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a source for marco polo a netflix original series marco polo s journey from venice through europe and most of asia to the court of kublai khan in china is one of the most audacious in history his account of his experiences known simply as the travels uncovered an entirely new world of emperors and concubines great buildings stately pleasure domes in coleridge s dreaming huge armies and imperial riches his book shaped the west s understanding of china for hundreds of years john man travelled in marco s footsteps to xanadu in search of the truth behind marco s stories to separate legend from fact drawing on his own journey archaeology and archival study john man paints a vivid picture of the man behind the myth and the true story of the great court of kublai khan in xanadu did kubla khan a stately pleasure dome decree kublai khan lives on in the popular imagination thanks to these two lines of poetry by coleridge but the true story behind this legend is even more fantastic than the poem would have us believe he inherited the second largest land empire in history from his grandfather genghis khan he promptly set about extending this into the biggest empire the world has ever seen extending his rule from china to iraq from siberia to afghanistan his personal domain covered sixty percent of all asia and one fifth of the world s land area the west first learnt of this great khan through the reports of marco polo kublai had not been born to rule but had clawed his way to leadership achieving power only in his 40s he had inherited genghis khan s great dream of world domination but unlike his grandfather he saw china and not mongolia as the key to controlling power and turned genghis unwieldy empire into a federation using china s great wealth coupled with his shrewd and subtle government he created an empire that was the greatest since the fall of rome and shaped the modern world as we know it today he gave china its modern day borders and his legacy is that country s resurgence and the superpower china of tomorrow cambridge in june is full of visitors and you have to be quite extraordinary to attract attention and yet john dunham knew as soon as he set eyes on the strangers that there was something indefinably mysterious about them there were three of them a man a woman and a girl each unusually tall unusually handsome and carrying a suitcase what was it that marked them out as being different from other tourists and that aroused in john not only curiosity but a faint unease and disquiet first published in 1977 the xanadu manuscript by edgar award winning author john rowe townsend quickly became a favourite of young adult literature and matching our perennial fascination with time travel itself continues to remain relevant today i have read everything written on marco polo and john man s book is by far my favorite work on the subject it s not only an over due and important historical study it s an entertaining ride every step of the way john fusco creator of the netflix original series marco polo the true history behind the netflix original series marco polo here is the remarkable story of the world s most famous traveler retracing his legendary journey from venice to china the moment east first met west in 1271 a young italian merchant named marco polo embarked on a groundbreaking expedition from venice through the middle east and central asia to china his extraordinary reports of his experiences introduced medieval europe to an exotic new world of emperors and concubines amazing cities huge armies unusual spices and cuisine and imperial riches marco polo also revealed the wonders of xanadu the summer capital of mongol emperor kublai khan almost 750 years later acclaimed author john man traveled in marco polo s footsteps to xanadu

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saladin remains one of the most iconic figures of his age as the man who united the arabs and saved islam from christian crusaders in the 12th century he is the islamic world s preeminent hero ruthless in defence of his faith brilliant in leadership he also possessed qualities that won admiration from his christian foes he knew the limits of violence showing such tolerance and generosity that many europeans appalled at the brutality of their own people saw him as the exemplar of their own knightly ideals but saladin is far more than a historical hero builder literary patron and theologian he is a man for all times and a symbol of hope for an arab world once again divided centuries after his death in cities from damascus to cairo and beyond to the arabian peninsula and the gulf saladin continues to be an immensely potent symbol of religious and military resistance to the west he is central to arab memories sensibilities and the ideal of a unified islamic state in this authoritative biography historian john man brings saladin and his world to life in vivid detail charting his rise to power his struggle to unify the warring factions of his faith and his battles to retake jerusalem and expel christian influence from arab lands saladin explores the life and the enduring legacy of this champion of islam and examines his significance for the world today manchuria is a historical region which roughly corresponds to northeast china the manchu people who established the last dynasty of imperial china the qing 1644 1911 originated there and it has been the stage of turbulent events during the twentieth century the russo japanese war japanese occupation and establishment of the puppet state of manchukuo soviet invasion and chinese civil war this innovative and accessible historical survey both introduces manchuria to students and general readers and contributes to the emerging regional perspective in the study of china

enchantress is out of control and more powerful than ever she has brought a nation to its knees through her arcane powers will madame xanadu john constantine shade the changing man zatanna mindwarp deadman and june moon be able to work together to a world championship chess match is the backdrop for this intriguing science fiction detective story the main computer of the federal reserve is being tampered with and the results can destroy the u s economy actual chess games are used and they act as launching pads for journeys into strange and challenging worlds not many of us can claim to have dipped our handkerchiefs in charles i s blood after his execution or to have watched vesuvius erupt but that s about to change wyllie acton goldblatt s time travel handbook offers eighteen exceptional trips to the past transporting you back to the greatest spectacles in history we offer the chance to join henry viii at the field of the cloth of gold and to march on versailles with the revolutionary women of paris you can sail with captain cook to tahiti and australia and spend time at xanadu with marco polo and kubla khan or closer to the present you might accompany charlie parker at the birth of bebop or the beatles in hamburg and take part in the ve day celebrations in london or the fall of the berlin wall the notable authors and time travel agents wyllie acton goldblatt are your guide to these and other unmissable events charting the action as it will unfold and advising on local customs and what to wear eat and drink for the most authentic of experiences forget museums forget history books the only way to do history is to live it traces welles portentous childhood his youth in new york where he worked with director john houseman his notorious radio career and the making of citizen kane the compendium of world sovereigns series contains three volumes ancient medieval and early modern these

