# **History**

# **Recommended Reading List**



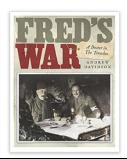
# **Key Stage 4**

# Britain, Health, and the People



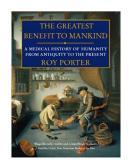
# The History of Medicine: A Very Short Introduction

Against the backdrop of unprecedented concern for the future of health care, this *Very Short Introduction* surveys the history of medicine from classical times to the present. Focussing on the key turning points in the history of Western medicine, such as the advent of hospitals and the rise of experimental medicine, Bill Bynum offers insights into medicine's past, while at the same time engaging with contemporary issues, discoveries, and controversies.



#### Fred's War: A Doctor in the Trenches

The extraordinary story of a young doctor who in 1914 illegally took his camera to war... This book shows his remarkable photographs for the first time and offers an unusually intimate portrait of life among a band of brothers. It also examines just how ill-prepared Army doctors were for the carnage they faced, and asks, how did they cope?



### The Greatest Benefit to Mankind: A medical history of humanity

definitive study of the history of medicine, from the earliest humans to the present day.

Medicine is advancing at an incredible rate. We now have the ability to overcome sickness but also to transform the nature of life itself: in many parts of the world, human existence has simply ceased to be 'nasty, brutish and short'. In this titanic history of medicine and disease, Roy Porter examines the traditions of East and West to chart how this revolution has come about.

Covering medical milestones big and small – from dissection to surgery and from anaesthesia to AIDS – Roy Porter's masterpiece is both a superlative history of medicine and a sweeping survey of human life and death.



# Sawbones

Wondering whether eating powdered mummies might be just the thing to cure your ills? Tempted by those vintage ads suggesting you wear radioactive underpants for virility? Ever considered drilling a hole in your head to deal with those pesky headaches? Probably not. But for thousands of years, people have done things like this--and things that make radioactive underpants seem downright sensible! In their hit podcast, Sawbones, Sydnee, and Justin McElroy breakdown the weird and wonderful way we got to modern healthcare. And some of the terrifying detours along the way.



#### Now is the Time

At the end of May 1381, the fourteen-year-old King of England had reason to be fearful: the plague had returned, the royal coffers were empty, and a draconian poll tax was being widely evaded. Yet Richard, bolstered by his powerful, admired mother, felt secure in his God-given right to reign. But within two weeks, the unthinkable happened: a vast force of common people invaded London, led by a former soldier, Walter Tyler, and the radical preacher John Ball, demanding freedom, equality and the complete uprooting of the Church and state. And for three intense, violent days, it looked as if they would sweep all before them.

Now is the Time depicts the events of the Peasants' Revolt on both a grand

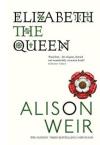
and intimate scale, vividly portraying its central figures and telling an archetypal tale of an epic struggle between the powerful and the apparently powerless.

# **Elizabethan England**



# **Elizabeth I: Collected Works**

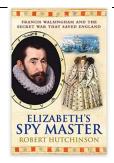
This masterfully edited volume contains nearly all the writings of Queen Elizabeth I: the clumsy letters of childhood, the early speeches of a fledgling queen, and the prayers and poetry of the monarch's later years. The first collection of its kind, *Elizabeth I* reveals brilliance on two counts: that of the Queen, a dazzling writer, and a leading intellect of the English Renaissance, and that of the editors, whose copious annotations make the book not only essential to scholars but accessible to general readers as well.



## Elizabeth the Queen

With unprecedented depth and verve, acclaimed biographer Alison Weir helps us come as close as we'll ever get to knowing who Elizabeth I was as a person. Beginning with her ascent to the throne in the wake of her sister Mary's disastrous reign, Weir shares provocative new interpretations of the details of Elizabeth's life.

From her long-standing affair with Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, to the varied dealings with her many suitors, right up to her bizarre relationship with the Earl of Essex - thirty years her junior - the life and times of Elizabeth I are examined in a fascinating new light.



