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The Secret History

1992

a transfer student from a small town in california richard papen is determined to affect the ways of his hampden college peers and he begins his intense studies under the tutelage of eccentric julian morrow bomc qpb alt tour

The Secret History of Entertainment

2010-08-12

a must for all pop culture junkies myriad weird and weirder showbiz stories with which to amaze astound and possibly bore rigid close personal friends down the pub or in sheltered accomodation a must for intellectuals and anoraks alike mark radcliffe

My Secret History

2011-12-15

nothing on the shelf has quite prepared the reader for my secret history parent saunters into the book aged fifteen shouldering a 22 mossberg rifle as earlier more innocent american heroes used to tote a fishing pole in

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his pocket is a paperback translation of dante s inferno he is a creature of naked and unquenchable ego greedy for sex money experience another life jonathan raban observer

The Secret History of Wonder Woman

2014-12-04

a riveting work of historical detection revealing that the origins of one of the world s most iconic superheroes hides within it a fascinating family story and a crucial history of twentieth century feminism wonder woman created in 1941 is the most popular female superhero of all time aside from superman and batman no superhero has lasted as long or commanded so vast and wildly passionate a following like every other superhero wonder woman has a secret identity unlike every other superhero she also has a secret history harvard historian and new yorker staff writer jill lepore has uncovered an astonishing trove of documents including the never before seen private papers of william moulton marston wonder woman s creator beginning in his undergraduate years at harvard marston was influenced by early suffragists and feminists starting with emmeline pankhurst who was banned from speaking on campus in 1911 when marston was a freshman in the 1920s marston and his wife sadie elizabeth holloway brought into their home olive byrne the niece of

margaret sanger one of the most influential feminists of the twentieth century

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century the marston family story is a tale of drama intrigue and irony in the 1930s marston and byrne wrote a regular column for family circle celebrating conventional family life even as they themselves pursued lives of extraordinary nonconformity marston internationally known as an expert on truth he invented the lie detector test lived a life of secrets only to spill them on the pages of wonder woman the secret history of wonder woman is a tour de force of intellectual and cultural history wonder woman lepore argues is the missing link in the history of the struggle for women s rights a chain of events that begins with the women s suffrage campaigns of the early 1900s and ends with the troubled place of feminism a century later praise for jill lepore few historians handle weirdness as deftly or thoughtfully as lepore her brilliance lies in knowing what to do with the material she has in her hands the wonder woman story unpacks not only a new cultural history of feminism but a theory of history as well the new york times book review ms lepore s lively surprising and occasionally salacious history is far more than the story of a comic strip the author a professor of history at harvard places wonder woman squarely in the story of women s rights in america a cycle of rights won lost and endlessly fought for again her superb narrative brings that history vividly into the present weaving individual lives into the sweeping changes of the century the wall street journal

The Secret History by Donna Tartt (Book

Analysis)

2019-04-03

unlock the more straightforward side of the secret history with this concise and insightful summary and analysis this engaging summary presents an analysis of the secret history by donna tartt which follows a group of highly intelligent classics students at the elite hampden college in new england richard papen who comes from a humble background in california joins this small privileged group and becomes increasingly embedded in their world of wealth and intellectual pursuits however darkness lies just below the surface and soon bursts out when one of the group is murdered the novel traces the events leading up to the killing and examines its life changing impact on the remaining students the secret history is donna tartt s first novel she is also known for her novels the little friend and the goldfinch find out everything you need to know about the secret history in a fraction of the time this in depth and informative reading guide brings you a complete plot summary character studies key themes and symbols questions for further reflection why choose brightsummaries com available in print and digital format our publications are designed to accompany you on your reading journey the clear and concise style makes for easy understanding providing the perfect

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Ash

2013-09-24

for the beautiful young woman ash life has always been arquebuses and artillery swords and armour and the true horrors of hand to hand combat war is her job she has fought her way to the command of a mercenary company and on her unlikely shoulders lies the destiny of a europe threatened by the depredations of an infidel army more terrible than any nightmare winner of the bsfa award for best novel 2000

