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The **Cold War** Konrad H. Jarausch 2017-02-06 The traces of the Cold War are still visible in many places all around the world. It is the topic of exhibits and new museums, of memorial days and historic sites, of documentaries and movies, of arts and culture. There are historical and political controversies, both nationally and internationally, about how the history of the Cold War should be told and taught, how it should be represented and remembered. While much has been written about the political history of the Cold War, the analysis of its memory and representation is just beginning. Bringing together a wide range of scholars, this volume describes and analyzes the cultural history and representation of the Cold War from an international perspective. That innovative approach focuses on master narratives of the Cold War, places of memory, public and private memorialization, popular culture, and schoolbooks. Due to its unique status as a center of Cold War confrontation and competition, Cold War memory in Berlin receives a special emphasis. With the friendly support of the Wilson Center.

IJzeren Gordijn Anne Applebaum 2013-01-23 Nadat de nazi s in 1945 door de geallieerden waren verslagen, hoopten de Oost- Europeanen dat ze de vrijheid in hun land zoals ze die hadden gekend vóór de oorlog, zouden terugkrijgen. In plaats daarvan werden ze onderworpen aan een regime dat in veel opzichten net zo inhumaan zou worden als dat waaraan ze net waren ontsnapt: het communistisch systeem. In IJzeren Gordijn laat historica Anne Applebaum zien hoe het communisme de Oostbloklanden in de jaren na de oorlog als het ware inlijfde. Door een agressieve politiek werd de macht van liberale partijen, de kerk en de media in slechts enkele jaren uitgehold, en werden miljoenen burgers onderworpen aan een totalitair systeem. Op basis van persoonlijke verhalen van ooggetuigen en materiaal uit onlangs geopende archieven schrijft Applebaum over het dagelijks leven in een dictatuur. IJzeren Gordijn is een aangrijpend boek over een uiterst brute periode in de Europese geschiedenis van de twintigste eeuw.

An Edible History of Humanity Tom Standage 2012-12-06 Throughout history, food has done more than simply provide sustenance. It has acted as a tool of social transformation, political organization, geopolitical competition, industrial development, military conflict and economic expansion. In An Edible History of Humanity Tom Standage serves up a hugely satisfying account of ways in which food has, indirectly, helped to shape and transform societies around the world. It is a dazzling account of gastronomic revolutions from pre-history to the present.

Communism Unwrapped Paulina Bren 2012-09-20 Communism Unwrapped is a collection of essays that unwraps the complex world of consumption under communism in postwar Eastern Europe, featuring new work by both American and European scholars writing from variety of disciplinary perspectives. The result is a fresh look at everyday life under communism that explores the ways people shopped, ate, drank, smoked, cooked, acquired, exchanged and assessed goods. These phenomena, the editors argue, were central to the way that communism was lived and experienced in its widely varied contexts in the region. Consumption pervaded everyday life far more than most other political and social phenomena. From design, to production, to retail sales and black market exchange, Communism Unwrapped follows communist goods from producer to consumer, tracing their circuitous routes. In the communist world this journey was rife with its own meanings, shaped by the special political and social circumstances of these societies. In examining consumption behind the Iron Curtain, this volume builds on a new field of study. It brings dimension and nuance to our understanding of the communist period and a new perspective to our current analyses of consumerism.

Totalitarianism on Screen Carl Eric Scott 2014-07-22 From its creation in 1950, to the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, the German Democratic Republic's Ministry for State Security closely monitored its nation's citizens. Known as the Staatssicherheit or Stasi, this organization was regarded as one of the most repressive intelligence agencies in the world. Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck's 2006 film The Lives of Others (Das Leben der Anderen) has received international acclaim -- including an Academy Award, an Independent Spirit Award, and multiple German Film Awards -- for its moving portrayal of East German life under the pervasive surveillance of the Stasi. In Totalitarianism on Screen, political theorists Carl Eric Scott and F. Flagg Taylor IV assemble top scholars to analyze the film from philosophical and political perspectives. Their essays confront the nature and legacy of East Germany's totalitarian government and outline the reasons why such regimes endure. Other than magazine and newspaper reviews, little has been written about The Lives of Others. This volume brings German scholarship on the topic to an English-speaking audience for the first time and explores the issue of government surveillance at a time when the subject is often front-page news. Featuring contributions from German president Joachim Gauck, prominent singer-songwriter Wolf Biermann, journalists Paul Hockenos and Lauren Weiner, and noted scholars Paul Cantor and James Pontius, Totalitarianism on Screen contributes to the growing scholarship on totalitarianism and will interest historians, political theorists, philosophers, and fans of the film.

