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new edition featuring updated introduction and new chapters the giant characters of history from mozart to michelangelo shakespeare to einstein henry viii to hitler catherine the great to margaret thatcher jesus christ to genghis khan lived lives of astonishing drama and adventure debauchery and slaughter but they also formed our world and will shape our future in this eclectic and surprising collection of short and entertaining life stories simon sebag montefiore introduces his choice of kings empresses sultans and conquerors as well as prophets explorers artists actresses courtesans and psychopaths from the ancient times via crusades and world wars up to the 21st century this accessible history introduces readers to the titans who changed the world the characters we should all know and the stories we should never forget

new york times bestseller a magisterial world history unlike any other that tells the story of humanity through the one thing we all have in common families from the author of the romanovs a best book of the year the new yorker smithsonian succession meets game of thrones the spectator the author brings his cast of dynastic titans rogues and psychopaths to life an epic that both entertains and informs the economist best books of the year around 950 000 years ago a family of five walked along the beach and left behind the oldest family footprints ever discovered for award winning historian simon sebag montefiore these poignant familiar fossils serve as an inspiration for a new kind of world history one that is genuinely global spans all eras and all continents and focuses on the family ties that connect every one of us in this epic ever surprising book montefiore chronicles the world's great dynasties across human history through palace intrigues love affairs and family lives linking grand themes of war migration plague religion and technology to the people at the heart of the human drama it features a cast of extraordinary diversity in addition to rulers and conquerors there are priests charlatans artists scientists tycoons gangsters lovers husbands wives and children there is hongwu the beggar who founded the ming dynasty ewuare the leopard king of benin henry christophe king of haiti kamehameha the conqueror of hawaii zenobia the arab empress who defied rome lady murasaki the first female novelist sayyida al hurra the moroccan pirate queen here too are moderns such as indira gandhi margaret thatcher barack obama vladimir putin and volodymyr zelensky here are the caesars medicis and incas ottomans and mughals bonapartes habsburgs and zulus rothschilds rockefellers and krupps churchills kennedys castros nehrus pablavis and kenyattas saudis kims and assads these powerful families represent the breadth of human endeavor with bloody succession battles treacherous conspiracies and shocking megalomania alongside flourishing culture moving romances and enlightened benevolence a dazzling achievement as spellbinding as fiction the world captures the whole human story in a single masterful narrative

from the new york times bestselling author of the romanovs and one of our pre eminent historians comes a meticulously researched authoritative biography the new york times the companion volume to the prize winning stalin and essential reading for anyone

interested in russian history this revelatory account unveils how stalin became stalin examining his shadowy journey from obscurity to power from master historian simon sebg montefiore based on ten years of research young stalin is a brilliant prehistory of the ussr a chronicle of the revolution and an intimate biography montefiore tells the story of a charismatic darkly turbulent boy born into poverty scarred by his upbringing but possessed of unusual talents admired as a romantic poet and trained as a priest he found his true mission as a murderous revolutionary here is the dramatic story of his friendships and hatreds his many love affairs his complicated relationship with the tsarist secret police and how he became the merciless politician who shaped the soviet empire in his own brutal image

heroes is a selection of the ultimate heroes and heroines from world history informing entertaining and inspiring these are texts that are suitable for readers of all ages a treasure trove of the greatest stories of courage and achievement ever recorded a collection of lives deeds and events that everyone should know and no one should forget back cover

new york times bestseller from the national bestselling author of stalin an epic history on the grandest scale financial times about the most successful dynasty of modern times a family who created the world's greatest empire and then lost it all an essential addition to the library of anyone interested in russian history the new york times book review the romanovs ruled a sixth of the world's surface for three centuries how did one family turn a war ruined principality into the world's greatest empire and how did they lose it all this is the intimate story of twenty tsars and tsarinas some touched by genius some by madness but all inspired by holy autocracy and imperial ambition simon sebg montefiore's gripping chronicle reveals their secret world of unlimited power and ruthless empire building overshadowed by palace conspiracy family rivalries sexual decadence and wild extravagance drawing on new archival research montefiore delivers an enthralling epic of triumph and tragedy love and murder that is both a universal study of power and a portrait of empire that helps define russia today