The Little Friend

2011-09-30

the sunlit rails gleamed like dark mercury arteries branching out silver from the switch points the old telegraph poles were shaggy with kudzu and virginia creeper and above them rose the water tower its surface all washed out by the sun harriet cautiously stepped towards it in the weedy clearing around and around it she walked around the rusted metal legs one day is never ever discussed by the cleve family the day that nine

year old robin was found hanging by the neck from a tree in their front

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garden twelve years later the family are no nearer to uncovering the truth of what happened to him inspired by houdini and robert louis stevenson twelve year old harriet sets out to find her brother s murderer and punish him but what starts out as a child s game soon becomes a dangerous journey into the menacing underworld of a small mississippi town

The Secret History of the World

2010

jonathan black examines the end of the world and the coming of the antichrist or is he already here how will he make himself known and what will become of the world when he does and the end of time having studied theology and learnt from initiates of all the great secret societies of the world jonathan black has learned that it is possible to reach an altered state of consciousness in which we can see things about the way the world works that hidden from our everyday commonsensical consciousness this history shows that by using secret techniques people such as leonardo da vinci isaac newton and george washington have worked themselves into this altered state and been able to access supernatural levels of intelligence this book will leave you questioning every aspect of your life and spotting hidden messages in the very fabric of society and life itself it will open your mind to a new way of living and leave you questioning everything you have been taught and everything

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you ve taught your children

Donna Tartt's The Secret History

2001-09-01

this series gives readers accessible and informative introductions to 30 of the most popular most acclaimed and most influential contemporary novels each title includes a biography of the novelist and a full length study of the novel

Paris

2013-07-26

paris is the city of light and the city of darkness a place of ceaseless revolution and reinvention that for two thousand years has drawn those with the highest ideals and the lowest morals to its teeming streets in andrew hussey s wonderful book we encounter the myriad citizens whose stories have shaped paris the nineteenth century flaneurs aimlessly wandering haussman s new streets survivors and victims of ravaging plagues the builders of notre dame cathedral those who turned the river seine red with blood on st bartholomew s day and the many others whose lives have imprinted themselves on a city that has always aroused strong emotions

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Secret History of the Ira

2007-08-07

for decades the british and irish had got used to a situation without parallel in europe a cold ferocious persistent campaign of bombing and terror of extraordinary duration and inventiveness at the heart of that campaign lies one man gerryadams from the outbreak of the troubles to the present day he has been an immensely influential figure the most compelling question about the ira is how did a man who condoned atrocities that resulted in huge numbers of civilian deaths also become the guiding light behind the peace process moloney s book is now updated to encompass the anxious and uneasy peace that has prevailed to 2007

The Secret History of Georgian London

2010-02-09

one of our leading historians describes how georgian london was shaped by the sex industry

The Secret History of Costaguana

2012-08-07

a potent mixture of history fiction and literary gamesmanship los angeles times a cunning tribute to a classic wall street journal a post modern literary revenge story the new york times an ingenious novel of historical invention from the global literary star author of the sound of things falling on the day of joseph conrad s death in 1924 the colombian born josé altamirano begins to write and cannot stop many years before he confessed to conrad his life s every delicious detail from his country s heroic revolutions to his darkest solitary moments those intimate recollections became nostromo a novel that solidified conrad s fame and turned altamirano s reality into a work of fiction now conrad is dead but the slate is by no means clear nostromo will live on and altamirano must write himself back into existence as the destinies of real empires collide with the murky realities of imagined ones vásquez takes us from a flourishing twentieth century london to the lawless fury of a blooming panama and back in a labyrinthine quest to reclaim the past of both a country and a man

Jewels

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throughout history precious stones have inspired passions and poetry
quests and curses sacred writings and unsacred actions in this
scintillating book journalist victoria finlay embarks on her own globe
circling search for the real stories behind some of the gems we prize most
blending adventure travel geology exciting new research and her own
irresistible charm finlay has fashioned a treasure hunt for some of the
most valuable glamorous and mysterious substances on earth with the
same intense curiosity and narrative flair she displayed in her widely
praised book color finlay journeys from the underground opal churches of
outback australia to the once pearl rich rivers of scotland from the peridot
mines on an apache reservation in arizona to the remote ruby mines in
the mountains of northern burma she risks confronting scorpions to crawl
through cleopatra s long deserted emerald mines tries her hand at gem
cutting in the dusty sri lankan city where marco polo bartered for
sapphires and investigates a rumor that fifty years ago most of the world
s amber was mined by prisoners in a soviet gulag jewels is a unique and
often exhilarating voyage through history across cultures deep into the
earth s mantle and up to the glittering heights of fame power and wealth
from the fabled curse of the hope diamond to the disturbing truths about
how pearls are cultured to the peasants who were once executed for
carrying amber to the centuries old quest by magicians and scientists to
make a perfect diamond jewels tells dazzling stories with a wonderment

