and sociologists shortlisted for the 2017 man booker prize a writer with a great future ahead of her her prose is exquisite louise doughty author of apple tree yard how far would you go to belong fourteen year old linda lives with her parents in an ex commune beside a lake in the beautiful austere backwoods of northern minnesota the other girls at school call

linda freak or commie her parents mostly leave her to her own devices whilst the other inhabitants have grown up and moved on so when the perfect family mother father and their little boy paul move into the cabin across the lake linda insinuates her way into their orbit she begins to babysit paul and feels welcome that she finally has a place to belong yet something isn't right drawn into secrets she doesn't understand linda must make a choice but how can a girl with no real knowledge of the world understand what the consequences will be one of the most intelligent and poetic novels of the year new statesman examining representations of balinese culture in complex contexts of indonesia's colonial history hindu ritual practice as opposed to islam and comparative indo european hierarchies boon offers a powerful critique of doctrinal approaches to culture religion literature politics and the history of ideas and disciplines a vegan cookbook and overview of the history and science of chocolate with full color photography and illustrations an oprah book club pick the 1 new york times bestseller from the author of the international bestseller quiet the power of introverts in a world that can't stop talking amazing and profound every single person should read it johann hari moving and eloquent sunday times whether you long for the partner who broke up with you or the one you dream of meeting whether you hunger for the happy childhood you'll never have or for the divine whether you yearn for a lost person an unborn child the fountain of youth or unconditional love these are all manifestations of the same great ache in this inspiring and genre bending work susan cain author of the international bestseller quiet shows us the power of a bittersweet outlook the overlooked tendency to states of longing and poignancy and a piercing joy at the beauty of the world embracing the bittersweet means understanding that light and dark birth and death bitter and sweet are forever paired and that by recognising this we can find the true path to creativity and connection bringing to light the ideas of artists writers and thinkers from all over the world and her own quest for answers over the course of a

lifetime susan cain fundamentally shifts our understanding of life by teaching us how to turn sorrow into an enriching superpower colleen mccullough s new romantic australian novel about four unforgettable sisters taking their places in life during the tumultuous years after world war i is just as epic as her ultra romantic classic the thorn birds marie claire because they are two sets of twins the four latimer sisters are as close as can be yet each of these vivacious young women has her own dream for herself edda wants to be a doctor grace wants to marry tufts wants never to marry and kitty wishes to be known for something other than her beauty they are famous throughout new south wales for their beauty wit and ambition but as they step into womanhood at the beginning of the twentieth century life holds limited prospects for them together they decide to enroll in a training program for nurses a new option for women of their time as the latimer sisters become immersed in hospital life and the demands of their training each must make weighty decisions about love career and what she values most the results are sometimes happy sometimes heartbreaking but always bittersweet set against the background of a young and largely untamed nation filled with humor insight and captivating historical detail mccullough s latest is a wise and warm tribute to family female empowerment and her native land people marvelously funny bittersweet and beautifully evocative the original publication of a short history of a small place announced the arrival of one of our great southern voices although t r pearson s neely north carolina doesn t appear on any map of the state it has already earned a secure place on the literary landscape of the south in this introduction to neely the young narrator louis benfield recounts the tragic last days of miss myra angelique pettigrew a local spinster and former town belle who after years of total seclusion returns flamboyantly to public view with her pet monkey mr britches here is a teeming human comedy inhabited by some of the most eccentric and endearing characters ever encountered in literature the past fifteen years have seen renewed interest in the civil rights movement