Laughing North Koreans Immanuel Kim 2020-07-15 This study analyzes North Korean comedy films from the late 1960s to present day. It analyzes their role in the culture of the film industry, the subjectivity of the viewer, and the impact popular actors and comedians have had on North Korean society.--Dong Hoon Kim, University of Oregon

The Gift of Beauty and the Passion of Being William Desmond 2018-07-06 This book gathers a set of reflections on the gift of beauty and the passion of being. There is something surprising about beauty that we receive and that moves the passion of being in us. The book takes issue with an ambiguous attitude to beauty among some who proclaim their advanced aesthetic authenticity. Beauty seems bland and lacks the more visceral thrill of the ugly, indeed the excremental. We crave what disrupts and provokes us, not what gives delight or even consoles. By contrast, attention is given to how beauty arouses enigmatic joy in us, and we enjoy an elemental rapport with it as other. Surprised by beauty, our breath is taken away, but we are more truly there with the beautiful when we are taken outside of ourselves. We are first receivers of the gift of surprise and only then perceivers and conceivers. My attention to the passion of being stresses a patience, a receptivity to what is other. What happens is not first our construction. There is something given, something awakening, something delighting, something energizing, something of invitation to transcendence. The theme is amplified in diverse reflections: on life and its transient beauty; on soul music and its relation to self; on the shine on things given in creation; on beauty and Schopenhauer's dark origin; on creativity and the dynamis in Paul Weiss's creative ventures; on redemption in Romanticism in the thought of Stanley Cavell; on theater as a between or metaxu; on redeeming laughter and its connection with the passion of being.

European Visions Janelle Blankenship 2015-07-31 This volume examines the challenges cinemas in small European countries have faced since 1989. It explores how notions of scale and »small cinemas« relate to questions of territory, transnational media flows, and globalization. Employing a variety of approaches from industry analysis to Deleuze & Guattari's concept of the »minor«, contributions address the relationship of small cinemas to Hollywood, the role of history and memory, and the politics of place in post-Socialist cinemas.

Developing Resilience Michael Neenan 2009-06-09 Some individuals emerge from grim experiences stronger in mind and spirit than others who suffered the same fate. In this book, Michael Neenan suggests that it is the meanings that we attach to events, and not the events themselves, that determine our reactions to them; this is why different people can react to the same event in a variety of ways. Developing Resilience shows how people can find constructive ways of dealing with their difficulties by using the techniques of cognitive behaviour therapy as well as listening to the wisdom of those who have prevailed over adversity. This book provides useful guidance and advice on topics including: managing negative emotions distinguishing between what is within and outside of your control learning from past experiences developing self-belief increasing your level of frustration tolerance maintaining a resilient outlook. This book will be essential for anyone trying to find constructive ways forward in difficult times, as well as counsellors, coaches and therapists looking for guidance in helping their clients.

The Political Thought of Václav Havel Daniel Brennan 2016-10-10 This book explores the influences on the thought of Václav Havel and how Havel develops a unique political philosophy from these. This is informed from the phenomenological tradition. The book situates this philosophy among current debates in liberalism and agonism.

Devastation and Laughter Annie Gérin 2018-11-02 In Devastation and Laughter, Annie G7rin explores the use of satire in the visual arts, the circus, theatre, and cinema under Lenin and Stalin. G7rin traces the rise and decline of the genre and argues that the use of satire in official Soviet art and propaganda was neither marginal nor un-theorized. The author sheds light on the theoretical texts written in the 1920s and 1930s by Anatoly Lunacharsky, the Soviet Commissar of Enlightenment, and the impact his writings had on satirists. While the Avant-Garde and Socialist Realism were necessarily forward-looking and utopian, satire afforded artists the means to examine critically past and present subjects, themes, and practice. Devastation and Laughter is the first work to bring Soviet theoretical writings on the use of satire to the attention of scholars outside of Russia. By introducing important bodies of work that have largely been overlooked in the fields of art history, film and theatre history, Annie G7rin provides a nuanced and alternative reading of early Soviet art.