and brilliance truly worthy of its subjects

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The Secret History of Food

2021-08-31

an irreverent surprising and entirely entertaining look at the little known history surrounding the foods we know and love is italian olive oil really italian or are we dipping our bread in lamp oil why are we masochistically drawn to foods that can hurt us like hot peppers far from being a classic american dish is apple pie actually english as a species we re hardwired to obsess over food matt siegel explains as he sets out to uncover the hidden side of everything we put in our mouths siegel also probes subjects ranging from the myths and realities of food as aphrodisiac to how one of the rarest and most exotic spices in all the world vanilla became a synonym for uninspired sexual proclivities to the role of food in fairy and morality tales he even makes a well argued case for how ice cream helped defeat the nazis the secret history of food is a rich and satisfying exploration of the historical cultural scientific sexual and yes culinary subcultures of this most essential realm siegel is an armchair anthony bourdain armed not with a chef s knife but with knowledge derived from medieval food related manuscripts ancient chinese scrolls and obscure culinary journals funny and fascinating the secret history of food is essential reading for all foodies

The Secret History of Here

2021-06-03

the secret history of here is the story of a single place in the scottish borders the site on which alistair moffat s farm now stands has been occupied since prehistoric times walking this landscape you can feel the presence and see the marks of those who lived here before but it is also the story of everywhere in uncovering the history of one piece of land moffat shows how history is all around us if only we have the eyes to see it taking the form of a journal of a year this is a walk through the centuries as much as the seasons offering a glimpse into the lives of those who came before as well as those who live here now

The Secret History of Mermaids and Creatures of the Deep

2009-09-08

from the loremaster who brought us the secret history of giants comes an intriguing chronicle revealing the mysterious ways of merfolk since ancient times seafarers and coast dwellers the world over have reported encounters with merpeople variously known as finfolk dinny mara nereids blue men and merrymaids merfolk have been the source of both gifts and

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disasters for humankind this lavishly illustrated resource offers insight into the lives origins language and magic of these elusive peoples like a siren s song this fascinating tome is sure to enthrall all who fall under its spell special features include paper novelties including sundry flaps booklets and gatefolds a lavish cover with foil embossing and glittery jewels an elegant tassel dangling from the spine

The Secret History of the Jesuits

1982

dotyczy m in polski

Dark Territory

2016

originally published in hardcover in 2016 by simon schuster

The Originals: the Secret History of the Birth of the SAS

2006

the originals is not just the inside story of how the sas was formed it is
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also the story of the lives and characters of an incredible band of brothers and the legend they created this is the story of the creation of the sas in the words of the men themselves originally published 2005

A Cruel and Shocking Act

2013-10-29

a groundbreaking explosive account of the kennedy assassination that will rewrite the history of the 20th century s most controversial murder investigation the questions have haunted our nation for half a century was the president killed by a single gunman was lee harvey oswald part of a conspiracy did the warren commission discover the whole truth of what happened on november 22 1963 philip shenon a veteran investigative journalist who spent most of his career at the new york times finally provides many of the answers though a cruel and shocking act began as shenon s attempt to write the first insider s history of the warren commission it quickly became something much larger and more important when he discovered startling information that was withheld from the warren commission by the cia fbi and others in power in washington shenon shows how the commission s ten month investigation was doomed to fail because the man leading it chief justice earl warren was more committed to protecting the kennedy family than getting to the full truth about what happened on that tragic day a taut page of award winning narrative

shenon s book features some of the most compelling figures of the twentieth century bobby kennedy jackie kennedy lyndon johnson j edgar hoover chief justice warren cia spymasters allen dulles and richard helms as well as the cia s treacherous molehunter james jesus angleton based on hundreds of interviews and unprecedented access to the surviving commission staffers and many other key players philip shenon s authoritative scrupulously researched book will forever change the way we think about the kennedy assassination and about the deeply flawed investigation that followed a washington post notable nonfiction book of 2013

