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*Armed Madhouse* - Greg Palast 2006-06-06

In his most provocative and caustically funny book yet, Greg Palast, author of the national bestseller *The Best Democracy Money Can Buy*, once again gives us the straight scoop on the stories that Big Media won't report. Digging up reams of documents marked "secret" and "confidential," Palast provides the latest lowdown on Bush's secret plans to seize Iraq's oil, the fix planned for the 2008 election, who drowned New Orleans, and the horror and the humor of the War on Terror. With diligent detective work, moral outrage, and a keen sense of the absurd, Palast takes on the "armed and dangerous clowns that rule us" as only he can.

**The Ottomans** - Marc David Baer 2021-10-05

This major new history of the Ottoman dynasty reveals a diverse empire that straddled East and West. The Ottoman Empire has long been depicted as the Islamic, Asian antithesis of the Christian, European West. But the reality was starkly different: the Ottomans' multiethnic, multilingual, and multireligious domain reached deep into Europe's heart. Indeed, the Ottoman rulers saw themselves as the new Romans. Recounting the Ottomans' remarkable rise from a frontier principality to a world empire, historian Marc David Baer traces their debts to their Turkish, Mongolian, Islamic, and Byzantine heritage. The Ottomans pioneered religious toleration even as they used religious conversion to integrate conquered peoples. But in the nineteenth century, they embraced exclusivity, leading to ethnic cleansing, genocide, and the empire's demise after the First World War. The Ottomans vividly reveals the dynasty's full history and its enduring impact on Europe and the world.

**Molly Ivins Can't Say That, Can She?** - Molly Ivins 2010-02-10

Whether she's writing about redneck politics in her native Texas or the discreet charms of Bushwazee, Molly Ivins is never less than devastatingly honest—and hilarious. Our toughest, funniest, and savviest columnist delivers the goods on: -Texas politics: "Well, our attorney general is under indictment. He ran as 'the people's lawyer'; now we call him 'the people's felon.'" -The flag burning debate: "Bush's last birthday cake was in the form of the American flag, and he ate it—stars, stripes, and all. Think about where that flag wound up—I call that desecration." -Beign a woman in Texas: "There are several strains of Texas culture: They are all rotten for women... One not infrequently sees cars or trucks sporting the bumper sticker "Have fun—beat the hell out of someone you love."

**A People's History of the World** - Chris Harman 2017-05-02

The best-selling comprehensive history of the world, from the perspective of struggling peoples throughout the ages—now with new material and a foreword by Howard Zinn From the earliest human societies to the Holy Roman Empire, from the Middle Ages to the Enlightenment, from the Industrial Revolution to the end of the twentieth century, Chris Harman provides a brilliant and comprehensive history of the human race. Eschewing the standard accounts of "Great Men," of dates and kings, Harman offers a groundbreaking counter-history, a breathtaking sweep across the centuries in the tradition of "history from below." In a fiery narrative, he shows how ordinary men and women were involved in creating and changing society and how conflict between classes was often at the core of these developments. While many scholars see the victory of capitalism as now safely secured, Harman explains the rise and fall of societies and civilizations throughout the ages and demonstrates that history moves ever onward in every age. This

magisterial study is essential reading for anyone interested in how society has changed and developed and the possibilities for further radical progress. "I have had many people ask me if there is a book which does for world history what my book *A People's History of the United States* does for this country. I always responded that I know of only one book that accomplishes this extremely difficult task, and that is Chris Harman's *A People's History of the World*." —Howard Zinn

**Confessions of an Economic Hit Man** - John Perkins 2004-11-09

Perkins, a former chief economist at a Boston strategic-consulting firm, confesses he was an "economic hit man" for 10 years, helping U.S. intelligence agencies and multinationals cajole and blackmail foreign leaders into serving U.S. foreign policy and awarding lucrative contracts to American business.

**The People Vs. Democracy** - Yascha Mounk 2018-03-05

Uiteenzetting over de opkomst van het populisme en het gevaar daarvan voor de democratie.