De uitieme Kudek

Russisch dagboek Anna Stepanovna Politkovskaja 2014-03-15 Er ging een schok door de wereld toen Anna Politkovskaja op 7 oktober 2006 werd doodgeschoten. Ze werd ‘het verloren geweten van Rusland’ genoemd. Ze was correspondentte van Novaya Gazeta, een van de weinige overgeblevenen onafhankelijke kranten van Rusland. Het werk van Politkovskaja was al tijdens haar leven internationaal vermaard vanwege de menselijkheid en de passie die eruit sprak, en door haar focus op individuen en hun verhalen. Enkele maanden voor haar dood rondde Anna Politkovskaja haar laatste boek af: Russisch dagboek, dat een hard en onontkoombaar beeld geeft van Rusland onder het bewind van Poetin. Het is onbedoeld de nalatenschap geworden van een vrouw die haar leven in dienst stelde van de waarheid, maar haar moed met de dood heeft moeten bekopen.

Communism and Culture Radu Stern

The Reminiscences of the Old Intelligent Vladimir G. Loos 2010-01 The book is about ridiculous and at the same time serious things of the former Soviet Union life. It would serve for better understanding the enigmatic "Russian soul" which is deep, complicated, easily wounded, very broad, and also for better understanding the Soviet and the Socialism realities, the Russian history by telling the cute Soviet born anecdotes intertwined in the narration. The book is completely different by its content and orientation from the recently published book of Ben Lewis Hammer & Tickle: A History of Communism Told Through Communists Jokes. The subject of the book - Russian people (all Russian-speaking people who lived in the former Soviet Union). The narration in the form of reasoning and recollections together with the anecdotes touch many different topics: a significance of the intelligent for the society, Russian mentality with its distinguishing features, charm and dignity of Russian women, men and women relations, psychological excursions in the intimate things, characterization of the Socialism, psychological and moral condition of living in the Soviet Union, the comparison of the USA and the USSR, relationships between Russians and foreigners, and the topics devoted to the Ukraine, Armenian jokes, great world game Soccer. The conclusion of the book narrates a short history of the Russia from 862 A.C. till our days. The book also contains the verses of outstanding poets from Russia and Ukraine) little known to American reader.

The Last Leonardo: The Secret Lives of the World's Most Expensive Painting Ben Lewis 2019-04-18 In 2017 the Salvator Mundi was sold at auction for \$450m. But is it a real da Vinci? In a thrilling narrative built on formidable research, Ben Lewis tracks the extraordinary journey of a masterpiece lost and found, lied and fought over across the centuries. **Gesprekken met Stalin** Milovan Djilas 1962

Hammer & Tickle Ben Lewis 2008

Vervaagte grenzen Hans Glaubitz 2019-10-01 In Vervaagte grenzen neemt Hans Glaubitz de lezer mee naar het ooit communistische Oost- en Centraal-Europa waar hij vanaf begin jaren zeventig van de vorige eeuw heeft rondgereisd, gestudeerd, en later als diplomaat namens Nederland en de Europese Commissie heeft gewerkt. Zijn reis voert naar Polen, de voormalige DDR, Tsjecho-Slowakije (inmiddels Tsjechië en Slowakije), Hongarije, Bulgarije en Roemenië. Vervaagte grenzen biedt een blik achter het gordijn van een niet meer bestaand Europa, dat ook nooit meer zal terugkeren. In november 1989, dertig jaar geleden, viel de Berlijnse Muur, waarmee Europa in één klap fundamenteel veranderde. De auteur heeft af en toe op de eerste rij gezeten op momenten dat het communistisch staatsbestel in Europa ten onder ging, dan wel vlak nadat dit gebeurde. Of wanneer, zoals in Bosnië, het continent zich _ vaak machteloos _ trachtte te herstellen van postcommunistiche chaos en trauma's. Vervaagte grenzen heeft ook een tropische variant, want van maart 1983 tot het einde van de zomer van 1986 was Glaubitz plaatsvervangend ambassadeur in Havana, Cuba, tijdens wat misschien wel het hoogtepunt van de Koude Oorlog kan worden genoemd. Tegelijkertijd waren dit ook de jaren waarin het tot dan toe onwrikbaar geachte Oost-West-tijdsbeeld begon te kantelen. Hans Glaubitz (1947) is historicus en oud-diplomaat.