volumes provide students with easy to access who s who with details on the identities and dates ages and wives where known of heads of government in any given state at any time within the framework of reference the relevant original and secondary sources are also listed in a comprehensive bibliography the text provides a clear reference guide for students to who was who and when they ruled in the dynasties and other ruler lists for the ancient medieval and early modern worlds primarily european and middle eastern but including available information on africa and asia and the pre columbian americas the trilogy accesses and interprets the original data plus any modern controversies and disputes over names and dating reflecting on the shifts in and widening of focus in student and academic studies each volume contains league tables of rulers records and an extensive bibliographical guide to the relevant personnel and dynasties plus any controversies so readers can consult these for extra details and know exactly where to go for which information all relevant information is collected and provided as a one stop shop for students wishing to check the known information about a world sovereign the medieval volume begins with the byzantine empire and moves through the crusader states the islamic world south and east asia africa the mediterranean and lastly western and eastern europe compendium of world sovereigns volume ii medieval provides students and scholars with the perfect reference guide to support their studies and to fact check dates people and places medievalists reading and writing about and around authority related themes lack clear definitions of its actual meanings in the medieval context authorities in the middle ages offers answers to this thorny issue through specialized investigations this book considers the concept of authority and explores the various practices of creating authority in medieval society in their studies sixteen scholars investigate the definition formation establishment maintenance and collapse of what we understand in terms of medieval struggles for authority influence and power the interdisciplinary nature of this volume resonates with the multi faceted field of medieval culture its social structures and forms of communication the fields of expertise include history legal studies theology philosophy politics literature and art history the scope of inquiry extends from late antiquity to the mid fifteenth century from the church fathers debating with pagans to the rapacious ghosts ruining the life of the living in the sagas there is a special emphasis on such exciting but understudied areas as the balkans iceland and the eastern fringes of scandinavia one by one a horror film director a judge and a newspaper publisher meet brutal deaths a link exists between them and the deaths have only begun archeologist michael rempart finds himself pitted against ancient demons and modern conspirators when a dying priest gives him a powerful artifact a pearl said to have granted genghis khan the power eight centuries ago to lead his mongol warriors across the steppes to the gates of vienna the artifact has set off centuries of war and destruction as it conjures demons to play upon men s strongest ambitions and cruelest desires michael realizes the so called pearl is a philosopher s stone the prime agent of alchemy as much as he would like to ignore the artifact when he sees horrific deaths and experiences first hand diabolical possession and affliction he has no choice but to act the dark legends are true to stop the artifact s evil michael must follow a path along the old silk road to a land that time forgot and to somehow find a place that may no longer exist in the world as he knows it the name samurai is synonymous with the ultimate warrior with their elaborate armour fierce swordsmanship and code of honour the samurai have become iconic figures whose influence can still be felt today from kurosawa s epic seven samurai to the figure of darth vader in star wars to manga comics and video games the figure of the fighting samurai still inspires us today in john man s new book we discover the truth behind the legend from his

birth in the shadow of the great volcano sakurajima to his glorious death by ritual suicide and disembowelment saigo takamori was the ultimate samurai leader his fall brought about the end of hundreds of years of samurai tradition and in many ways marks the birth of modern japan saigo was a man trapped by paradox a faithful servant to the emperor and yet a leader of rebel troops a mighty samurai warrior and also a master of chinese poetry his life and ultimately his death offer a window into the hundreds of years of culture and tradition that defined the samurai marco polos reise på 1200 tallet fra venezia til kublai khans hoff i kina er en av historiens mest omtalte ekspedisjoner reiseskildringen avdekket en helt ny verden av keisere og konkubiner palasser i skyene enorme hærstyrker ufattelige rikdommer og en fremmedartet kultur john man forsøker med denne boken å finne sannheten om den legendariske oppdageren og hans nedtegnelser biografien tegner et bilde av mannen bak myten og kublai khans sagnomsuste hoff john man har tidligere utgitt biografiene om djengis kahn 2008 og attila 2009 på norsk genghis khan is one of history s immortals a leader of genius driven by an inspiring vision for peaceful world rule believing he was divinely protected genghis united warring clans to create a nation and then an empire that ran across much of asia under his grandson kublai khan the vision evolved into a more complex religious ideology justifying further expansion kublai doubled the empire s size until in the late 13th century he and the rest of genghis s golden family controlled one fifth of the inhabited world along the way he conquered all china gave the nation the borders it has today and then finally discovered the limits to growth genghis s dream of world rule turned out to be a fantasy and yet in terms of the sheer scale of the conquests never has a vision and the character of one man had such an effect on the world charting the evolution of this vision john man provides a unique account of the mongol empire from young genghis to old kublai from a rejected teenager to the world s most powerful emperor the british romantic poets and their arabic islamic sources examines masterpieces of english romantic poetry and shows the arabic and islamic sources that inspired coleridge wordsworth blake shelley keats and byron when composing their poems in the eighteenth or early nineteenth century critics have documented greek and roman sources but turned a blind eye to nonwestern materials at a time when the romantic poets were reading them the book shows how the arabic islamic sources had helped the british romantic poets not only in finding their own voices but also their themes metaphors symbols characters and images the british romantic poets and their arabic islamic sources is of interest to scholars in english and comparative literature literary studies philosophy religion government history cultural and middle eastern studies and the general public in its 114th year billboard remains the world s premier weekly music publication and a diverse digital events brand content and data licensing platform billboard publishes the most trusted charts and offers unrivaled reporting about the latest music video gaming media digital and mobile entertainment issues and trends author gangadhar bhadani was once described by jimmy wales cofounder of wikipedia as the most prolific indian wikipediaian he was in the top ten worldwide contributors for months in choice in chaos bhadani shares his life story a tale spanning the six decades of his life so far it features several streams that flow concurrently autobiographical accounts and anecdotes along with a number of select books that passed through his life with a golden streakhis activities his contributions and his experience as a wikipediaian in colorful and candid language bhadani describes his childhood adolescence and multidimensional adulthood painting a vivid picture of india along the way at the age of fifty five he began to engage seriously with the english version of wikipedia and that connection has profoundly changed his life this unusual memoir presents the personal narrative