winner of the british book awards history book of the year longlisted for the samuel johnson prize this thrilling biography of stalin and his entourage during the terrifying decades of his supreme power transforms our understanding of stalin as soviet dictator marxist leader and russian tsar based on groundbreaking research simon sebg montefiore reveals in captivating detail the fear and betrayal privilege and debauchery family life and murderous cruelty of this secret world written with extraordinary narrative verve this magnificent feat of scholarly research has become a classic of modern history writing showing how stalin's triumphs and crimes were the product of his fanatical marxism and his gifted but flawed character this is an intimate portrait of a man as complicated and human as he was brutal and chilling

the preferred method of torture of vlad dracul 15th century prince of wallachia was to attach a horse to each of the victim's legs as a sharpened stake was gradually forced into his body vlad also enjoyed scalping skinning and boiling alive the 14th century mongol warlord tamerlane once ordered the building of a pyramid of 70 000 human skulls from those that his army had beheaded in 101 world heroes simon sebg montefiore selected his ultimate heroes and heroines now he offers his readers the other darker side of the coin monsters presents in chronological order grimly fascinating profiles of 101 notorious and profoundly sinister individuals whose actions have one thing in common they have had a baleful and blood soaked impact on the annals of world history from attila the hun to basil the bulgar slayer from pedro the cruel to ivan the terrible and from richard iii to saddam hussein monsters is a devilishly compelling gallery of history's greatest ghouls including caligula richard iii adolf eichmann joseph stalin pol pot charles manson herman cortez adolf hitler al capone la venturi beria lucrezia borgia nicolae ceausescu vlad the impaler saddam hussein simon de montfort pablo escobar ivan the terrible genghis khan idi amin attila josef mengele heinrich himmler mao zedong osama bin laden kim il sung slobodan milosevic empress cixi tomas de torquemada

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a widely acclaimed biography from the bestselling author of the romanovs one of the great love stories of history the economist between catherine the great and the wildly flamboyant and talented prince potemkin captures the genius of two extraordinary enlightenment figures and of the age as well the wall street journal catherine the great was a woman of notorious passion and imperial ambition prince potemkin was the love of her life and her co ruler together they seized ukraine and crimea territories that define the russian

sphere of influence to this day their affair was so tumultuous that they negotiated an arrangement to share power leaving each of them free to take younger lovers but these twin souls never stopped loving each other drawing on the pair's intimate letters and on vast research simon sebg montefiore restores these imperial partners to their rightful place as titans of their age biography in the grand tradition riveting the author is a gifted storyteller the washington post

jerusalem is the universal city the capital of two peoples the shrine of three faiths it is the prize of empires the site of judgement day and the battlefield of today's clash of civilizations from king david to barack obama from the birth of judaism christianity and islam to the israel palestine conflict this is the epic history of 3 000 years of faith slaughter fanaticism and coexistence how did this small remote town become the holy city the centre of the world and now the key to peace in the middle east in a gripping narrative simon sebg montefiore reveals this ever changing city in its many incarnations bringing every epoch and character blazingly to life jerusalem's biography is told through the wars love affairs and revelations of the men and women kings empresses prophets poets saints conquerors and whores who created destroyed chronicled and believed in jerusalem drawing on new archives current scholarship his own family papers and a lifetime's study montefiore illuminates the essence of sanctity and mysticism identity and empire in a unique chronicle of the city that many believe will be the setting for the apocalypse this is how jerusalem became jerusalem and the only city that exists twice in heaven and on earth