Navigating Socialist Encounters Eric Burton 2021-06-08 This edited volume examines entanglements and disentanglements between Africa and East Germany during and after the Cold War from a global history perspective. Extending the view beyond political elites, it asks for the negotiated and plural character of socialism in these encounters and sheds light on migration, media, development, and solidarity through personal and institutional agency. With its distinctive focus on moorings and unmoorings, the volume shows how the encounters, albeit often brief, significantly influenced both African and East German histories.

Red Modernism Mark Steven 2017-12-21 Persuasively charting a history of the avant-garde modernist poem in relation to

communism, beginning in the 1910s and reaching into the 1940s, Red Modernism is an audacious examination of the twinned history of politics and poetry.

The Colour Code Paul Simpson 2021-10-07 How is The Colour Code different to other books on colour? Well, the short answer is that it is a whole lot more fun - not least because it is extensively illustrated. We don't just get a story about Mummy Brown (the pigment made from Egyptian mummies), we see a painting created with pigments from the remains of French kings. We are reminded of the blue/gold dress that swept Twitter, view paintings by Mondrian (red ones sell for higher prices) and Van Eyck (he invented an enduring green), and inspect the red soles of Louboutin shoes. We see what lumps of Indian yellow look like, while reading what they are made of (strained cow's urine). We get to see the latest most vibrant pigment - YinMn Blue - and have a real estate agent's tour of Frank Sinatra's ranch (he was obsessed by orange). We see William Morris's arsenic-inflected wallpapers and hear about whether wallpaper killed Napoleon. We encounter the pink pussy hats worn on the Women's March and Elvis's pink jackets from Lansky's in Memphis, take in a history of the black dress from Audrey Hepburn to Princess Diana and a rare black chicken (even its eggs are black) from Indonesia. Featuring a cast of actors, artists, chemists, composers, dentists, dictators, fashion designers, film-makers, gods, musicians, mystics, physicists, poets, quacks, tigers and tycoons, The Colour Code will change the way we all perceive the spectrum - and see the world.

De koning buigt, de koning moordt Herta Müller 2013-05-23 In deze essaybundel neemt Herta Müller haar eigen schrijverschap onder de loep. Ze doet dit steeds vanuit de historische en politieke achtergrond van dat schrijverschap: haar kindertijd in een Duitstalig boerendorp in Roemenië en haar ervaringen onder de dictatuur van Ceausescu. In al deze overwegingen staat taal centraal: taal als instrument van overheersing en onderdrukking, maar ook als mogelijkheid tot zelfbehoud en verzet. Zo ontstaat een indrukwekkend en scherp beeld van een leven onder totalitaire omstandigheden en van de literaire weg die Herta Müller als reactie daarop consequent heeft gekozen. Deze bundel bevat naast een selectie uit de essaybundel Der König verneigt sich und tötet ook het recentere artikel ‘Cristina en haar schijngestalte’ en de rede die Herta Müller in 2009 hield bij de aanvaarding van de Nobelprijs voor Literatuur.

Comedy and Critical Thought Iain MacKenzie 2018-03-13 First volume to reflect on both the comedy within critical theory and the role of comedians as practitioners of critique.

Vodka Politics Mark Lawrence Schrad 2014-01-06 Russia is famous for its vodka, and its culture of extreme intoxication. But just as vodka is central to the lives of many Russians, it is also central to understanding Russian history and politics. In Vodka Politics, Mark Lawrence Schrad argues that debilitating societal alcoholism is not hard-wired into Russians' genetic code, but rather their autocratic political system, which has long wielded vodka as a tool of statecraft. Through a series of historical investigations stretching from Ivan the Terrible through Vladimir Putin, Vodka Politics presents the secret history of the Russian state itself-a history that is drenched in liquor. Scrutinizing (rather than dismissing) the role of alcohol in Russian politics yields a more nuanced understanding of Russian history itself: from palace intrigues under the tsars to the drunken antics of Soviet and post-Soviet leadership, vodka is there in abundance. Beyond vivid anecdotes, Schrad scours original documents and archival evidence to answer provocative historical questions. How have Russia's rulers used alcohol to solidify their autocratic rule? What role did alcohol play in tsarist coups? Was Nicholas II's ill-fated prohibition a catalyst for the Bolshevik Revolution? Could the Soviet Union have become a world power without liquor? How did vodka politics contribute to the collapse of both communism and public health in the 1990s? How can the Kremlin overcome vodka's hurdles to produce greater social well-being, prosperity, and democracy into the future? Viewing Russian history through the bottom of the vodka bottle helps us to understand why the "liquor question" remains important to Russian high politics even today-almost a century after the issue had been put to bed in most every other modern state. Indeed, recognizing and confronting vodka's devastating political legacies may be the greatest political challenge for this generation of Russia's leadership, as well as the next.