of an indian bank officer who has made extensive contributions to wikipedia since 2005 the frankster co party to go professional mobile lighting live sound dj karaoke top of the line equipment and modern music with paid subscriptions for current high quality song selections and up to date karaoke sound for basic bands plus available slideshows videos music videos sent to tv s or projectors from casual to formal from the barn to the country club the frankster and his wife tammy bring high quality fun to any event also at any given time there are assistants and friends that help make the party anytime anywhere the frankster co party to go what turns a building into an icon what is it about some structures that makes their history and legend even more important than their original intended use making them a part of american and world popular culture twenty four buildings and structures including the brooklyn bridge the white house the hotel del coronado and the washington monument are presented here along with their roles in fiction film music and the imagination of people worldwide approximately twenty five images are included in the set along with sidebars featuring additional structures on the evening of october 30 1938 radio listeners across the united states heard a startling report of a meteor strike in the new jersey countryside with sirens blaring in the background announcers in the field described mysterious creatures terrifying war machines and thick clouds of poison gas moving toward new york city as the invading force approached manhattan some listeners sat transfixed while others ran to alert neighbors or to call the police some even fled their homes but the hair raising broadcast was not a real news bulletin it was orson welles s adaptation of the h g wells classic the war of the worlds in broadcast hysteria a brad schwartz boldly retells the story of welles s famed radio play and its impact did it really spawn a wave of mass hysteria as the new york times reported schwartz is the first to examine the hundreds of letters sent to orson welles himself in the days after the broadcast and his findings challenge the conventional wisdom few listeners believed an actual attack was under way but even so schwartz shows that welles s broadcast became a major scandal prompting a different kind of mass panic as americans debated the bewitching power of the radio and the country s vulnerability in a time of crisis when the debate was over american broadcasting had changed for good but not for the better as schwartz tells this story we observe how an atmosphere of natural disaster and impending war permitted broadcasters to create shared live national experiences for the first time we follow orson welles s rise to fame and watch his manic energy and artistic genius at work in the play s hurried yet innovative production and we trace the present day popularity of fake news back to its source in welles s show and its many imitators schwartz s original research gifted storytelling and thoughtful analysis make broadcast hysteria a groundbreaking new look at a crucial but little understood episode in american history new york times 100 notable books of 2012 beautiful haunted evocative and so open to where memory takes you i kept thinking that this is the book that i have waited for where objects and poetry intertwine just wonderful and completely sui generis edmund de waal author of the hare with amber eyes an unforgettable voyage across the reaches of america and the depths of memory red brick black mountain white clay follows one incredible family to discover a unique craft tradition grounded in america s vast natural landscape looking back through the generations renowned critic christopher benfey unearths an ancestry and an aesthetic that is quintessentially american his mother descends from colonial explorers and quaker craftsmen who carved new arts from the trackless wilds of the frontier benfey s father escaped from nazi europe along with his aunt and uncle the famed bauhaus artists josef and anni albers by fleeing across the atlantic and finding an eventual haven in the american south bricks form the backbone of life in north

carolina's rural piedmont where benfey's mother was raised among centuries old folk potteries tobacco farms and clay pits her father like his father before him believed in the deep honesty of brick that men might build good lives with the bricks they laid nurtured in this red clay world of ancient craft and quaker radicalism benfey's mother was poised to set out from home when a tragic romance cracked her young life in two salvaging the broken shards of his mother's past and exploring the revitalized folk arts resisting industrialization benfey discovers a world brimming with possibility and creativity benfey's father had no such foundation in his young life nor did his aunt and uncle exiled artists from berlin's bauhaus school josef and anni albers were offered sanctuary not far from the piedmont at black mountain college a radical experiment in unifying education and art black mountain made a monumental impact on american culture under josef's leadership counting robert rauschenberg john cage and buckminster fuller among its influential students and teachers focusing on the natural world innovative craftsmanship and the physical reality of materials black mountain became a home and symbol for an emerging vision of american art threading these stories together into a radiant and mesmerizing harmony red brick black mountain white clay is an extraordinary quest to the heart of america and the origins of its art the most comprehensive guide to the history of dc comics ever published in 1938 superman led the charge the world's first super hero was soon followed by his justice league teammates batman wonder woman the flash aquaman shazam and green lantern these heroes and their super villainous foes such as lex luthor and the joker became the foundation of dc comics you can trace these characters evolution and learn about the company and creators who made them the enduring pop culture icons they are today in dc comics year by year a visual chronicle the most comprehensive chronological history of dc comics ever published fully updated this best selling visually stunning book details the debuts and careers of every major hero and villain in the dc universe it also chronicles the company's fascinating 85 year history highlighting its publishing milestones and expansion into movies and television alongside the real world events that shaped the times created in full collaboration with dc comics and written by leading comics historians matthew k manning daniel wallace mike mcavennie alex irvine alan cowsill and melanie scott the new edition brings the dc comics story right up to date covering recent landmark events such as rebirth dark nights metal doomsday clock and heroes in crisis dc comics year by year a visual chronicle is guaranteed to keep fans enthralled for hours on end tm dc comics's 19 this title is part of uc press's voices revived program which commemorates university of california press's mission to seek out and cultivate the brightest minds and give them voice reach and impact drawing on a backlist dating to 1893 voices revived makes high quality peer reviewed scholarship accessible once again using print on demand technology this title was originally published in 1978 dalam sejarah politik kekaisaran kublai khan adalah sosok penguasa legendaris kewenangannya mencakup lebih dari separuh wilayah asia dan seperlima luas area dunia dia mewarisi obsesi untuk menguasai dunia dari kakeknya jenghis khan sang penakluk dari mongolia tetapi tidak seperti sang kakek kublai khan menjadikan china bukan mongolia sebagai pusat untuk mengendalikan kekuasaan bermodal kekayaan china yang besar dipadu dengan kekuatan militer dan kelihaiannya dalam memimpin pemerintahan dia menciptakan kekaisaran terbesar di dunia setelah tumbangannya romawi sekaligus meletakkan dasar bagi negara adikuasa china modern kublai khan mewarisi wilayah kekaisaran terluas dalam sejarah dari sang kakek jenghis khan khan agung kekaisaran mongolia ini kemudian melipatgandakan kekuasaannya memperlebar cengkeramannya ke china hingga irak ke siberia sampai afghanistan ia juga menginvasi jepang vietnam dan kamboja tibet