Red-Blooded Risk

2011-10-11

an innovative guide that identifies what distinguishes the best financial risk takers from the rest from 1987 to 1992 a small group of wall street quants invented an entirely new way of managing risk to maximize success risk management for risk takers this is the secret that lets tiny quantitative edges create hedge fund billionaires and defines the powerful modern global derivatives economy the same practical techniques are still used today by risk takers in finance as well as many other fields red blooded risk examines this approach and offers valuable advice for the calculated risk takers who need precise quantitative guidance

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them from the rest of the pack while most commentators say that the last financial crisis proved it s time to follow risk minimizing techniques they re wrong the only way to succeed at anything is to manage true risk which includes the chance of loss red blooded risk presents specific actionable strategies that will allow you to be a practical risk taker in even the most dynamic markets contains a secret history of wall street the parts all the other books leave out includes an intellectually rigorous narrative addressing what it takes to really make it in any risky activity on or off wall street addresses essential issues ranging from the way you think about chance to economics politics finance and life written by aaron brown one of the most calculated and successful risk takers in the world of finance who was an active participant in the creation of modern risk management and had a front row seat to the last meltdown written in an engaging but rigorous style with no equations contains illustrations and graphic narrative by renowned manga artist eric kim there are people who disapprove of every risk before the fact but never stop anyone from doing anything dangerous because they want to take credit for any success the recent financial crisis has swelled their ranks but in learning how to break free of these people you ll discover how taking on the right risk can open the door to the most profitable opportunities

The Scapegoat

2000-02-14

for his part john has no choice but to take the frenchman s place as master of a chateau director of a failing business head of a large and embittered family and keeper of too many secrets

A Secret History of Christianity

2019-09

the forgotten story of christianity inward sight and life in all its fullness today

The Secret History of Vampires

2010-02-01

of all forms taken by the undead the vampire wields the most powerful pull on the modern imagination

The Secret History of Moscow

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every city contains secret places moscow in the tumultuous 1990s is no different its citizens seeking safety in a world below the streets a dark cavernous world of magic weeping trees and albino jackdaws where exiled pagan deities and faery tale creatures whisper strange tales to those who would listen galina is a young woman caught like her contemporaries in the seeming lawlessness of the new russia in the midst of this chaos her sister maria turns into a jackdaw and flies away prompting galina to join yakov a policeman investigating a rash of recent disappearances their search will take them to the underground realm of hidden truths and archetypes to find themselves caught between reality and myth past and present honor and betrayal the secret history of moscow

A Secret History of Brands

2017-07

we live our lives immersed in name brand products it s hard to drive down the street without seeing a plethora of chain restaurants car dealerships branded clothing they re all around us what most of us don t know is that the origins of many of the most well known and beloved brands in the world are shrouded in controversy drug use and sometimes even addled with blatant racism a secret history of brands cuts through the rumors and urban legends and paints a picture of the true dark history of brands

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brands like coca cola hugo boss adidas ford bayer chanel and bmw among others explore the mystery of the cocaine content of coca cola the hitler henry ford connection and why bayer is famous for aspirin but began their journey with heroin and how kellogg s corn flakes were crafted to deter sexual arousal thoroughly researched mcNabb details firsthand conducted interviews alongside fairly weighed research to present the decisive view of brands histories that you haven t heard of yet

The Secret History: by Donna Tartt (Trivia-On-Books)

2016-05-09

can you call yourself a fan of the secret history by donna tartt take the challenge yourself and share it with family and friends for a time of trivia fun be careful what you wish for when richard goes to college he wants nothing more than to fit in and become part of a group the group he chooses however holds a dark secret and by the time it s revealed richard is far too integrated to get out dealing with drama living with psychological strain and learning how to maintain friendships are just some of the lessons learned by this group of characters as they go through college and come out the other side some characters are mentally stronger than others though and not everyone makes it to graduation features you ll find inside 30 multiple choice questions on the book plots characters and administration james risen

author insightful commentary to answer every question complementary quiz material for yourself or your reading group results provided with scores to determine status why you ll love trivia on books trivia on books is an independently quiz formatted trivia to your favorite books readers students and fans alike can enjoy whether you re looking for new materials or simply can t get enough of your favorite book trivia on books is an unofficial solution to provide a unique approach that is both insightful and educational promising quality and value don t hesitate to grab your copy of trivia on books