from the new york times bestselling author of the romanovs and one of our pre eminent historians and a prizewinning writer an outstanding selection of great letters from ancient times to the 21st century touching on power love art sex faith and war written in history letters that changed the world celebrates the great letters of world history and cultural and personal life bestselling prizewinning historian simon sebg montefiore selects letters that have changed the course of global events or touched a timeless emotion whether passion rage humor from ancient times to the twenty first century some are noble and inspiring some despicable and unsettling some are exquisite works of literature others brutal coarse and frankly outrageous many are erotic others heartbreaking it is a surprising and eclectic selection from the four corners of the world filled with extraordinary women and men from ancient times to now truly a choice of letters for our own times encompassing love letters to calls for liberation to declarations of war to reflections on life and death the writers vary from elizabeth i and catherine the great to mandela stalin and picasso fanny burney and emily pankhurst to ada lovelace and rosa parks oscar wilde chekhov and pushkin to balzac mozart and michelangelo hitler rameses the great and alexander hamilton to augustus and churchill lincoln donald trump and suleiman the magnificent in a book that is a perfect gift here is a window on astonishing characters seminal events and unforgettable words in the colorful accessible style of a master storyteller montefiore shows why these letters are essential reading and how they can unveil and enlighten the past and enrich the way we live now

a history of one of russia's greatest leaders explores the life and career of potemkin lover of catherine the great and architect of russian imperial power

one of the great love stories of history in a league with napoleon and josephine and antony and cleopatra excellent with dazzling mastery of detail and literary flair economist it was history's most successful political partnership as sensual and fiery as it was creative and visionary catherine the great was a woman of notorious passion and imperial ambition prince potemkin wildly flamboyant and sublimely talented was the love of her life and her co ruler together they seized ukraine and crimea defining the russian empire to this day their affair was so tumultuous that they negotiated an arrangement to share power leaving potemkin free to love his beautiful nieces and catherine her young male favourites but these twin souls never stopped loving each other drawing on their intimate letters and vast research simon sebg montefiore's enthralling widely acclaimed biography restores these imperial partners to their rightful place as titans of their age

simon sebg montefiore one of our pre eminent historians presents the lives of some of the most influential figures in the history of the middle east in short profiles spanning the centuries he provides key insights in the characters who shaped the region and the wider modern world this is an exclusive ebook edition a preview of the author's forthcoming work titans of history

simon sebg montefiore one of our most popular historians and also presenter of bbc television series on istanbul rome and jerusalem selects the essential cast of dramatic characters who built destroyed or changed the three great holy cities the creators of istanbul from the murderous visionary constantine the great to the ultimate power couple justinian and his burlesque dancer turned empress theodora to suleiman the magnificent and his wife roxelana all the way to atatürk in jerusalem from herod the great who killed his beloved wife and three sons to the great crusader queen melisende and the arab conqueror saladin in rome from psychotic caligula and the philosopher marcus aurelius to the megalomaniacal seductress marozia the borgias and mussolini these are stories and characters that

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packed with fun fantasy and the sort of adventure guaranteed to have sticky little fingers hungrily turning the pages the mail on sunday the royal rabbits of london is sweet funny and beautifully illustrated the times the adventure continues for shylo and his royal rabbit friends in this charming series from bestselling authors santa montefiore and simon sebg montefiore and illustrator kate hindley which shows that even the smallest rabbit can be the biggest hero life is an adventure anything in the world is possible by will and by luck with a moist carrot a wet noise and a slice of mad courage now that shylo is a royal rabbit his life is full of adventure and new friends but he still misses his mother and family so he jumps at the chance to visit his home warren as soon as shylo arrives he finds something strange and dark going on a mysterious bunny called harlequin is on the farm attracting many followers with his crazy singing and loopy dancing but harlequin is also digging for the golden carrot which says an ancient legend will give him power over over all humans and animals harlequin believes it s buried somewhere on the farm then as more followers flock to the warren shylo wonders if the hunt for the golden carrot is a fun game or if harlequin is plotting world domination and when the quest turns deadly shylo calls in the royal rabbits can they stop power mad harlequin and who will find the carrot first

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