dan thailand burma serta pernah pula berusaha menundukkan jawa kerajaan singasari tapi gagal utusannya dipermalukan raja singasari kertanagara sedangkan pasukannya yang datang kemudian untuk membalas dendam dibinasakan tentara majapahit pimpinan raden wijaya terlahir bukan sebagai putra mahkota kubilai khan tidak ditakdirkan untuk menjadi penguasa dia menancapkan sendiri tonggak kepemimpinannya dan menggenggam kekuasaan baru di usia 40 tahun bagaimana riwayatnya meraih kekuasaan serta bagaimana pula sepak terjangnya sebagai pemimpin terbesar dalam sejarah buku ini menyibak rahasia yang selama ini tak terungkap the ninjas today are the stuff of myth and legend in comics film and electronic games but once they were real the medieval equivalent of the sas spies saboteurs assassins in their secrecy under cover skills and determination to survive they were the opposite of the overt self destructive samurai could they fly make themselves invisible of course not it was just that their skills gave them a magical aura as a result martial artists and story tellers have turned them into fantasy creatures from james bond to mutant turtles in ninja john man goes in search of the truth in a journey to the heartland of the ninjas he takes us from their origins over 1 000 years ago through their heyday in the civil wars that ended with japan s unification in 1600 but that was not the end of the ninja ethos that re emerged in world war two as a little known counterpart to japanese militarism ninja ways live on in the real last of the ninjas hiroo onoda who held out in the philippine jungle for 30 years analyses of rancière s philosophy and its potential for understanding the conversation between contemporary politics and art cinema in its 114th year billboard remains the world s premier weekly music publication and a diverse digital events brand content and data licensing platform billboard publishes the most trusted charts and offers unrivaled reporting about the latest music video gaming media digital and mobile entertainment issues and trends the advocate is a lesbian gay bisexual transgender lgbt monthly newsmagazine established in 1967 it is the oldest continuing lgbt publication in the united states through the lens of the reader is a sequence of ten essays exploring european narrative from the eighteenth to the twentieth century it covers a wide spectrum of authors ranging from goethe through balzac flaubert zola george eliot henry james to rilke thomas mann and kafka the essays are unified by a particular mode of reading in which the lens of the reader becomes the filter through which texts are constructed in accordance with the signals emitted by their narrational and linguistic strategies in author under sail the imagination of jack london 1902 1907 jay williams explores jack london s necessity to illustrate the inner workings of his vast imagination in this second installment of a three volume biography williams captures the life of a great writer expressed though his many creative works such as the call of the wild and white fang as well as his first autobiographical memoir the road some of his most significant contributions to the socialist cause and notable uncompleted works during this time london became one of the most famous authors in america perhaps even the author with the highest earnings as he prepared to become an equally famous international writer author under sail documents london s life in both a biographical and writerly fashion depicting the importance of his writing experiences as his career followed a trajectory similar to america s from 1876 to 1916 the underground forces of london s narratives were shaped by a changing capitalist society media outlets racial issues increases in women s rights and advancements in national power williams factors in these elements while exploring london s deeply conflicted relationship with his own authorial inner life in london s work the imagination is figured as a ghost or as a ghostlike presence and the author s personas who form a dense population among his characters are portrayed as haunted or troubled in some way along with examining the functions and

