

NONFICTION

Spark a great debate

GUN REFORM

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By David and Lauren Hogg
Parkland survivors David and Lauren Hogg crystallize their generation's call for gun reform in this manifesto for a growing youth movement. (June)

CYBER-WARFARE

THE PERFECT WEAPON

By David Sanger
Sanger, a national-security reporter, charts the global rise of cyberwarfare and examines how digital weapons are rapidly changing geopolitics. (June)

FAKE NEWS

THE DEATH OF TRUTH

By Michiko Kakutani
The Pulitzer Prize-winning critic traces the creeping forces that have allowed opinion to be treated with as much credibility as fact. (July)

ECONOMY

SQUEEZED

By Alissa Quart
This look at the financial burdens on the middle class argues that the costs of raising kids in the U.S. are too high for all but the wealthiest Americans. (June)

HISTORY

BY LILY ROTHMAN

Summer travels back in time

Summer gets a bad rap as the time when knowledge takes a backseat to fun, with school out of session and leisure taking priority. But thanks to this season's wealth of offerings, it's also a chance to bone up on history. Although some of these releases don't exactly make for relaxing poolside reading, each provides an opportunity to soak up a chapter of the past, whether 17th century Asia or the American civil rights movement.



James Baldwin speaks to a crowd gathered in New York City to mourn the victims of violence in Birmingham, Ala., in 1963

What Truth Sounds Like: Robert F. Kennedy, James Baldwin, and Our Unfinished Conversation About Race in America

By Michael Eric Dyson
The prolific thinker and sociology professor turns his focus to a frustrating 1963 meeting, organized by Baldwin at RFK's request, about the nation's racial divide. (June)

Empress: The Astonishing Reign of Nur Jahan

By Ruby Lal
Fans of biographies might keep an eye out for this tale about the multitiered woman who, after her 1611 marriage to the man who ruled the Mughal Empire—making her his 20th wife—rose to a surprising and complex position of power. (July)

A Bite-Sized History of France: Gastronomic Tales of Revolution, War, and Enlightenment

By Stéphane Hénaut and Jeni Mitchell
Pack this one if you're going abroad—or if you're simply hungry. The authors use food and wine as a way to trace French history from ancient times through today. (July)

The Prison Letters of Nelson Mandela

Edited by Sahn Venter
For history buffs who prefer primary sources, this collection of writings from the South African leader promises a window into history as it was lived, with more than 250 letters—including previously unpublished ones—from Mandela's 27 years as a prisoner. (July)

Indianapolis: The True Story of the Worst Sea Disaster in U.S. Naval History and the Fifty-Year Fight to Exonerate an Innocent Man

By Lynn Vincent and Sara Vladic
This account of the U.S.S. *Indianapolis* promises to show that the ship's story is about much more than the torpedoes that ended it. (July)

Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History

By Keith O'Brien
Let's call it the *Hidden Figures* rule: If there's a part of the past you thought was exclusively male, you're probably wrong. Case in point are these stories of Amelia Earhart and other female pilots who fought to fly. (August)