

mission, of the decisive months when, belatedly and reluctantly but ultimately decisively, the United States reasserted its moral authority and leadership and ended Europe's worst war in over half a century. To End a War reveals many important new details of how America made this historic decision. What George F. Kennan has called Holbrooke's "heroic efforts" were shaped by the enormous tragedy with which the mission began, when three of his four team members were killed during their first attempt to reach Sarajevo. In Belgrade, Sarajevo, Zagreb, Paris, Athens, and Ankara, and throughout the dramatic roller-coaster ride at Dayton, he tirelessly imposed, cajoled, and threatened in the quest to stop the killing and forge a peace agreement. Holbrooke's portraits of the key actors, from officials in the White House and the Elysée Palace to the leaders in the Balkans, are sharp and unforforging. His explanation of how the United States was finally forced to intervene breaks important new ground, as does his discussion of the near disaster in the early period of the implementation of the Dayton agreement. To End a War is a brilliant portrayal of high-wire, high-stakes diplomacy in one of the toughest negotiations of modern times. A classic account of the uses and misuses of American power, its lessons go far beyond the boundaries of the Balkans and provide a powerful argument for continued American leadership in the modern world.

East Central Europe Wojciech Roszkowski 2015-01-01 What is East Central Europe? Can it be defined with any precision? The question of definition is a difficult one as is usually the case concerning borderlands whose historical developments show little continuity and an uncertain identity born of the conflict between aspirations and reality. It is in East Central Europe that „no peace settlement is ever final, no frontiers are secure and each generation must begin its work anew”. Is there any chance that this definition will become out of date?

A Concise History of U.S. Foreign Policy Joyce P. Kaufman 2010-01-16 A third edition of this book is now available. Now in a fully updated edition, this knowledgeable and reader-friendly text gives a conceptual and historical overview of American foreign relations from the founding to the present. Providing students with a solid and readily understandable framework for evaluating American foreign policy decisions, Joyce P. Kaufman clearly explains key decisions and why they were made. Compact yet thorough, the book offers instructors a concise introduction that can be easily supplemented with other sources.

Kosovo Noel Malcolm 2002 From the author of the critically acclaimed Bosnia: A Short History comes a 'magisterial work of history' TLSBy the early-1980s Kosovo had reached a state of permanent crisis and military occupation, and it became the main focus for the revival of Serbian nationalism. This book traces the history of Kosovo, examining the Yugoslavian conflict, and the part played by Western Europe in its destruction. 'This is a profound and important book, essential reading for those who wish to understand either the complex history or the present politics of Yugoslavia.' Hugh Trevor-Roper, SUNDAY TELEGRAPH 'A dreadnought of a book, all big guns, covering the whole history of Kosovo, with an authority that is often breathtaking and never oppressive.' Norman Stone, SUNDAY TIMES

The Yugo Jason Vuic 2011-03-01 Six months after its American introduction in 1985, the Yugo was a punch line; within a year, it was a staple of late-night comedy. By 2000, NPR's Car Talk declared it "the worst car of the millennium." And for most Americans that's where the story begins and ends. Hardly. The short, unhappy life of the car, the men who built it, the men who imported it, and the decade that embraced and discarded it is rollicking and astounding, and one of the greatest untold business-cum-morality tales of the 1980s. Mix one rabid entrepreneur, several thousand "good" communists, a willing U.S. State Department, the shortsighted Detroit auto industry, and improvident bankers, shake vigorously, and you've got The Yugo: The Rise and Fall of the Worst Car in History. Brilliantly re-creating the amazing confluence of events that produced the Yugo, Yugoslav expert Jason Vuic uproariously tells the story of the car that became an international joke: The American CEO who happens upon a Yugo right when his company needs to find a new import or go under. A State Department eager to aid Yugoslavia's nonaligned communist government. Zastava Automobiles, which overhauls its factory to produce an American-ready Yugo in six months. And a hole left by Detroit in the cheap subcompact market that creates a race to the bottom that leaves the Yugo . . . at the bottom.

A Short History of Finland Fred Singleton 1998-10 Finland has often been ignored or misunderstood by the English-speaking world and this work presents the reader with a readable and authoritative introduction to the life of the Fins and the position of their country in the modern world. The book explains how a small nation, placed in an unfavorable geopolitical situation, won its independence and eventually achieved a high material standard of living together with an enviable degree of social and political stability by adapting itself to the realities of life in an unpromising environment. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

The Yugoslav Wars of the 1990s Catherine Baker 2015-07-30 Catherine Baker offers an up-to-date, balanced and concise introductory account of the Yugoslav wars of the 1990s and their aftermath. The volume incorporates the latest research, showing how the state of the field has evolved and guides students through the existing literature, topics and debates.

Citizenship in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia and Montenegro Jelena Džankić 2016-03-03 What happens to the citizen when states and nations come into being? How do the different ways in which states and nations exist define relations between individuals, groups, and the government? Are all citizens equal in their rights and duties in the newly established polity? Addressing these key questions in the contested and ethnically heterogeneous post-Yugoslav states of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia and Montenegro, this book reinterprets the place of citizenship in the disintegration of Yugoslavia and the creation of new states in the Western Balkans. Carefully analysing the interplay between competing ethnic identities and state-building projects, the author proposes a new analytical framework for studying continuities and discontinuities of citizenship in post-partition, post-conflict states. The book maintains that citizenship regimes in challenged states are shaped not only by the immediate political contexts that generated them, but also by their historical trajectories, societal environments in which they exist, as well as the transformative powers of international and European factors.