Shakespeare in Jest Indira Ghose 2021-09-09 Shakespeare in Jest draws fascinating parallels between Shakespeare's humour and contemporary humour. Indira Ghose argues that while many of Shakespeare's jokes no longer work for us, his humour was crucial in shaping comedy in today's entertainment industry. The book looks at a wide variety of plays and reads them in conjunction with examples from contemporary culture, from stand-up comedy to late night shows. Ghose shows the importance of jokes, the functions of which are remarkably similar in Shakespeare's time and ours. Shakespeare's wittiest characters are mostly women, who use wit to puncture male pretensions and to acquire cultural capital. Clowns and wise fools use humour to mock their betters, while black humour trains the spotlight on the audience, exposing our collusion in the world it skewers. In a discussion of the ethics of humour, the book uncovers striking affinities between Puritan attacks on the theatre and contemporary attacks on comedy. An enjoyable and accessible read, this lively book will enlighten and entertain students, researchers, and general readers interested in Shakespeare, humour, and popular culture.

De lange weg naar de vrijheid Nelson Mandela 2017-10-21 De lange weg naar de vrijheid is de beroemde autobiografie van een van de grootste mannen van de twintigste eeuw. Nelson Mandela beschrijft de lange weg die hij heeft moeten afleggen van onwetende jongen tot charismatisch staatsman. Dit is het verhaal van misschien wel de wonderbaarlijkste omwenteling in de geschiedenis, verteld door de man die het allemaal heeft meegemaakt en in gang gezet. Het verhaal van Mandela, door Mandela.

A Modern Miscellany Paul Bevan 2015-11-06 In A Modern Miscellany Paul Bevan demonstrates that in the 1930s the Chinese cartoon was not only important in the sphere of Shanghai popular culture but that it occupied a central place in the primary discourse of Chinese modern art history.

Foragers, Farmers, and Fossil Fuels Ian Morris 2017-05-30 Most people in the world today think democracy and gender equality are good, and that violence and wealth inequality are bad. But most people who lived during the 10,000 years before the nineteenth century thought just the opposite. Drawing on archaeology, anthropology, biology, and history, Ian Morris explains why. Fundamental long-term changes in values, Morris argues, are driven by the most basic force of all: energy. Humans have found three main ways to get the energy they need—from foraging, farming, and fossil fuels. Each energy source sets strict limits on what kinds of societies can succeed, and each kind of society rewards specific values. But if our fossil-fuel world favors democratic, open societies, the ongoing revolution in energy capture means that our most cherished values are very likely to turn out not to be useful any more. Foragers, Farmers, and Fossil Fuels offers a compelling new argument about the evolution of human values, one that has far-reaching implications for how we understand the past—and for what might happen next. Originating as the Tanner Lectures delivered at Princeton University, the book includes challenging responses by classicist Richard Seaford, historian of China Jonathan Spence, philosopher Christine Korsgaard, and novelist Margaret Atwood.

Danubia Simon Winder 2014-10-03 Op reis door het land van de Habsburgers met de grappigste reisleider ooit! Euwenlang was Europa in handen van het eigenaardige Huis Habsburg, dat tot 1918 over grote delen van Centraal-Europa en Duitsland heerste en zich bemoeide met alles wat er in Europa gebeurde. Danubia is de verzamelnaam van de landen en gebieden rondom de rivier de Donau, de thuisbasis van de Habsburgers. Simon Winder reist met groot enthousiasme door dit uitgestrekte gebied met zijn uiteenlopende landschappen, steden en dorpen. Op zijn zeer persoonlijke manier deelt hij zijn kennis, verbazing en observatievermogen en legt uit hoe de complexe geschiedenis van deze dynastie in elkaar zit. En hij vertelt over de mensen en volken over wie zij heersten. Mensen die zich vaak opmerkelijk ondankbaar betoonden ten opzichte van hun excentrieke vorst in Wenen. ‘Winder is een reisleider met een uitzonderlijke gevoelheid kennis. Hij praat maar door en haalt nauwelijks adem. En je wilt hem zeggen: “Vergeet dat ademhalen en vertel verder!”’ The New York Times book review Simon Winder werkt in de Engelse uitgeverswereld. Eerder schreef hij The man who saved Britain en het veelgeprezen Germania, de voorloper van Danubia. Over Germania ‘Zeer onderhoudende studie over “germania”. Met vrolijke verbazing schrijft Simon Winder over Duitsland. Je hangt aan zijn lippen zoals vroeger aan die van je favoriete leraar geschiedenis.’ Bart Funnekotter in NRC Handelsblad

Integrity Jonathan Lamb 2012-12-17 Integrity matters. We expect it of leaders in all walks of life. But why is integrity so rare? Jonathan Lamb looks at the example of the apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians and offers us a model of integrity in leadership that spans the centuries.

