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i was inspired to write this book by observing as to what is presently happening on the earth such as global hunger child labor global warming corruption illiteracy and poverty of the people in some countries and terrorism and guerilla warfare i am paying very serious attention to this matter it just amounts to unscientific administrative policy or a chaotic policy followed by a few countries and purposely some countries are including in terrorism tactics some governments pursue this policy resolutely with a view to terrorize the inhabitants of the earth it can be seen that in a few countries the political leaders are following the present independent administrative policy of each country in a persistent manner i have been a keen observer of this and have found that they are purposefully doing this but i am a scientist in hrd studyand one hrd scientist is equal to god in respect of knowledge and power also i cannot tolerate any kind of inhuman illegal activities on the earth by seeing this i am changing the world s administrative policy as per the directions mentioned in this book i appeal to the earth s inhabitants to usher in this new administrative policy in the interest of the world with a view to have everlasting peace and the resulting satisfaction as to their lifespan on this planet

this is a critique of nietzsche's theory of culture that proposes an alternative paradigm allowing a defense of the humanities against such nietzschians as leo strauss and derrida

civil military relations have been a consistent theme of the history of the weimar republic this study focuses on the career of general walther reinhardt the last prussian minister of war and the first head of the army command in the weimar republic though less well known than his great rival hans von seeckt reinhardt s role in forming

the young reichswehr and his writings on warfare made him one of the most important and influential military figures in interwar germany contrary to the conventional view that civil military relations were fraught from the outset the author argues reinhardt s contribution to the military politics of the weimar republic shows that opportunities for reform and co operation with civilian leaders existed however although he is primarily seen as a liberal general this study demonstrates that he was motivated by professional military considerations and by the specter of a future war his ideas on modern warfare were amongst the most radical of the time

a history of the modern middle east examines the profound and often dramatic transformations of the region in the past two centuries from the ottoman and egyptian reforms through the challenge of western imperialism to the impact of us foreign policies built around a framework of political history while also carefully integrating social cultural and economic developments this expertly crafted account provides readers with the most comprehensive balanced and penetrating analysis of the modern middle east the sixth edition has been revised to provide a thorough account of the major developments since 2012 including the tumultuous aftermath of the arab uprisings the sectarian conflict in iraq and civil war in syria that led to the rise of isis the crises in libya and yemen and the united states nuclear talks with iran with brand new timelines in each part updated select bibliographies and expanded online instructor resources a history of the modern middle east remains the quintessential text for courses on middle east history

this 1991 study deals with a specific set of institutions in nineteenth century athens relying on matrimonial contracts travellers accounts memoirs and popular literature the authors show how distinctive forms of marriage kinship and property transmission evolved in athens in the nineteenth century these forms then became a feature of wider greek society which continued into the twentieth century greece was the first post colonial modern nation state in europe whose national identity was created largely by peasants who had migrated to the city as athenian society became less agrarian a new mercantile group superseded and incorporated previous elites and went on to dominate and control the new resources of the nation state such groups developed their own more mobile systems of property transmission mostly in response to external pressures of a political and economic character this is a persuasive piece of detective work which has advanced our knowledge of modern greece it is a model for scholarship on the development of family and other intimate ideologies where nation states encroach upon local consciousness

how do historians make sense of the spatial layeredness of the past cyrus schayegh argues that the modern world sultimate socio spatial feature is not the oft studied processes of globalization or state formation or urbanization but rather the fast paced mutually transformative intertwinements of cities regions states and global circuits

colin palmer presents a guide to understanding the influential west indian scholar and politician eric williams

this is volume ii of fourteen in the india language and literature series originally published in 1878 this book offers information on the languagesof the east indies that include the language families of aryan dravidian kolarian tibeto burman khasi tai mon anam and malayan

the old world the new world and the creation of the modern world 1400 1650 an interpretive history provides a unique look at the early years of european discovery and colonization examining the impact of this period on the historical development of both the new and old worlds the text is enhanced by the incorporation of a wide variety of original source material allowing readers to benefit from a more first hand experience of the historical events of the period providing the essential facts in conjunction with expert analysis the volume poses a number of important questions to enable readers to construct their own analysis of the evidence presented uniquely the volume goes beyond the standard textbook formula of what when and where to delve more deeply into the specific as well as the wider significance of historical developments thereby providing the platform for a textured interpretive understanding of the history of the atlantic world