*Hidden Enemies of Democracy* - George E. Monroe 2019-08-27

After a startling discovery during a visit to the site of the Nazi Trials in Nuremberg, Germany, George Monroe spent three and a half years researching and writing about his emerging discoveries revealing that hidden enemies are hard at work on a stealthy plan to kill democracy and replace it with a free market scheme under the exclusive control of a few power-hungry monopolists.

*Duke Ellington and His World* - A. H. Lawrence 2004-03-01

Based on lengthy interviews with Ellington's bandmates, family, and friends, *Duke Ellington and His World* offers a fresh look at this legendary composer. The first biography of the composer written by a fellow musician and African-American, the book traces Ellington's life and career in terms of the social, cultural, political, and economic realities of his times. Beginning with his birth in Washington, DC, through his first bands and work at the legendary Cotton Club, to his final great extended compositions, this book gives a thorough introduction to Ellington's music and how it was made. It also illuminates his personal life because, for Ellington, music was his life and his life was a constant inspiration for music.

**The Best Democracy Money Can Buy** - Greg Palast 2016-10-04

A close presidential election in November could well come down to contested states or even districts—an election decided by vote theft? It could happen this year. Based on Greg Palast and Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s investigative reporting for *Rolling Stone* and BBC television plus new reporting by Palast for the new edition—a portion of which will be a *Rolling Stone* cover story, covered in major progressive media outlets which will include radio, television, and webcasts, and featured on listservs from important civil rights and activist organizations—*The Best Democracy Money Can Buy: A Tale of Billionaires & Ballot Bandits* will be the most important book published this year—one that could save the election. The documentary film of *The Best Democracy Money Can Buy* is available on DVD from CinemaLibre Studio.

**Crime, Justice, and Society** - Ronald J. Berger 2009

Now in its third edition, this innovative core text provides a comprehensive and critical introduction to key theories and topics in criminology. Highlighting issues of class, race, and gender, the authors navigate the study of crime and criminals in an accessible and compelling manner. Notably, the text: *Investigates a breadth of topics*—ranging from street crime to corporate fraud *Explores pivotal theories for understanding crime and victimization* *Promotes critical*

thinking by analyzing media constructions of crime & Includes the voices of offenders, victims, and criminal justice personnel & Engages students through discussion of issues drawn from the headlines

Qualitative Inquiry and the Politics of Advocacy - Norman K Denzin 2016-06-16

The plenary volume from the Seventh International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry (2011) examines the politics of advocacy and the context in which scholars are encouraged to pursue social justice agendas, be human rights advocates, and do work that honors the core values of human dignity and freedom from fear and violence. Contributions from many of the world's leading qualitative researchers in communications, education, sociology, and related disciplines address topics including community research, transformative education, and researcher ethics, and guide the field toward an engaged, activist research agenda.

**Prisoners of Geography** - Tim Marshall 2016-10-11

First published in Great Britain in 2015 by Elliott and Thompson Limited.

The News Media At War - Tarek Cherkaoui 2017-01-30

Tarek Cherkaoui reveals how geo-political and ideological legacies of the past, which divide the world into a dichotomy of 'us' against 'them', play a dominant role in reinforcing the ensuing polarisation of our media.

**An Insider's Memoir** - Gordon Bryant Brown 2018-05-16

Do you wonder; • Why is there so much national debt? • Where has the middle class gone? • Why do my kids have less opportunity than I did? If so, this book is for you! • 97% of money is created by the banks, not by governments. • The Federal Reserve is a private bank controlled by private banks. • Adam Smith did not say an invisible hand guides the markets. • Government debt was static until the mid-1970's and has soared since. • Milton Friedman and Alan Greenspan both admitted to fundamental economic errors. • About 1/3 of an average persons' spending is goes to banks as interest. • Corporations are using treaties to overrule nations and democracy. • The TARP bank bailouts were the biggest theft in history.