Hammer And Tickle Ben Lewis 2011-06-16 The book that immerses the Cold War in the warm bath of nostalgia. Q: Why, despite all the shortages, was the toilet paper in East Germany always 2-ply? A: Because they had to send a copy of everything they did to Moscow. Communist jokes are the strangest, funniest, most enchanting and meaningful legacy of the 80 years of political experimentation in Russia and Eastern Europe, known as Communism. The valiant and sardonic citizens of the former Communist countries - surrounded by an invisible network of secret police, threatened with arrest, imprisonment and forced labour, confronted by an economic system that left shops empty, and bombarded with ludicrous state propaganda - turned joke-telling into an art form. They used jokes as a coded way of speaking the truth. **HAMMER AND TICKLE** takes us on a unique journey through the Communist era (1917-1989), and tells its real history through subversive jokes and joke-tellers, many of whom ended up in the gulags. It is also illustrated with a combination of rare and previously unpublished archive material, political cartoons, caricatures, photographs and state-sponsored propaganda. Humorous, culturally poignant and historically revealing, this is the story of a political system that was (almost) laughed out of existence.

What Remains Jonathan Bach 2017-08-29 What happens when an entire modern state's material culture becomes abruptly obsolete? How do ordinary people encounter what remains? In this ethnography, Jonathan Bach examines the afterlife of East Germany following the fall of the Berlin Wall, as things and places from that vanished socialist past continue to circulate and shape the politics of memory. What Remains traces the unsettling effects of these unmoored artifacts on the German present, arguing for a rethinking of the role of the everyday as a site of reckoning with difficult pasts. Bach juxtaposes four sites where the stakes of the everyday appear: products commodified as nostalgia, amateur museums dedicated to collecting everyday life under socialism, the "people's palace" that captured the national imagination through its destruction, and the feared and fetishized Berlin Wall. Moving from the local, the intimate, and the small to the national, the impersonal, and the large, this book's interpenetrating chapters show the unexpected social and political force of the ordinary in the production of memory. What Remains offers a unique vantage point on the workings of the everyday in situations of radical discontinuity, contributing to new understandings of postsocialism and the intricate intersection of material remains and memory.

When the World Seemed New Jeffrey A. Engel 2017-11-07 “Engel’s excellent history forms a standing-if unspoken–rebuke to the retrograde nationalism espoused by Donald J. Trump.”–The New York Times Book Review The collapse of the Soviet Union was the greatest shock to international affairs since World War II. In that perilous moment, Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait and regimes throughout Eastern Europe and Asia teetered between democratic change and new authoritarian rule. President Bush faced a world in turmoil that might easily have tipped into an epic crisis. As presidential historian Jeffrey Engel reveals in this page-turning history, Bush rose to the occasion brilliantly. Using handwritten letters and direct conversations–some revealed here for the first time–with heads of state throughout Asia and Europe, Bush knew when to push, when to cajole, and when to be patient. Based on previously classified documents, and interviews with all the principals, *When the World Seemed New* is a riveting, fly-on-the-wall account of a president with his calm hand on the tiller, guiding the nation from a moment of great peril to the pinnacle of global power. “An absorbing book.”–The Wall Street Journal “By far the most comprehensive–and compelling–account of these dramatic years thus far.”–The National Interest “A remarkable book about a remarkable person. Southern Methodist University professor Jeffrey Engel describes in engrossing detail the patient and sophisticated strategy President George H.W. Bush pursued as the Cold War came to an end.”–The Dallas Morning News