works of london s exhaustive imagination williams takes a critical look at london s ability to tell his stories to wide arrays of audiences stitching incidents together into coherent wholes so they became part of a raconteur s repertoire author under sail provides a multidimensional examination of the life of a crucial american storyteller and essayist the shakespearean plays contain a stunning breadth and depth of knowledge about english history european royal history classical and contemporary literature and about the complex relationships between the various royal courts of the day authorship by the elizabethan court is therefore discernible based on content alone that is by what the plays revealed and just as importantly what they threatened to reveal about international royal affairs if the will of elizabeth was not respected one of the most significant and surprising functions of the plays was to act as a type of defense program for queen elizabeth s throne against her european rivals however the plays also served to instill solidarity in the members of the elizabethan court and to inspire the english people as well the plays accomplished all of this without coming across as overly pedantic they were not merely great works of literature but a brilliant expression of elizabethan foreign and domestic policy the story of shakespeare turns out to be the story of don juan of austria from his princely legitimization as a boy to liaisons with royals ladies from his teens to being hailed at the age of 24 as savior of europe at the battle of lepanto 1571 to his suppression by jealous males of the habsburg royal family 1578 and to his rehab by queen elizabeth under the english identity of george carey as george carey don juan had been present at the christening of his true son king james in scotland 1566 and in command of the strategic isle of wight during the invasion of the spanish armada 1588 he was intimately involved in the founding of the shakespeare company both before and after becoming queen elizabeth s lord chamberlain the rise fall and rising again of this international man of mystery was the central theme of the shakespeare plays he and queen elizabeth appear again and again in the plays and under such character names as claudio and isabella in measure for measure claudio and hero in much ado about nothing claudius and gertrude in hamlet bassanio and portia in the merchant of venice duke theseus and hippolyta in a midsummer night s dream petruchio and kate in the taming of the shrew and even falstaff and mistress quickly of the henry iv plays don juan was the love of queen elizabeth s life and she found a way to keep him near together they not only founded the stuart dynasty but became the progenitors of future generations of european royalty death comes for us all in the end but it does not always come in a way you might expect throughout history there have been people who have suffered extraordinary unusual and downright weird demises in strange ways to die in history you will find out about the true stories behind unlikely stories of bizarre accidents assassinations and misadventures did a playwright really die from a tortoise being dropped on his head by an eagle why did an english vicar end up being eaten by lions and what are the chances of fatality from falling into a toilet looking at the lives that came before the deaths reveals some of histories most fascinating individuals some of those examined are well known some are remembered only for the odd way they departed this life some have been forgotten entirely sometimes how a person dies and how history has recorded the event can tell us a lot about society and how we remember this book uncovers eye witnesses to the deaths described and contemporary reports from those who were left behind

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The Bookman 1996 traces Welles' portentous childhood his youth in New York where he worked with director John Houseman his notorious radio career and the making of Citizen Kane

Orson Welles 1999 the Compendium of World Sovereigns series contains three volumes ancient medieval and early modern these volumes provide students with easy to access who's who with details on the identities and dates ages and wives where known of heads of government in any given state at any time within the framework of reference the relevant original and secondary sources are also listed in a comprehensive bibliography the text provides a clear reference guide for students to who was who and when they ruled in the dynasties and other ruler lists for the ancient medieval and early modern worlds primarily European and Middle Eastern but including available information on Africa and Asia and the Pre-Columbian Americas the trilogy accesses and interprets the original data plus any modern controversies and disputes over names and dating reflecting on the shifts in and widening of focus in student and academic studies each volume contains league tables of rulers records and an extensive bibliographical guide to the relevant personnel and dynasties plus any controversies so readers can consult these for extra details and know exactly where to go for which information all relevant information is collected and provided as a one stop shop for students wishing to check the known information about a world sovereign the medieval volume begins with the Byzantine Empire and moves through the Crusader States the Islamic World South and East Asia Africa the Mediterranean and lastly Western and Eastern Europe Compendium of World Sovereigns Volume II Medieval provides students and scholars with the perfect reference guide to support their studies and to fact check dates people and places

AFI Catalog of Motion Pictures Produced in the United States 2023-06-30 medievalists reading and writing about and around authority related themes lack clear definitions of its actual meanings in the medieval context authorities in the Middle Ages offers answers to this thorny issue through specialized investigations this book considers the concept of authority and explores the various practices of creating authority in medieval society in their studies sixteen scholars investigate the definition formation establishment maintenance and collapse of what we understand in terms of medieval struggles for authority influence and power the interdisciplinary nature of this volume resonates with the multi faceted field of medieval culture its social structures and forms of communication the fields of expertise include history legal studies theology philosophy politics literature and art history the scope of inquiry extends from late antiquity to the mid fifteenth century from the church fathers debating with pagans to the rapacious ghosts ruining the life of the living in the sagas there is a special emphasis on such exciting but understudied areas as the Balkans Iceland and the eastern fringes of Scandinavia

A Compendium of Medieval World Sovereigns 2013-04-30 one by one a horror film director a judge and a newspaper publisher meet brutal deaths a link exists between them and the deaths have only begun archeologist Michael Rempart finds himself pitted against ancient demons and modern conspirators when a dying priest gives him a powerful artifact a pearl said to have granted Genghis Khan the power eight centuries ago to lead his Mongol warriors across the steppes to the gates of Vienna the artifact has set off centuries of war and destruction as it conjures demons to play upon men's strongest ambitions and cruelest desires Michael realizes the so called pearl is a

philosopher's stone the prime agent of alchemy as much as he would like to ignore the artifact when he sees horrific deaths and experiences first hand diabolical possession and affliction he has no choice but to act the dark legends are true to stop the artifact's evil michael must follow a path along the old silk road to a land that time forgot and to somehow find a place that may no longer exist in the world as he knows it

Authorities in the Middle Ages 2015-04-05 the name samurai is synonymous with the ultimate warrior with their elaborate armour fierce swordsmanship and code of honour the samurai have become iconic figures whose influence can still be felt today from kurosawa's epic seven samurai to the figure of darth vader in star wars to manga comics and video games the figure of the fighting samurai still inspires us today in john man's new book we discover the truth behind the legend from his birth in the shadow of the great volcano sakurajima to his glorious death by ritual suicide and disembowelment saigo takamori was the ultimate samurai leader his fall brought about the end of hundreds of years of samurai tradition and in many ways marks the birth of modern japan saigo was a man trapped by paradox a faithful servant to the emperor and yet a leader of rebel troops a mighty samurai warrior and also a master of chinese poetry his life and ultimately his death offer a window into the hundreds of years of culture and tradition that defined the samurai