the making of the modern supermarket describes the emergence and growth of the modern supermarket format in britain showing how the original american innovation of self service was adapted to the different postwar british context in a number of ways during the early 1960s various retailers began to experiment with larger formats which became known as supermarkets sainsbury s was a late mover into self service but began to develop a different supermarket model emphasising fresh foods and perishable goods this led it to pursue a more expensive path of development as it invested in self service creating its novel supermarket format by the end of the 1960s the book explores in detail how this sainsbury s format evolved it was driven by the company s historic commitment to selling fresh meat and other perishable goods which demanded a much greater commitment to refrigeration in sainsbury s self service format than was the case for its peers because most consumers were suspicious of buying fresh meat and perishables through self service outlets in the early 1960s sainsbury s also had to retain high levels of staffing to support their self service offering during the 1960s as they extended their product range they facilitated the development of one stop shopping in the uk where customers were able to buy all their food requirements in one shop rather than shopping around this became the most popular version of the supermarket format and it was the template that others copied as they tried to follow sainsbury s example

the modern arabic literary language is a thoughtful examination of the changes that the arabic language has undergone in its transition from its roots in classical arabic

to a language able to meet the demands of twentieth century life in this volume a respected and masterful scholar of the arabic language jaroslav stetkevych notes the ways that new words have been incorporated into the language ranging from deriving new terms from existing roots for example the word for newspaper derives from the word meaning sheet to write on to downright assimilation of foreign words also noting the changes in grammar and semantics stetkevych illustrates how literary arabic has become a more flexible language originally published in 1970 this volume is a clear assessment of lexical and stylistic developments in modern literary arabic this classic book is an important resource for scholars and advanced students of arabic language and linguistics who wish to study the complexities of language change and lexical expansion

combining elements of comparative politics with a country by country analysis author david s sorenson provides a complete and accessible introduction to the modern middle east with an emphasis on the politics of the region the text also dedicates chapters specifically to the history religions and economies of countries in the persian arabian gulf the eastern mediterranean and north africa in each country chapter a brief political history is followed by discussions of democratization religious politics women s issues civil society economic development privatization and foreign relations in this updated and revised second edition an introduction to the modern middle east includes new material on the arab spring the changes in turkish politics the iranian nuclear issues and the latest efforts to resolve the israeli palestinian dilemma introductory chapters provide an important thematic overview for each of the book s individual country chapters and short vignettes throughout the book offer readers a chance for personal reflection

a cultural history of peace presents an authoritative survey from ancient times to the present the set of six volumes covers over 2500 years of history charting the evolving nature and role of peace throughout history this volume a cultural history of peace in the modern age explores peace in the period from 1920 to the present as with all the volumes in the illustrated cultural history of peace set this volume presents essays on the meaning of peace peace movements maintaining peace peace in relation to gender religion and war and representations of peace a cultural history of peace in the modern age is the most authoritative and comprehensive survey available on peace in the twentieth and twentieth century

in heroines of the modern stage by forrest izard the author delves into the portrayal of female characters in modern theater examining their roles complexities and impact on the stage izard s analytical approach to the literary and social significance of these heroines offers readers a thought provoking exploration of gender

dynamics and representation in contemporary plays through detailed character studies and nuanced interpretations izard sheds light on the evolution of women s roles in theater highlighting the power and agency of these heroines in shaping narratives and challenging societal norms drawing on a range of dramatic works from classic plays to avant garde productions izard demonstrates the enduring relevance of these strong and multifaceted characters in the modern theatrical landscape forrest izard a renowned theater scholar and critic brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to heroines of the modern stage his deep understanding of dramatic literature and feminist theory enriches the book s insightful analysis offering readers a comprehensive study of female representation in contemporary theater this insightful and meticulously researched book is a must read for theater enthusiasts academics and anyone interested in the intersection of gender performance and culture

in the predecessor to this book the universal vampire origins and evolution of a legend brodman and doan presented discussions of the development of the vampire in the west from the early norse draugr figure to the medieval european revenant and ultimately to dracula who first appears as a vampire in anglo irish bram stoker s novel dracula published in 1897 the essays in that collection also looked at the non western vampire in native american and mesoamerican traditions asian and russian vampires in popular culture and the vampire in contemporary novels film and television the essays in this collection continue that multi cultural and multigeneric discussion by tracing the development of the post modern vampire in films ranging from shadow of a doubt to blade the wisdom of crocodiles and interview with the vampire the male and female vampires in the twilight films sookie stackhouse novels and trueblood television series the vampire in african american women s fiction anne rice s novels and in the post apocalyptic i am legend vampires in japanese anime and finally to bring the volumes full circle the presentation of a new irish dracula play adapted from the novel and set in 1888

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