The Secret History of Us

2017-08-01

jessi kirby s books just keep getting better and better and the secret history of us is her best yet it beautifully touches on all the most important things in life love family friendship memory and bacon i loved it morgan matson new york times bestselling author of the unexpected everything in this gorgeously written emotional novel that fans of sarah dessen will enjoy a teenage girl must piece together the parts of her life she doesn t remember after a severe collision leaves her with no memory of the past four years when olivia awakes in a hospital bed following a near fatal car accident she can t remember how she got there she figures it s because she was in a coma for a week but as time goes on she realizes the secret

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more than just the last week of her life she's lost all memory of events that happened years ago gone is any recollection of starting or graduating high school the prom or her steady boyfriend matt trying to figure out who she is feels impossible when everyone keeps telling her who she was as liv tries to sort out her family and friends perceptions of her the one person she hasn't heard enough from is walker the guy who saved her the night her car was knocked off that bridge into the bay below walker is the hardened boy who's been keeping his distance and the one person that has made liv feel like her old self whoever that is with feelings growing for walker tensions rising with matt and secrets she can't help but feel are being kept from her olivia must find her place in a life she doesn't remember living

A Secret History of Consciousness

2003-07

for the last four centuries science has tried to account for everything in terms of atoms and molecules and the physical laws they adhere to recently this effort was extended to try to include the inner world of human beings gary lachman argues that this view of consciousness is misguided and unfounded he points to another approach to the study and exploration of consciousness that erupted into public awareness in the

late 1800s in this secret history of consciousness consciousness the secret

not as a result of neurons and molecules but as responsible for them meaning is not imported from the outer world but rather creates it in this view consciousness is a living evolving presence whose development can be traced through different historical periods and which evolves along a path to a broader more expansive state what that consciousness may be like and how it may be achieved is a major concern of this book lachman concentrates on the period since the late 1800s when madame blavatsky first brought the secret history out into the open as this history unfolds we encounter the ideas of many modern thinkers from esotericists like p d ouspensky rudolf steiner and colin wilson to more mainstream philosophers like henri bergson william james owen barfield and the psychologist andreas mavromatis two little known but important thinkers play a major role in his synthesis jurij moskvitin who showed how our consciousness relates to the mechanisms of perception and to the external world and jean gebser who presented perhaps the most impressive case for the evolution of consciousness an important contribution to the study of consciousness a must read contents foreword by colin wilson introduction consciousness explained the search for cosmic consciousness esoteric evolution the archaeology of consciousness participatory epistemology the presence of origin last words playing for time selected bibliography a marvelously exhilarating gallop through every important modern theory of consciousness from steiner to maslow from bucke s cosmic consciousness to the stage of

consciousness colin wilson author of the outsider and access to inner worlds opens up vast vistas of possibility suggesting that what we experience as the earth may in itself be inseparable from our state of mind and that the evolution of human consciousness may be as fundamental a process as our development through genetics a must read for those seeking an escape from our contemporary culture s cul de sac daniel pinchbeck author of breaking open the head thinking outside the box lachman challenges many contemporary theories by reinserting a sense of the spiritual back into the discussion profoundly erudite yet easy to read this book is a provocative mind stretcher leonard shlain author of art physics alphabet versus the goddess and sex time power

Cubed

2015-01-06

a new york times notable book daily beast best nonfiction of 2014 inc magazine s most thought provoking books of the year man is born free but he is everywhere in cubicles how did we get from scrooge s office to office space from bookkeepers in dark countinghouses to freelancers in bright cafes what would the world be like without the vertical file cabinet what would the world be like without the office at all in cubed nikil saval chronicles the evolution of the office in a fascinating often funny and

sometimes disturbing anatomy of the white collar work and how it came

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to be the way it is drawing on the history of architecture and business as well as a host of pop culture artifacts from mad men to dilbert and yes the office and ranging in time from the earliest clerical houses to the surprisingly utopian origins of the cubicle to the funhouse campuses of silicon valley cubed is an all encompassing investigation into the way we work why we do it the way we do and often don t like it and how we might do better