Ancient Shadows 2011-02-10 marco polos reise på 1200 tallet fra venezia til kublai khans hoff i kina er en av historiens mest omtalte ekspedisjoner reiseskildringen avdekket en helt ny verden av keisere og konkubiner palasser i skyene enorme hærstyrker ufattelige rikdommer og en fremmedartet kultur john man forsøker med denne boken å finne sannheten om den legendariske oppdageren og hans nedtegnelser biografien tegner et bilde av mannen bak myten og kublai khans sagnomsuste hoff john man har tidligere utgitt biografiene om djengis kahn 2008 og attila 2009 på norsk

Samurai 2010 genghis khan is one of history's immortals a leader of genius driven by an inspiring vision for peaceful world rule believing he was divinely protected genghis united warring clans to create a nation and then an empire that ran across much of asia under his grandson kublai khan the vision evolved into a more complex religious ideology justifying further expansion kublai doubled the empire's size until in the late 13th century he and the rest of genghis's golden family controlled one fifth of the inhabited world along the way he conquered all china gave the nation the borders it has today and then finally discovered the limits to growth genghis's dream of world rule turned out to be a fantasy and yet in terms of the sheer scale of the conquests never has a vision and the character of one man had such an effect on the world charting the evolution of this vision john man provides a unique account of the mongol empire from young genghis to old kublai from a rejected teenager to the world's most powerful emperor

Marco Polo 2014-06-19 the british romantic poets and their arabic islamic sources examines masterpieces of english romantic poetry and shows the arabic and islamic sources that inspired coleridge wordsworth blake shelley keats and byron when composing their poems in the eighteenth or early nineteenth century critics have documented greek and roman sources but turned a blind eye to nonwestern materials at a time when the romantic poets were reading them the book shows how the arabic islamic sources had helped the british romantic poets not only in finding their own voices but also their themes metaphors symbols characters and images the british romantic poets and their arabic islamic sources is of interest to scholars in english and comparative literature literary studies philosophy religion government

history cultural and middle eastern studies and the general public

The Mongol Empire 2006 in its 114th year billboard remains the world's premier weekly music publication and a diverse digital events brand content and data licensing platform billboard publishes the most trusted charts and offers unrivaled reporting about the latest music video gaming media digital and mobile entertainment issues and trends

The Literary Review 2014-02-19 author gangadhar bhadani was once described by jimmy wales cofounder of wikipedia as the most prolific indian wikipedia he was in the top ten worldwide contributors for months in choice in chaos bhadani shares his life story a tale spanning the six decades of his life so far it features several streams that flow concurrently autobiographical accounts and anecdotes along with a number of select books that passed through his life with a golden streak his activities his contributions and his experience as a wikipedia in colorful and candid language bhadani describes his childhood adolescence and multidimensional adulthood painting a vivid picture of india along the way at the age of fifty five he began to engage seriously with the english version of wikipedia and that connection has profoundly changed his life this unusual memoir presents the personal narrative of an indian bank officer who has made extensive contributions to wikipedia since 2005

Borrowed Imagination 1980-11-08 the frankster co party to go professional mobile lighting live sound dj karaoke top of the line equipment and modern music with paid subscriptions for current high quality song selections and up to date karaoke sound for basic bands plus available slideshows videos music videos sent to tv's or projectors from casual to formal from the barn to the country club the frankster and his wife tammy bring high quality fun to any event also at any given time there are assistants and friends that help make the party anytime anywhere the frankster co party to go

Billboard 2017-03-16 what turns a building into an icon what is it about some structures that makes their history and legend even more important than their original intended use making them a part of american and world popular culture twenty four buildings and structures including the brooklyn bridge the white house the hotel del coronado and the washington monument are presented here along with their roles in fiction film music and the imagination of people worldwide approximately twenty five images are included in the set along with sidebars featuring additional structures

Choice in Chaos 2012-12-19 on the evening of october 30 1938 radio listeners across the united states heard a startling report of a meteor strike in the new jersey countryside with sirens blaring in the background announcers in the field described mysterious creatures terrifying war machines and thick clouds of poison gas moving toward new york city as the invading force approached manhattan some listeners sat transfixed while others ran to alert neighbors or to call the police some even fled their homes but the hair raising broadcast was not a real news bulletin it was orson welles's adaptation of the h g wells classic the war of the worlds in broadcast hysteria a brad schwartz boldly retells the story of welles's famed radio play and its impact did it really spawn a wave of mass hysteria as the new york times reported schwartz is the first to examine the hundreds of letters sent to orson welles himself in the days after the broadcast and his findings challenge the conventional wisdom few listeners believed an actual attack was under way but even so schwartz shows that welles's broadcast became a major scandal prompting a different kind of mass panic as americans debated the bewitching power of the radio and

the country's vulnerability in a time of crisis when the debate was over american broadcasting had changed for good but not for the better as schwartz tells this story we observe how an atmosphere of natural disaster and impending war permitted broadcasters to create shared live national experiences for the first time we follow orson welles's rise to fame and watch his manic energy and artistic genius at work in the play's hurried yet innovative production and we trace the present day popularity of fake news back to its source in welles's show and its many imitators schwartz's original research gifted storytelling and thoughtful analysis make broadcast hysteria a groundbreaking new look at a crucial but little understood episode in american history