States of Violence and the Civilising Process - Rob Watts 2016-05-30

This book offers a distinctive and novel approach to state-sponsored violence, one of the major problems facing humanity in the previous and now the twenty-first century. It addresses the question: how is it possible that large numbers of ordinary men and women are able to do the killing, torturing and violence that defines crimes against humanity? In his striking analysis, Rob Watts shows how and why states, of all political persuasions, engage in crimes against humanity, including: genocide, homicide, torture, kidnapping, illegal surveillance and detention. This book advances a new interpretive frame. It argues against the 'civilizing process' model, showing how both states and social sciences like sociology and criminology have been complicit in splitting 'the social' from 'the ethical' while accepting too complacently that modern states are the exemplars of morality and rationality. The book makes the case that it is possible to bring together in the one interpretative frame, our understanding of social action involving personal motivation and ethical responsibility and patterns of collective social action operating in terms of the agencies of 'the State'. Rob Watts identifies and charts the pathways of action and 'practical' (i.e. ethical) judgements which the perpetrators of these crimes against humanity constructed for themselves to make sense of what they were doing. At once challenging and highly accessible, the book reveals the policy-making processes that produce state crime as well as showing how ordinary people do the state's dirty work.

**Conquest, Tribute, and Trade** - Howard J. Erlichman 2021-02-09

This engrossing popular history makes many intriguing connections between precious metals like gold and silver as sources of economic wealth and the rise of empires, showing that the forces of globalization have been five centuries in the making.

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**Constituent Imagination** - Stephen Shukaitis 2007

From the ivory tower to the barricades! Radical intellectuals explore the relationship between research and resistance.

**The Exorcist** - William Peter Blatty 2011-10-04

Originally published in 1971, *The Exorcist* remains one of the most controversial novels ever written and went on to become a literary phenomenon. Inspired by a true story of a child's demonic possession in the 1940s, William Peter Blatty created an iconic novel that focuses on Regan, the eleven-year-old daughter of a movie actress residing in Washington, D.C. A small group of overwhelmed yet determined individuals must rescue Regan from her unspeakable fate, and the drama

that ensues is gripping and unfailingly terrifying. Two years after its publication, *The Exorcist* was, of course, turned into a wildly popular motion picture, garnering ten Academy Award nominations. On opening day of the film, lines of the novel's fans stretched around city blocks. In Chicago, frustrated moviegoers used a battering ram to gain entry through the double side doors of a theater. In Kansas City, police used tear gas to disperse an impatient crowd who tried to force their way into a cinema. The three major television networks carried footage of these events; CBS's Walter Cronkite devoted almost ten minutes to the story. *The Exorcist* was, and is, more than just a novel and a film: it is a true landmark. Purposefully raw and profane, *The Exorcist* still has the extraordinary ability to disturb readers and cause them to forget that it is "just a story." Published here in this beautiful fortieth anniversary edition, it remains an unforgettable reading experience and will continue to shock and frighten a new generation of readers.

Ms. Magazine - Gloria Steinem 2007

**Managed by the Markets** - Gerald F. Davis 2009-03-26

The current economic crisis reveals just how central finance has become to American life. Problems with obscure securities created on Wall Street radiated outward to threaten the retirement security of pensioners in Florida and Arizona, the homes and college savings of families in Detroit and Southern California, and ultimately the global economy itself. The American government took on vast new debt to bail out the financial system, while the government-owned investment funds of Kuwait, Abu Dhabi, Malaysia, and China bought up much of what was left of Wall Street. How did we get into this mess, and what does it all mean? *Managed by the Markets* explains how finance replaced manufacturing at the center of the American economy and how its influence has seeped into daily life. From corporations operated to create shareholder value, to banks that became portals to financial markets, to governments seeking to regulate or profit from footloose capital, to households with savings, pensions, and mortgages that rise and fall with the market, life in post-industrial America is tied to finance to an unprecedented degree. *Managed by the Markets* provides a guide to how we got here and unpacks the consequences of linking the well-being of society too closely to financial markets.

Encyclopedia of White-Collar and Corporate Crime - Lawrence M. Salinger 2013-06-14

Since the first edition of the *Encyclopedia of White Collar and Corporate Crime* was produced in 2004, the number and severity of these crimes have risen to the level of calamity, so much so that many experts attribute the near-Depression of 2008 to white-collar malfeasance, namely crimes of greed and excess by bankers and financial institutions. Whether the perpetrators were prosecuted or not, white-collar and corporate crime came near to collapsing the U.S. economy. In the 7 years since the first edition was produced we have also seen the largest Ponzi scheme in history (Maddoff), an ecological disaster caused by British Petroleum and its subcontractors (Gulf Oil Spill), and U.S. Defense Department contractors operating like vigilantes in Iraq (Blackwater). White-collar criminals have been busy, and the Second Edition of this encyclopedia captures what has been going on in the news and behind the scenes with new articles and updates to past articles.