The Fall of Yugoslavia Misha Glenny 1996-09 In this third fully revised and updated discussion of the five-year conflict in the former Yugoslavia, Misha Glenny looks ahead to the uncertain future in this turbulent region. It is an eyewitness chronicle of the struggle for independence for Croatia and Slovenia.

A Brief History of Communism According to the CIA Julian Bull Many formerly classified CIA documents show very clearly that communism is radically humanistic. There is a clear acknowledgement of quite dramatic improvements to the quality of life and standard of living of the population. Rapid economic and wage growth, reduction in the cost of living and unemployment rates, dramatic improvements to the standards of health, education, social, political and economic equality, the status of women, oppressed ethnic and racial groups etc. All the major Communist countries in the world started out, at the time of their revolutions, as relatively poor, largely feudal societies. Within a few decades, they transformed themselves into innovative, modern, technologically advanced and prosperous societies. The capitalist elite have very strong motives for slandering Socialism and vastly disproportionate access to the mediums with which to spread these lies. Privately, within their own secret intelligence documents, the Capitalist elite need very accurate and reliable information so that they can understand and destroy their enemy. No Communist party has successfully created a Utopia, none of them even claim to have achieved this. However, they have massively improved the lives of the people their represent without it coming at the expense of people in foreign countries. Their enormous achievements are embarrassing to the rulers of the Capitalist world.

Slobodan Milosevic and the Destruction of Yugoslavia Louis Sell 2003-08-04 Focusing on the life and career of Slobodan Milosevic from the perspective of both a diplomatic insider and a scholar, this text provides first-hand observations of Milosevic during his rise to power and, later, in the endgame of the Bosnian war.

Constructing Yugoslavia Vesna Drapac 2010-01-27 Vesna Drapac provides an insightful survey of the changing nature of the Yugoslav ideal, demonstrating why Yugoslavism was championed at different times and by whom, and how it was constructed in the minds of outside observers. Covering the period from the 1850s to the death of Tito in 1980, Drapac situates Yugoslavia in the broader international context and examines its history within the more familiar story of Europe in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. This approachable study also explores key themes and debates, including: - The place of the nation-state within the worldview of nineteenth-century intellectuals - The memory of war and commemorative practices in the interwar years - Resistance and collaboration - The nature of dictatorships - Gender and citizenship - Yugoslavia's role from the perspective of the 'Superpowers' Drawing on a wide range of sources in order to recreate the atmosphere of the period, Constructing Yugoslavia traces the formation of popular perceptions of Yugoslavia and their impact on policy toward Yugoslavs. It is essential reading for anyone with an interest in the history of this fascinating nation, and its ultimate demise.

German and Bosnian Voices in a Time of Crisis William S. Walker 2010-11 The 1992-1995 war in Bosnia, the most violent chapter in the breakup of the former Yugoslavia, forced more than 2,000,000 people from their homes. Europe witnessed the greatest refugee crisis since the end of World War II and Germany became the primary refuge for Bosnians fleeing the fighting. "German and Bosnian Voices In A Time Of Crisis" is the story of what happened during those war years and afterwards when nearly 350,000 Bosnians came to Germany. The story is told with precision and eloquence by William Walker, a journalist with intimate knowledge of Germany, his home for more than 30 years, and the Balkan region, where he worked often during the last two decades. "German and Bosnian Voices In A Time Of Crisis" began as a doctoral dissertation in 2005 at the Seminar of East European History of Heidelberg University. The author, William Walker, was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree for this study of the refugees' time in Germany. The dissertation, which was the result of two years of interviews throughout Germany and the Balkans, was accepted with honors by the university in December 2009. In praising "German and Bosnian Voices" as an eloquently written, groundbreaking document, one of the university evaluators noted, "This work brings us closer to an understanding of the basic problem of German history in the 1990s. Above all it puts our focus on the victims of the history."

Balkan Ghosts Robert D. Kaplan 2014-04-01 From the assassination that triggered World War I to the ethnic warfare in Serbia, Bosnia, and Croatia, the Balkans have been the crucible of the twentieth century, the place where terrorism and genocide first became tools of policy. Chosen as one of the Best Books of the Year by The New York Times, and greeted with critical acclaim as "the most insightful and timely work on the Balkans to date" (The Boston Globe), Kaplan's prescient, enthralling, and often chilling political travelogue is already a modern classic. This new edition of Balkan Ghosts includes six opinion pieces written by Robert Kaplan about the Balkans between 1996 and 2000 beginning just after the implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords and ending after the conclusion of the Kosovo war, with the removal of Slobodan Milosevic from power.

The Serbs Tim Judah 1997-01-01 History, myth, and the destruction of Yugoslavia.

Women, Gender Equality, and Post-Conflict Transformation Joyce P. Kaufman 2016-10-04 The end of formal hostilities in any given conflict provides an opportunity to transform society in order to secure a stable peace. This book builds on the existing feminist international relations literature as well as lessons of past cases that reinforce the importance of including women in the post-conflict transition process, and are important to our general understanding of gender relations in the conflict and post-conflict periods. Post-conflict transformation processes, including disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) programs, transitional justice mechanisms, reconciliation measures, and legal and political reforms, which emerge after the formal hostilities end demonstrate that war and peace impact, and are impacted by, women and men differently. By drawing on a strong theoretical framework and a number of cases, this volume provides important insight into questions pertaining to the end of conflict and the challenges inherent in the post-conflict transition period that are relevant to students and practitioners alike.