The Frankster & Co, Party to Go - DJ & Karaoke 2009-03-05 new york times 100 notable books of 2012 beautiful haunted evocative and so open to where memory takes you i kept thinking that this is the book that i have waited for where objects and poetry intertwine just wonderful and completely sui generis edmund de waal author of the hare with amber eyes an unforgettable voyage across the reaches of america and the depths of memory red brick black mountain white clay follows one incredible family to discover a unique craft tradition grounded in america's vast natural landscape looking back through the generations renowned critic christopher benfey unearths an ancestry and an aesthetic that is quintessentially american his mother descends from colonial explorers and quaker craftsmen who carved new arts from the trackless wilds of the frontier benfey's father escaped from nazi europe along with his aunt and uncle the famed bauhaus artists josef and anni albers by fleeing across the atlantic and finding an eventual haven in the american south bricks form the backbone of life in north carolina's rural piedmont where benfey's mother was raised among centuries old folk potteries tobacco farms and clay pits her father like his father before him believed in the deep honesty of brick that men might build good lives with the bricks they laid nurtured in this red clay world of ancient craft and quaker radicalism benfey's mother was poised to set out from home when a tragic romance cracked her young life in two salvaging the broken shards of his mother's past and exploring the revitalized folk arts resisting industrialization benfey discovers a world brimming with possibility and creativity benfey's father had no such foundation in his young life nor did his aunt and uncle exiled artists from berlin's bauhaus school josef and anni albers were offered sanctuary not far from the piedmont at black mountain college a radical experiment in unifying education and art black mountain made a monumental impact on american culture under josef's leadership counting robert rauschenberg john cage and buckminster fuller among its influential students and teachers focusing on the natural world innovative craftsmanship and the physical reality of materials black mountain became a home and symbol for an emerging vision of american art threading these stories together into a radiant and mesmerizing harmony red brick black mountain white clay is an extraordinary quest to the heart of america and the origins of its art

Icons of American Architecture [2 volumes] 2015-05-05 the most comprehensive guide to the history of dc comics ever published in 1938 superman led the charge the world's first super hero was soon followed by his justice league teammates batman wonder woman the flash aquaman shazam and green lantern these heroes and their super villainous foes such as lex luthor and the joker became the foundation of dc comics you can trace these characters evolution and learn about the company and creators who made them the enduring pop culture icons they are today in dc comics year by year a visual chronicle the most comprehensive chronological history of dc comics ever published fully updated this best selling visually stunning book details the debuts and careers of every major hero and villain in the dc

universe it also chronicles the company's fascinating 85 year history highlighting its publishing milestones and expansion into movies and television alongside the real world events that shaped the times created in full collaboration with DC Comics and written by leading comics historians Matthew K Manning Daniel Wallace Mike McAvennie Alex Irvine Alan Cowsill and Melanie Scott the new edition brings the DC Comics story right up to date covering recent landmark events such as Rebirth Dark Nights Metal Doomsday Clock and Heroes in Crisis DC Comics Year by Year a visual chronicle is guaranteed to keep fans enthralled for hours on end TM DC Comics \$19

Broadcast Hysteria 2012-03-15 this title is part of UC Press's Voices Revived program which commemorates University of California Press's mission to seek out and cultivate the brightest minds and give them voice reach and impact drawing on a backlist dating to 1893 Voices Revived makes high quality peer reviewed scholarship accessible once again using print on demand technology this title was originally published in 1978

Red Brick, Black Mountain, White Clay 2019-10-01 dalam sejarah politik kekaisaran Kubilai Khan adalah sosok penguasa legendaris kewenangannya mencakup lebih dari separuh wilayah Asia dan seperlima luas area dunia dia mewarisi obsesi untuk menguasai dunia dari kakeknya Jenghis Khan sang penakluk dari Mongolia tetapi tidak seperti sang kakek Kubilai Khan menjadikan China bukan Mongolia sebagai pusat untuk mengendalikan kekuasaan bermodal kekayaan China yang besar dipadu dengan kekuatan militer dan kelihaiannya dalam memimpin pemerintahan dia menciptakan kekaisaran terbesar di dunia setelah tumbangannya Romawi sekaligus meletakkan dasar bagi negara adikuasa China modern Kubilai Khan mewarisi wilayah kekaisaran terluas dalam sejarah dari sang kakek Jenghis Khan Khan Agung kekaisaran Mongolia ini kemudian melipatgandakan kekuasaannya memperlebar cengkeramannya ke China hingga Irak ke Siberia sampai Afghanistan ia juga menginvasi Jepang Vietnam dan Kamboja Tibet dan Thailand Burma serta pernah pula berusaha menundukkan Jawa Kerajaan Singasari tapi gagal utusannya dipermalukan Raja Singasari Kertanegara sedangkan pasukannya yang datang kemudian untuk membalas dendam dibinasakan tentara Majapahit pimpinan Raden Wijaya terlahir bukan sebagai putra Mahkota Kubilai Khan tidak ditakdirkan untuk menjadi penguasa dia menancapkan sendiri tonggak kepemimpinannya dan menggenggam kekuasaan baru di usia 40 tahun bagaimana riwayatnya meraih kekuasaan serta bagaimana pula sepak terjangnya sebagai pemimpin terbesar dalam sejarah buku ini menyibak rahasia yang selama ini tak terungkap