**American Airpower Comes Of Age—General Henry H. "Hap" Arnold's World War II Diaries Vol. II [Illustrated Edition]** - Gen. Henry H. "Hap." Arnold 2015-11-06

Includes the Aerial Warfare In Europe During World War II illustrations pack with over 180 maps, plans, and photos. Gen Henry H. "Hap." Arnold, US Army Air Forces (AAF) Chief of Staff during World War II, maintained diaries for his several journeys to various meetings and conferences throughout the conflict. Volume 1 introduces Hap Arnold, the setting for five of his journeys, the diaries he kept, and evaluations of those journeys and their consequences. General Arnold's travels brought him into strategy meetings and personal conversations with virtually all leaders of Allied forces as well as many AAF troops around the world. He recorded his impressions, feelings, and expectations in his diaries. Maj Gen John W. Huston, USAF, retired, has captured the essence of Henry H. Hap Arnold—the man, the officer, the AAF chief, and his mission. Volume 2 encompasses General Arnold's final seven journeys and the diaries he kept therein.

**How Trump Stole 2020** - Greg Palast 2020-07-14

Vote suppression is the key issue to the 2020 Election and Palast is the expert to explain why.... Has Trump already stolen the 2020 election? Vote theft was once considered to be a marginal issue that no one wanted to talk about, but as the stakes have risen and the facts have

become known--in large part thanks to this author--it is now recognized as one of the central issues deciding our presidential elections. The scope is staggering. In the Georgia 2018 midterm election alone--the testing ground--Republican voting officials quietly removed half a million voters from the voter rolls--including Martin Luther King's ninety-two-year-old cousin Christine Jordan. *How Trump Stole 2020* is the story of the racially poisonous schemes to steal the 2020 election, the political operatives behind the trickery--and the hard right billionaires funding it all, written by the investigative reporter who has been covering this story from the outset.

*The Global Financial Crisis and the Korean Economy* - Jang-Sup Shin 2013-12-04

The world economy fell into a global financial crisis in 2008/9 and is still jittered by its aftershocks. Like other financial crises happened in the world economy, it came as a surprise. In historical perspective, financial crises should be understood as a natural fact of life in the world economy and a more pertinent question that should be posed would be why people so easily forget and do not learn from the historical experience. This book deals with the question in two ways. First, it investigates the frame of mind that distances people from the reality of life. At the heart of it, it argues that there are wrong perceptions on the working of the world economy, in particular, the international financial market. It summarizes them as 'the five conventional wisdoms' in the international financial market and, by critically examining them, it draws on 'the five financial theorems', which would provide intellectual pillars for a more realistic understanding of the global financial market. Second, the book examines in detail the case of an emerging market economy that fell into a financial crisis twice in the recent decade. South Korea provides us with an interesting case of emerging market financial crises that came as 'surprises': it faced a financial crisis in 1997/98 after it had been acclaimed as one of 'East Asian miracle economies' and it was again befallen to a crisis during the global financial crisis in 2008/2009 after it was widely regarded as a country that had recovered from the crisis with one of the most successful implementations of the IMF-sponsored reforms. The book attempts to provide the readers with a realistic understanding of emerging market financial crises by interpreting the recent global financial crisis and the Korean crises with some general concepts manifested in 'the five financial theorems'. It also tries to draw more general implications for policy management of emerging market economies.

**Armed Madhouse** - Greg Palast 2007

A six-time winner of the Project Censored Award draws on his work as a BBC undercover journalist to discuss such topics as the War on Terror, the Republican agenda for the 2008 election, and media practices that are keeping the Bush Administration's practices from getting reported by the mass media. Reprint.

**The Cambridge History of Medicine** - Roy Porter 2006-06-05

The Cambridge History of Medicine surveys the rise of medicine in the West from classical times to the present. Covering both the social and scientific history of medicine, this 2006 volume traces the chronology of key developments and events, engaging with the issues, discoveries, and controversies that have characterized medical progress.