Intercept

2016-06-09

the computer was born to spy and now computers are transforming espionage but who are the spies and who is being spied on in today s interconnected world this is the exhilarating secret history of the melding of technology and espionage gordon corera s compelling narrative rich with historical details and characters takes us from the second world war to the internet age revealing the astonishing extent of cyberespionage carried out today drawing on unique access to intelligence agencies heads of state hackers and spies of all stripes intercept is a ground breaking exploration of the new space in which the worlds of espionage geopolitics diplomacy international business science and technology collide together computers and spies are shaping the future what was once the preserve of a few intelligence agencies now matters to us all

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The Secret History of Oxford

2013-08-01

the secret history of oxford offers the reader an off the beaten track tour of the city s landmarks and streets filled with hundreds of facts and anecdotes it reveals the amusing unlikely and downright wonderful stories hidden beneath the surface some such as the fact that the founder of oxford was eaten by wolves will be known many others such as the fact that robert dudley earl of leicester stole a piece of new college s unicorn horn that one of the fellows of christ church was a bear or that oxford castle has england s most frequently sighted ghost are much less widely known and some of these stories have not appeared in print for hundreds of years with rare photographs and intriguing information on the people eras and events that defined the city s history this book lets the flying cats out of the bags rattles the dragons cages and reveals all the skeletons in the city s cupboards

Paris

2006

covering 2000 years of paris s history andrew hussey presents a vivid portrait of an endlessly fascinating city

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The Secret History of the Court of Justinian

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the secret history of the court of justinian by procopius is a detailed description of the drama and various shady business of the royal notables of byzantine emperor justinian s court contents birth and character of antonina her marriage with belisarius her adulterous amours services rendered by her to empress theodora her passion for the thracian theodosius adoption of the latter the lovers surprised by belisarius his weakness revelation made by the slave macedonia flight of theodosius vengeance of antonina upon macedonia and upon constantine who had spoken insultingly of her theodosius refuses to return to her until the departure of her son photius retirement of photius demands of theodosius his return infatuation of belisarius his return to byzantium theodosius enters a cloister at ephesus despair of antonina she causes him to be recalled his resistance his secret return

The Secret History of Giants

2008

this lavish exploration of giants touches on folklore and myth truth and whimsy ranging from tales of giants in ancient greece to the celts and
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their green knight includes flaps booklets gatefolds and an elegant tassel illustrations

Pulp Empire

2021-07-12

paul hirsch s revelatory book opens the archives to show the complex relationships between comic books and american foreign relations in the mid twentieth century scoured and repressed on the one hand yet co-opted and deployed as propaganda on the other violent sexist comic books were both vital expressions of american freedom and upsetting depictions of the american id hirsch draws on previously classified material and newly available personal records to weave together the perspectives of government officials comic book publishers and creators and people in other countries who found themselves on the receiving end of american culture

Darwin's Ghosts

2012

citing an 1859 letter that accused charles darwin of failing to acknowledge his scientific predecessors a chronicle of the collective history of evolution dedicates each chapter to an evolutionary thinker from aristotle and da

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vinci to denis diderot to the naturalists of the jardin de plantes 20 000 first printing

Dark Mission

2009

for most people the word nasa suggests a squeaky clean image of technological infallibility yet the truth is that nasa was born as a lie and has concealed the truth about its occult origins ever since mystical organisations dominate nasa and carry out their own agendas behind the scenes why was the bush administration hell bent on returning to the moon why is there a new space race with russia china and even india hoagland and bara answer these questions and many more

The Secret History of Balls

2011-05-03

you may fancy yourself a sports fan but chances are you don t know a fish eyeball was used as the center of some nineteenth century baseballs the race to make better billiard balls led to the invention of plastics the nerf ball was originally created to be part of a board game featuring cavemen balls are the unsung heroes of sports they are smacked flung

dribbled crushed thrown and kicked they re usually only the subject of

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scrutiny when something goes wrong a tear the application of an illegal foreign substance or a dent from overuse nevertheless if you re watching nearly any major sporting event from around the world you re likely following the ball wondering where it will go next the secret history of balls mines the stories and lore of sports and recreation to offer insight into 60 balls whether they re hollow solid full of air or stuffed with twine or made of leather metal rubber plastic or polyurethane that give us joy on playing fields and in every arena from backyards to stadiums around the globe