DC Comics Year By Year, New Edition 2023-11-10 the ninjas today are the stuff of myth and legend in comics film and electronic games but once they were real the medieval equivalent of the SAS spies saboteurs assassins in their secrecy under cover skills and determination to survive they were the opposite of the overt self destructive samurai could they fly make themselves invisible of course not it was just that their skills gave them a magical aura as a result martial artists and story tellers have turned them into fantasy creatures from James Bond to mutant turtles in Ninja John Man goes in search of the truth in a journey to the heartland of the ninjas he takes us from their origins over 1 000 years ago through their heyday in the civil wars that ended with Japan's unification in 1600 but that was not the end of the ninja ethos that re emerged in World War Two as a little known counterpart to Japanese militarism Ninja ways live on in the real last of the ninjas Hiroo Onoda who held out in the Philippine jungle for 30 years

[A Guide to The Maximus Poems of Charles Olson](#) 2010 analyses of Rancière's philosophy and its potential for understanding the

conversation between contemporary politics and art cinema

Kubilai Khan 2012-07-19 in its 114th year billboard remains the world's premier weekly music publication and a diverse digital events brand content and data licensing platform billboard publishes the most trusted charts and offers unrivaled reporting about the latest music video gaming media digital and mobile entertainment issues and trends

Ninja 2018-10-24 the advocate is a lesbian gay bisexual transgender lgbt monthly newsmagazine established in 1967 it is the oldest continuing lgbt publication in the united states

Screening the Golden Ages of the Classical Tradition 2007-07-21 through the lens of the reader is a sequence of ten essays exploring european narrative from the eighteenth to the twentieth century it covers a wide spectrum of authors ranging from goethe through balzac flaubert zola george eliot henry james to rilke thomas mann and kafka the essays are unified by a particular mode of reading in which the lens of the reader becomes the filter through which texts are constructed in accordance with the signals emitted by their narrational and linguistic strategies

Billboard 1995 in author under sail the imagination of jack london 1902 1907 jay williams explores jack london's necessity to illustrate the inner workings of his vast imagination in this second installment of a three volume biography williams captures the life of a great writer expressed through his many creative works such as the call of the wild and white fang as well as his first autobiographical memoir the road some of his most significant contributions to the socialist cause and notable uncompleted works during this time london became one of the most famous authors in america perhaps even the author with the highest earnings as he prepared to become an equally famous international writer author under sail documents london's life in both a biographical and writerly fashion depicting the importance of his writing experiences as his career followed a trajectory similar to america's from 1876 to 1916 the underground forces of london's narratives were shaped by a changing capitalist society media outlets racial issues increases in women's rights and advancements in national power williams factors in these elements while exploring london's deeply conflicted relationship with his own authorial inner life in london's work the imagination is figured as a ghost or as a ghostlike presence and the author's personas who form a dense population among his characters are portrayed as haunted or troubled in some way along with examining the functions and works of london's exhaustive imagination williams takes a critical look at london's ability to tell his stories to wide arrays of audiences stitching incidents together into coherent wholes so they became part of a raconteur's repertoire author under sail provides a multidimensional examination of the life of a crucial american storyteller and essayist

Cadence 2001-05-08 the shakespearean plays contain a stunning breadth and depth of knowledge about english history european royal history classical and contemporary literature and about the complex relationships between the various royal courts of the day authorship by the elizabethan court is therefore discernible based on content alone that is by what the plays revealed and just as importantly what they threatened to reveal about international royal affairs if the will of elizabeth was not respected one of the most significant and surprising functions of the plays was to act as a type of defense program for queen elizabeth's throne against her european rivals however the plays also served to instill solidarity in the members of the elizabethan court and to inspire the english people as well the plays

accomplished all of this without coming across as overly pedantic they were not merely great works of literature but a brilliant expression of elizabethan foreign and domestic policy the story of shakespeare turns out to be the story of don juan of austria from his princely legitimization as a boy to liaisons with royals ladies from his teens to being hailed at the age of 24 as savior of europe at the battle of lepanto 1571 to his suppression by jealous males of the habsburg royal family 1578 and to his rehab by queen elizabeth under the english identity of george carey as george carey don juan had been present at the christening of his true son king james in scotland 1566 and in command of the strategic isle of wight during the invasion of the spanish armada 1588 he was intimately involved in the founding of the shakespeare company both before and after becoming queen elizabeth s lord chamberlain the rise fall and rising again of this international man of mystery was the central theme of the shakespeare plays he and queen elizabeth appear again and again in the plays and under such character names as claudio and isabella in measure for measure claudio and hero in much ado about nothing claudius and gertrude in hamlet bassanio and portia in the merchant of venice duke theseus and hippolyta in a midsummer night s dream petruchio and kate in the taming of the shrew and even falstaff and mistress quickly of the henry iv plays don juan was the love of queen elizabeth s life and she found a way to keep him near together they not only founded the stuart dynasty but became the progenitors of future generations of european royalty

The Advocate 1991-11-29 death comes for us all in the end but it does not always come in a way you might expect throughout history there have been people who have suffered extraordinary unusual and downright weird demises in strange ways to die in history you will find out about the true stories behind unlikely stories of bizarre accidents assassinations and misadventures did a playwright really die from a tortoise being dropped on his head by an eagle why did an english vicar end up being eaten by lions and what are the chances of fatality from falling into a toilet looking at the lives that came before the deaths reveals some of histories most fascinating individuals some of those examined are well known some are remembered only for the odd way they departed this life some have been forgotten entirely sometimes how a person dies and how history has recorded the event can tell us a lot about society and how we remember this book uncovers eye witnesses to the deaths described and contemporary reports from those who were left behind

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