*The Uninhabitable Earth* - David Wallace-Wells 2020-03-17

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • "The Uninhabitable Earth hits you like a comet, with an overflow of insanely lyrical prose about our pending Armageddon."—Andrew Solomon, author of *The Noonday Demon* With a new afterword It is worse, much worse, than you think. If your anxiety about global warming is dominated by fears of sea-level rise, you are barely scratching the surface of what terrors are possible—food shortages, refugee emergencies, climate wars and economic devastation. An "epoch-defining book" (The Guardian) and "this generation's Silent Spring" (The Washington Post), *The Uninhabitable Earth* is both a travelogue of the near future and a meditation on how that future will look to those living through it—the ways that warming promises to transform global politics, the meaning of technology and nature in the modern world, the sustainability of capitalism and the trajectory of human progress. *The Uninhabitable Earth* is also an impassioned call to action. For just as the world was brought to the brink of catastrophe within the span of a lifetime, the responsibility to avoid it now belongs to a single generation—today's. Praise for *The Uninhabitable Earth* "The Uninhabitable Earth is the most terrifying book I have ever read. Its subject is climate change, and its method is scientific, but its mode is Old Testament. The book is a meticulously documented, white-knuckled tour through the cascading catastrophes that will soon engulf our warming planet."—Farhad Manjoo,

The New York Times "Riveting. . . . Some readers will find Mr. Wallace-Wells's outline of possible futures alarmist. He is indeed alarmed. You should be, too."—The Economist "Potent and evocative. . . . Wallace-Wells has resolved to offer something other than the standard narrative of climate change. . . . He avoids the 'eerily banal language of climatology' in favor of lush, rolling prose."—Jennifer Szalai, The New York Times "The book has potential to be this generation's Silent Spring."—The Washington Post "The Uninhabitable Earth, which has become a best seller, taps into the underlying emotion of the day: fear. . . . I encourage people to read this book."—Alan Weisman, The New York Review of Books

**The Citizen's Guide to Climate Success** - Mark Jaccard 2020-02-06

Sometimes solving climate change seems impossibly complex, and it is hard to know what changes we all can and should make to help. This book offers hope. Drawing on the latest research, Mark Jaccard shows us how to recognize the absolutely essential actions (decarbonizing electricity and transport) and policies (regulations that phase out coal plants and gasoline vehicles, carbon tariffs). Rather than feeling paralyzed and pursuing ineffective efforts, we can all make a few key changes in our lifestyles to reduce emissions, to contribute to the urgently needed affordable energy transition in developed and developing countries. More importantly, Jaccard shows how to distinguish climate-sincere from insincere politicians and increase the chance of electing and sustaining these leaders in power. In combining the personal and the political, *The Citizen's Guide to Climate Success* offers a clear and simple strategic path to solving the greatest problem of our times. A PDF version of this title is also available as Open Access on Cambridge Core at doi.org/10.1017/9781108783453.

*Torture Taxi* - Trevor Paglen 2007

A story of how the CIA's darkest secret of the War on Terror - the 'extraordinary rendition' programme - was exposed. This work takes a look at the logistics of torture which shows how far Bush is prepared to go in the 'war on terror'.

*Armed Madhouse* - Greg Palast 2007-08-30

'Razor sharp research ... shows why every US citizen should be quaking in their boots' Metro, Books of the Year 'Bill Hicks with a press pass' The List Award-winning guerrilla journalist Greg Palast has gone where most have been too scared to unearth the ugly truth about the haves and have-mores who rule our world ... America. Here he reports from behind enemy lines to reveal just how bad it's got in a dangerous regime: how elections are bought and free speech comes at a price. How citizens are ruled by fear. And how our brave new globalized world means the poor get hammered, while corporations silently buy up the planet. It's not pretty - but it's all true ... 'Palast is one of the few journalists writing who has both the anger and the wit to offer himself up as a persuasive - and more importantly, readable - voice of the left' Observer 'A rollercoaster ride from Baghdad to New Orleans and Osama bin Laden's cave to the back rooms of the Pentagon' Big Issue 'Very funny ... For anyone who thinks that no-one from the US knows what's going on, Palast is the perfect riposte' Guardian

