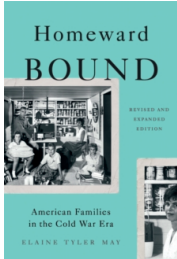


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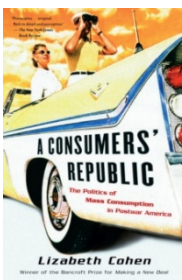


#### **Homeward Bound: American Families in the Cold War Era**

Elaine May

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When *Homeward Bound* first appeared in 1988, it forever changed the way we understand Cold War America. Previously, scholars understood the post-World War II era as a time when Americans turned away from politics to enjoy the fruits of peace and prosperity after decades of depression and war, while their leaders remained preoccupied with the Soviet threat and the dangers of the Atomic Age. *Homeward Bound* challenged the idea of an apolitical private arena, demonstrating that the Atomic Age and the Cold War were not merely the concerns of experts and policy makers, but infused American life on every level, from the boardroom to the bedroom.

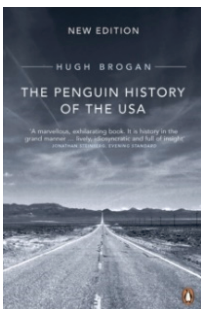


#### **A Consumer's Republic: The politics of Mass Consumption in Postwar America**

Elizabeth  
Cohen

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An illuminating social and political history describes how mass consumption and the pursuit of prosperity transformed American life during the second half of the twentieth century, detailing the rise of political activism through the civil rights and consumer movements, the suburbanization of metropolitan areas, the changing relationship of America



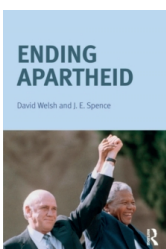
#### **The Penguin History of the United States of America**

Hugh  
Brogan

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This one-volume history - from early British colonization to the fall of President Nixon - captures all the vivid personalities and events as well as the broad sweep of America's triumphant progress. Hugh Brogan looks at the period leading to Independence from the American and British points of view, explores the permanent features, both good and bad, of the "American character" and produces a synthesis of all the current research to show how the USA developed so rapidly from small beginnings to global dominance.

### Paper 2



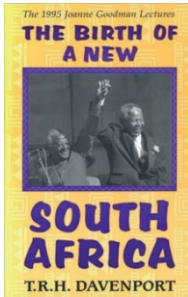
#### **Ending Apartheid**

J.E. Spence  
& David  
Welsh

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The release of Nelson Mandela from twenty-seven years imprisonment in 1990 and the free elections which followed four years later were among the most dramatic events of the twentieth century. David Welsh and J. E. Spence here examine the complex forces which lay behind that drama. They chart the rise and decline of apartheid ideology in South Africa, the internal insurrection and increased international isolation which characterised the 1980s and the political roller-coaster ride of the period after 1990 as constitutional negotiations got underway.

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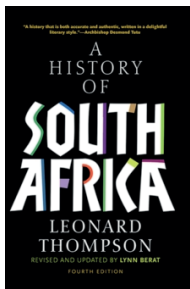
### The Birth of a New South Africa

In these lectures, Davenport explores what he calls 'one of the most remarkable turnabouts in history,' the recent dramatic events in South Africa. He begins by looking at the changes that set the stage for the demise of apartheid, and then at the challenges facing the new administration of Nelson Mandela after the May 1994 elections. The government of national unity had to build a new society out of old bricks, against all the handicaps of an economy run down by sanctions as well as a school system which had almost collapsed and, in the process, left large numbers of people unemployed. Davenport examines the process of reconciliation among the various elements of South African society, and explains how a host of problems that might have undermined peace-making efforts were overcome. He ends with an up-to-date analysis the making of the new constitution, a process set against this politically volatile background.

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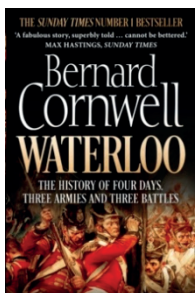


### A History of South Africa

A fresh and penetrating exploration of South Africa's history, from the earliest known human inhabitation of the region to the present! I did not think it was possible for a white person to write a history of South Africa which a black South African would find to be a fair and accurate account of a beautiful land and its people.

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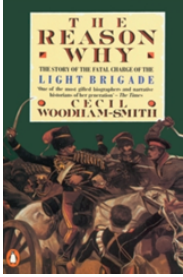
### Waterloo

Waterloo changed almost everything.' On the 18th June 1815 the armies of France, Britain and Prussia descended upon a quiet valley south of Brussels. In the previous three days the French army had beaten the British at Quatre-Bras and the Prussians at Ligny. The Allies were in retreat. The blood-soaked battle of Waterloo would become a landmark in European history, to be examined over and over again, not least because until the evening of the 18th, the French army was close to prevailing on the battlefield. Now, brought to life by the celebrated novelist Bernard Cornwell, this is the chronicle of the four days leading up to the actual battle and a thrilling hour-by-hour account of that fateful day. In his first work of non-fiction, Cornwell combines his storytelling skills with a meticulously researched history to give a riveting account of every dramatic moment, from Napoleon's escape from Elba to the smoke and gore of the battlefields. Through letters and diaries he also sheds new light on the private thoughts of Napoleon and the Duke of Wellington, as well as the ordinary officers and soldiers.

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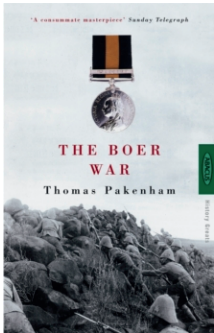


### **The Reason Why: The story of the fatal charge of the light brigade**

This history is a war story of astonishing courage and honour, of stupidity, of blood, death, agony -- and waste. Nothing in British campaign history has ever equaled the tragic farce that was the charge of the Light Brigade during the Crimean War's Battle of Balaclava on October 25, 1854. In this fascinating study, Cecil Woodham-Smith shows that responsibility for the fatal mismanagement of the affair rested with the Earls of Cardigan and Lucan, brothers-in-law and sworn enemies for more than thirty years. In revealing the combination of pride and obstinacy that was to prove so fatal, Woodham-Smith gives us a picture of a vanished world, in which heroism and military glory guaranteed an immortality impossible in a more cynical age.

Cecil  
Woodham-  
Smith

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### **The Boer War**

The war declared by the Boers on 11 October 1899 gave the British, as Kipling said, "no end of a lesson". It proved to be the longest, the costliest, the bloodiest and the most humiliating campaign that Britain fought between 1815 and 1914. Thomas Pakenham has written a full-scale history of the war, based on first-hand and largely unpublished sources ranging from the private papers of the leading protagonists to the recollections of survivors from both sides.

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### **Great Britain's Great War**

Jeremy Paxman's magnificent history of the First World War tells the entire story of the war in one gripping narrative from the point of view of the British people. Life in Britain during the First World War was far stranger than many of us realize. In a country awash with mad rumour, frenzied patriotism and intense personal anguish, it became illegal to light a bonfire, fly a kite or buy a round of drinks. And yet the immense upheaval of the war led to many things we take for granted today: the vote, passports, vegetable allotments and British Summer Time among them. In this immensely captivating account, Jeremy Paxman tells the entire story of the war through the experience of those who lived it - nurses, soldiers, politicians, factory-workers, journalists and children - explaining why we fought it so willingly, how we endured it so long, and how it transformed us all

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