## Elizabeth's Spy Master

Francis Walsingham was the first 'spymaster' in the modern sense. His methods anticipated those of MI5 and MI6 and even those of the KGB. He maintained a network of spies across Europe, including double-agents at the highest level in Rome and Spain - the sworn enemies of Queen Elizabeth and her Protestant regime. His entrapment of Mary Queen of Scots is a classic intelligence operation that resulted in her execution.

As Robert Hutchinson reveals, his cypher expert's ability to intercept other peoples' secret messages and his brilliant, forged letters made him a fearsome champion of the young Elizabeth. Yet even this Machiavellian schemer eventually fell foul of Elizabeth as her confidence grew (and judgement faded). The rise and fall of Sir Francis Walsingham is a Tudor epic, vividly narrated by a historian with unique access to the surviving documentary evidence.



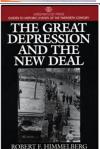
## The Time Traveller's Guide to Elizabethan England

We think of Queen Elizabeth I's reign (1558-1603) as a golden age. But what was it actually like to live in Elizabethan England? If you could travel to the past and walk the streets of London in the 1590s, where would you stay? What would you eat? What would you wear? Would you really have a sense of it being a glorious age? And if so, how would that glory sit alongside the vagrants, diseases, violence, sexism, and famine of the time? In this book Ian Mortimer reveals a country in which life expectancy is in the early thirties, people still starve to death and Catholics are persecuted for their faith. Yet it produces some of the finest writing in the English language, some of the most magnificent architecture, and sees Elizabeth's subjects settle in America and circumnavigate the globe. Welcome to a country that is, in all its contradictions, the very crucible of the modern world.



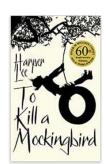
### Anything Goes: A Biography of the Roaring Twenties

Bracketed by the catastrophes of the Great War and the Wall Street Crash, 1920s America was a place of drama, tension, and hedonism. It glittered and seduced: jazz, flappers, wild all-night parties, the birth of Hollywood, and a glamorous gangster-led crime scene flourishing under prohibition. But the period was also punctuated by momentous events - the political show trials of Sacco and Vanzetti; the huge Ku Klux Klan march down Washington DC's Pennsylvania Avenue - and it produced a splendid array of writers, musicians, and film stars, from F. Scott Fitzgerald to Bessie Smith and Charlie Chaplin.



### The Great Depression and the New Deal

This essential guide to the Great Depression and the New Deal provides a wealth of information, analysis, biographical profiles, primary documents, and current resources that will help students to understand this pivotal era in American history. The author, an expert on this age of U.S. history and politics, brings to life the traumatic period that began in 1929 and ended only with America's entrance into World War II in 1941. He carefully explains the causes of the Depression, the actions taken by Franklin D. Roosevelt to lift America out of its economic morass, and the economic, political, social, and cultural aspects of the age.

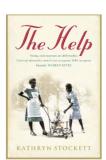


## To Kill a Mockingbird

'Shoot all the Bluejays you want, if you can hit 'em, but remember it's a sin to kill a Mockingbird.'

A lawyer's advice to his children as he defends the real mockingbird of Harper Lee's classic novel - a black man charged with the rape of a white girl. Through the young eyes of Scout and Jem Finch, Harper Lee explores with exuberant humour the irrationality of adult attitudes to race and class in the Deep South of the thirties. The conscience of a town steeped in prejudice, violence and hypocrisy is pricked by the stamina of one man's struggle for justice. But the weight of history will only tolerate so much. To Kill a Mockingbird is a coming-of-age story, an anti-racist novel, a

historical drama of the Great Depression and a sublime example of the Southern writing tradition.



#### The Help

Enter a vanished and unjust world: Jackson, Mississippi, 1962. Where black maids raise white children but aren't trusted not to steal the silver... There's Aibileen, raising her seventeenth white child and nursing the hurt caused by her own son's tragic death; Minny, whose cooking is nearly as sassy as her tongue; and white Miss Skeeter, home from College, who wants to know why her beloved maid has disappeared.

Skeeter, Aibileen and Minny. No one would believe they'd be friends; fewer still would tolerate it. But as each woman finds the courage to cross boundaries, they come to depend and rely upon one another. Each is in a search of a truth. And together they have an extraordinary story to tell...