**Vultures' Picnic** - Greg Palast 2012-03-15

The bestselling author of *The Best Democracy Money Can Buy* offers a globetrotting, Sam Spade-style investigation that blows the lid off the oil industry, the banking industry, and the governmental agencies that aren't regulating either. This is the story of the corporate vultures that feed on the weak and ruin our planet in the process—a story that spans the globe and decades. For *Vultures' Picnic*, investigative journalist Greg Palast has spent his career uncovering the connection between the world of energy (read: oil) and finance. He's built a team that reads like a casting call for a Hollywood thriller—a Swiss multilingual investigator, a punk journalist, and a gonzo cameraman—to reveal how environmental disasters like the Gulf oil spill, the Exxon Valdez, and lesser-known tragedies such as Tattilek and Torrey Canyon are caused by corporate corruption, failed legislation, and, most interestingly, veiled connections between the financial industry and energy titans. Palast shows how the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, World Trade Organization, and Central Banks act as puppets for Big Oil. With Palast at the center of an investigation that takes us from the Arctic to Africa to the Amazon, *Vultures' Picnic* shows how the big powers in the money and oil game slip the bonds of regulation over and over again, and simply destroy the rules that they themselves can't write—and take advantage of nations and everyday people in the process.

*Billionaires & Ballot Bandits* - Greg Palast 2012-09-25

A close presidential election in November could well come down to contested states or even districts--an election decided by vote theft? It

could happen this year. Based on Greg Palast and Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.'s investigative reporting for Rolling Stone and BBC television, *Billionaires & Ballot Bandits: How to Steal an Election in 9 Easy Steps* might be the most important book published this year--one that could save the election. *Billionaires & Ballot Bandits* names the filthy-rich sugar-daddies who are super-funding the Super-PACs of both parties--billionaires with nicknames like "The Ice Man," "The Vulture" and, of course, The Brothers Koch. Told with Palast's no-holds-barred, reporter-on-the-beat style, the facts as he lays them out are staggering. What emerges in *Billionaires & Ballot Bandits* is the never-before-told-story of the epic battle being fought behind the scenes between the old money banking sector that still supports Obama, and the new hedge fund billionaires like Paul Singer who not only support Romney but also are among his key economic advisors. Although it has not been reported, Obama has shown some backbone in standing up to the financial excesses of the men behind Romney. *Billionaires & Ballot Bandits* exposes the previously unreported details on how operatives plan to use the hundreds of millions in Super-PAC money pouring into this election. We know the money is pouring in, but Palast shows us the convoluted ways the money will be used to suppress your vote. The story of the billionaires and why they want to buy an election is matched with the nine ways they can steal the election. His story of the sophisticated new trickery will pick up on Palast's giant New York Times bestseller, *The Best Democracy Money Can Buy*.

*One Second After* - William R. Forstchen 2011-04-26

A post-apocalyptic thriller of the after effects in the United States after a terrifying terrorist attack using electromagnetic pulse weapons. New York Times best selling author William R. Forstchen now brings us a story which can be all too terrifyingly real...a story in which one man struggles to save his family and his small North Carolina town after America loses a war, in one second, a war that will send America back to the Dark Ages...A war based upon a weapon, an Electro Magnetic Pulse (EMP). A weapon that may already be in the hands of our enemies. Months before publication, *One Second After* has already been cited on the floor of Congress as a book all Americans should read, a book already being discussed in the corridors of the Pentagon as a truly realistic look at a weapon and its awesome power to destroy the entire United States, literally within one second. It is a weapon that the Wall Street Journal warns could shatter America. In the tradition of *On the Beach*, *Fail Safe* and *Testament*, this book, set in a typical American town, is a dire warning of what might be our future...and our end. The John Matherson Series #1 *One Second After* #2 *One Year After* #3 *The Final Day* Other Books *Pillar to the Sky* 48 Hours At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

*Mass Surveillance and State Control* - E. Cohen 2010-10-25

This book details the factors contributing to the degenerative trend of mass, warrantless government surveillance which imperils civil liberties, and specifies recommendations for constructive change. It also provides a platform for grassroots efforts to stop the decline before it is too late.