television documentaries films and books have brought the struggles into our homes and classrooms once again new evidence in older criminal cases demands that the judicial system reconsider the accuracy of investigations and legal decisions racial profiling affirmative action voting districting and school voucher programs keep civil rights on the front burner in the political arena in light of this there are very few resources for teaching the civil rights at the university level this timely and invaluable book fills this gap this book offers perspectives on presenting the movement in different classroom contexts strategies to make the movement come alive for students and issues highlighting topics that students will find appealing including sample syllabi and detailed descriptions from courses that prove effective this work will be useful for all instructors both college and upper level high school for courses in history education race sociology literature and political science an entertaining informative and utterly depressing global history of an important commodity by alerting readers to the ways that modernity's very origins are entangled with a seemingly benign and delicious substance how sugar corrupted the world raises fundamental questions about our world sven beckert the laird bell professor of american history at harvard university and the author of empire of cotton a global history in the new york times a brilliant and thought provoking history of sugar and its ironies bee wilson wall street journal shocking and revelatory no other product has so changed the world and no other book reveals the scale of its impact david olusoga this study could not be more timely laura sandy lecturer in the history of slavery university of liverpool the story of sugar and of mankind's desire for sweetness in food and drink is a compelling though confusing story it is also an historical story the story of mankind's love of sweetness the need to consume honey cane sugar beet sugar and chemical sweeteners has important historical origins to take a simple example two centuries ago cane sugar was vital to the burgeoning european domestic and colonial economies for all its recent origins today's obesity

epidemic if that is what it is did not emerge overnight but instead evolved from a complexity of historical forces which stretch back centuries we can only fully understand this modern problem by coming to terms with its genesis and history and we need to consider the historical relationship between society and sweetness over a long historical span this book seeks to do just that to tell the story of how the consumption of sugar the addition of sugar to food and drink became a fundamental and increasingly troublesome feature of modern life walvin s book is the heir to sidney mintz s sweetness and power a brilliant sociological account but now thirty years old in addition the problem of sugar and the consequent intellectual and political debate about the role of sugar has been totally transformed in the years since that book s publication by bringing us the inspiring and sometimes unsettling tales of ellis island vincent cannato s american passage helps us understand who we are as a nation walter isaacson the remarkable saga of america s landmark port of entry from immigration post to deportation center to mythical icon for most of new york s early history ellis island had been an obscure little island that barely held itself above high tide today the small island stands alongside plymouth rock in our nation s founding mythology as the place where many of our ancestors first touched american soil american passage captures a time and a place unparalleled in american immigration and history and articulates the dramatic and bittersweet accounts of the immigrants officials interpreters and social reformers who all played an important role in ellis island s chronicle in this sweeping often heart wrenching epic vincent j cannato reveals that the history of ellis island is ultimately the story of what it means to be an american this book seeks to understand what really happened at the peoria state hospital during its fascinating history and to do so as accurately as possible in the end the individual reader will be allowed to draw his or her own conclusions regarding the hospital and those who call it their home a house of wonders itself wonderland inspires grins and

well what d ya knows the new york times book review from the new york times bestselling author of how we got to now and extra life a look at the world changing innovations we made while keeping ourselves entertained this lushly illustrated history of popular entertainment takes a long zoom approach contending that the pursuit of novelty and wonder is a powerful driver of world shaping technological change steven johnson argues that throughout history the cutting edge of innovation lies wherever people are working the hardest to keep themselves and others amused johnson s storytelling is just as delightful as the inventions he describes full of surprising stops along the journey from simple concepts to complex modern systems he introduces us to the colorful innovators of leisure the explorers proprietors showmen and artists who changed the trajectory of history with their luxurious wares exotic meals taverns gambling tables and magic shows in wonderland johnson compellingly argues that observers of technological and social trends should be looking for clues in novel amusements you ll find the future wherever people are having the most fun at the close of the nineteenth century freed slave bakhit is let out of prison with the overthrow of the mahdist state in sudan on the brink of death the memory of his beloved theodora is all that has sustained him through seven years of grim incarceration that and his vow to avenge her killing set against a backdrop of war religious fervor and the monumental social and political upheavals of the time the longing of the dervish is a love story in the most unlikely of circumstances lyrical and evocative hammour ziada s masterfully crafted novel is about sorrow hope and the cruelty of fate

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