I Am Sovereign Gap 2010-06-08 The book is about ridiculous and at the same time serious things of the former Soviet Union life. It would serve for better understanding the enigmatic Russian soul which is deep, complicated, easily wounded, very broad, and also for better understanding the Soviet and the Socialism realities, the Russian history by telling the cute Soviet born anecdotes intertwined in the narration. The book is completely different by its content and orientation from the recently published book of Ben Lewis Hammer & Tickle: A History of Communism Told Through Communists Jokes. The subject of the book - Russian people (all Russian-speaking people who lived in the former Soviet Union). The narration in the form of reasoning and recollections together with the anecdotes touch many different topics: a significance of the intelligent for the society, Russian mentality with its distinguishing features, charm and dignity of Russian women, men and women relations, psychological excursions in the intimate things, characterization of the Socialism, psychological and moral condition of living in the Soviet Union, the comparison of the USA and the USSR, relationships between Russians and foreigners, and the topics devoted to the Ukraine, Armenian jokes, great world game Soccer. The conclusion of the book narrates a short history of the Russia from 862 A.C. till our days. The book also contains the verses of outstanding poets from Russia and Ukraine) little known to American reader.

Het boek van de zomers Emylia Hall 2013-04-09 Wanneer ze uit het buitenland bericht krijgt dat een familielid is gestorven, beseft de Engelse Beth Lowe dat ze haar verleden niet langer kan ontlopen. Ze krijgt een album toegestuurd met foto's en aandenkens aan de zeven zomers die ze op het platteland van Hongarije heeft doorgebracht. Een tijd waarin

ze moest balanceren tussen haar gescheiden ouders en twee totaal verschillende landen; een betoverende maar onvolmaakte moeder en een zachtmoedige, gesloten vader; het prachtige huis van een Hongaarse kunstenaar en een holklinkende cottage in de binnenlanden van Devon. Een tijd die abrupt eindigde in het jaar dat Beth zestien werd... Het boek van de zomers gaat over de leugens die we vertellen, de waarheid die we achterhouden, en in de allereerste plaats over de manieren die we bedenken om van elkaar te blijven houden.

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Hammer and Tickle Ben Lewis 2010-11 Through the subversive jokes and cartoons used by those under the thumb of Communist regimes, the author shows what the average citizen truly thought about Lenin, Stalin, the Stasi, and even Gorbachev, in a book that captures how an oppressed people found solace in shared humor.

Us Plus Them Todd L. Pittinsky 2012-07-31 Moving beyond mere tolerance Us-versus-them is the costly mind-set in which organizations, communities, and whole nations too often find themselves trapped. In fact, recognizing difference as a positive force can bring astonishing value to even the most diverse organizations. In *Us Plus Them*, leadership scholar Todd Pittinsky introduces a groundbreaking new science of diversity that: • Debunks the assumption that wherever there is difference there will be inherent tension and animosity • Challenges the effectiveness of our standard attempts to fight prejudice and combat hate in our schools and workplaces, our civic and religious lives • Reveals how we benefit from the mixing of different ethnic, racial, national, social, and religious groups in a globalized world Through a

wide range of examples—from Maine and Michigan to Rwanda and Bhutan, and from small-town classrooms to corporate boardrooms—Pittinsky opens our eyes to misunderstood yet useful aspects of us-and-them relations, including many of the neglected positive dimensions of difference. He provides a bold new assessment of the popular and scientific approaches to the issue, proving that it's time to move beyond mere tolerance to build communities in which the two sides of the us-and-them equation engage each other because they both want to. Much as Martin Seligman and positive psychology have shifted the focus from mental illness to mental healthiness, this book shifts our mind-set to diversity as a positive force. Understanding the science and practical use of that energy will help us build the schools, neighborhoods, companies, and nations we want, and not simply avoid the ugliest problems of the past. Pittinsky shows us that our great diversity experiment hasn't failed—it hasn't even begun.

Justice, Memory and Redress in Romania Lavinia Stan 2017-01-06 Are there any lessons Romania can teach transitional justice scholars and practitioners? This book argues that important insights emerge when analyzing a country with a moderate record of coming to terms with its communist past. Taking a broad definition of transitional justice as their starting point, contributors provide fresh assessments of the history commission, court trials, public identifications of former communist perpetrators, commemorations, and unofficial artistic projects that seek to address and redress the legacies of communist human rights violations. Theoretical and practical questions regarding the continuity of state agencies, the sequencing of initiatives, their advantages and limitations, the reasons why some reckoning programs are enacted and others are not, and these measures' efficacy in promoting truth and justice are answered throughout the volume. Contributors include seasoned scholars from Romania, Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom, and current and former leaders of key Romanian transitional justice institutions.