**Keeping Down the Black Vote** - Frances Fox Piven 2009

Identifies voter suppression methods that the author contends are specifically targeting African-Americans, Latin-Americans, and the poor, in a controversial examination that demonstrates how the political system uses "election reform" stances to minimize voter turnout.

**Spain, a Global History** - Luis Francisco Martinez Montes 2018-11-12

From the late fifteenth to the nineteenth centuries, the Hispanic Monarchy was one of the largest and most diverse political communities known in history. At its apogee, it stretched from the Castilian plateau to the high peaks of the Andes; from the cosmopolitan cities of Seville, Naples, or Mexico City to Santa Fe and San Francisco; from Brussels to

Buenos Aires and from Milan to Manila. During those centuries, Spain left its imprint across vast continents and distant oceans contributing in no minor way to the emergence of our globalised era. This was true not only in an economic sense--the Hispano-American silver peso transported across the Atlantic and the Pacific by the Spanish fleets was arguably the first global currency, thus facilitating the creation of a world economic system--but intellectually and artistically as well. The most extraordinary cultural exchanges took place in practically every corner of the Hispanic world, no matter how distant from the metropolis. At various times a descendant of the Aztec nobility was translating a Baroque play into Nahuatl to the delight of an Amerindian and mixed audience in the market of Tlatelolco; an Andalusian Dominican priest was writing the first Western grammar of the Chinese language in Fuzhou, a Chinese city that enjoyed a trade monopoly with the Spanish Philippines; a Franciscan friar was composing a piece of polyphonic music with lyrics in Quechua to be played in a church decorated with Moorish-style ceilings in a Peruvian valley; or a multi-ethnic team of Amerindian and Spanish naturalists was describing in Latin, Spanish and local vernacular languages thousands of medicinal plants, animals and minerals previously unknown to the West. And, most probably, at the same time that one of those exchanges were happening, the members of the School of Salamanca were laying the foundations of modern international law or formulating some of the first modern theories of price, value and money, Cervantes was writing *Don Quixote*, Velázquez was painting *Las Meninas*, or Goya was exposing both the dark and bright sides of the European Enlightenment. Actually, whenever we contemplate the galleries devoted to Velázquez, El Greco, Zurbarán, Murillo or Goya in the Prado Museum in Madrid; when we visit the National Palace in Mexico City, a mission in California, a Jesuit church in Rome or the Intramuros quarter in Manila; or when we hear Spanish being spoken in a myriad of accents in the streets of San Francisco, New Orleans or Manhattan we are experiencing some of the past and present fruits of an always vibrant and still expanding cultural community. As the reader can infer by now, this book is about how Spain and the larger Hispanic world have contributed to world history and in particular to the history of civilisation, not only at the zenith of the Hispanic Monarchy but throughout a much longer span of time.

**The Nation** - 2008

[The Best Democracy Money Can Buy](#) - Greg Palast 2003-02-25

"Palast is astonishing, he gets the real evidence no one else has the guts to dig up." Vincent Bugliosi, author of *None Dare Call it Treason* and *Helter Skelter* Award-winning investigative journalist Greg Palast digs deep to unearth the ugly facts that few reporters working anywhere in the world today have the courage or ability to cover. From East Timor to Waco, he has exposed some of the most egregious cases of political corruption, corporate fraud, and financial manipulation in the US and abroad. His uncanny investigative skills as well as his no-holds-barred style have made him an anathema among magnates on four continents and a living legend among his colleagues and his devoted readership. This exciting collection, now revised and updated, brings together some of Palast's most powerful writing of the past decade. Included here are his celebrated Washington Post exposé on Jeb Bush and Katherine Harris's stealing of the presidential election in Florida, and recent stories on George W. Bush's payoffs to corporate cronies, the payola behind Hillary Clinton, and the faux energy crisis. Also included in this volume are new and previously unpublished material, television transcripts, photographs, and letters.

[The Persian Corridor and Aid to Russia](#) - Thomas Hubbard Vail Motter 1952