

## A Less Boring History Of The World Dave Rear Ephoneore

BUYER BEWARE! Do NOT purchase this book if you are looking for any of the following: -A plot -Interesting dialogue -Romance -Action and/or adventure -Zombies -Insight into the human condition -An underlying message -Complex characters -Comedy -Symbolism -Gunplay -A point Do you hit snooze or turn off the alarm? Do you take a shower or run the bath? Do you have a bowl of cereal in the morning or skip breakfast? Do you turn off the freeway to avoid congestion or stay on the interstate? Do you keep waiting on hold or hang up the phone? These choices (and many more) await you.

Conventional chronologies of world history concentrate on the reigns of kings and queens, the dates of battles and treaties, the publication dates of great books, the completion of famous buildings, the deaths of iconic figures, and the years of major discoveries. But there are other more interesting stories to tell--stories that don't usually get into the history books, but which can nevertheless bring the past vividly and excitingly to life. Imagine a history lesson that spares you the details of such seminal events as the 11th-century papal-imperial conflict, that fails to say much at all about the 1815 Congress of Vienna--and that neglects entirely to mention the world-changing moment that was the 1521 Diet of Worms. Imagine instead a book that tells you the date of the ancient Roman law that made it legal to break wind at banquets; the name of the defunct medieval pope whose putrefying corpse was subjected to the humiliation of a trial before a court of law; the identity of the priapic monarch who sired more bastards than any other king of England; and last but not least the date of the demise in London of the first goat to have circumnavigated the globe twice. Imagine a book crammed with such deliciously disposable information, and you have History without the Boring Bits. By turns bizarre, surprising, trivial, and enlightening, History without the Boring Bits offers rich pickings for the browser, and entertainment and inspiration aplenty for those who have grown weary of more conventional works of history.

A factually accurate and fabulously funny look at the history of Britain from the dawn of civilization to the end of the Second World War. You've never had a history lesson like it! "Bored and Brilliant shows the fascinating side of boredom. Manoush Zomorodi investigates cutting-edge research as well as compelling (and often funny) real-life examples to demonstrate that boredom is actually a crucial tool for making our lives happier, more productive, and more creative. What's more, the book is crammed with practical exercises for anyone who wants to reclaim the power of spacing out – deleting the Two Dots app, for instance, or having a photo-free day, or taking a 'fakecation'." —Gretchen Rubin, author of #1 NYT Bestseller The Happiness Project "Bored and Brilliant is full of easy steps to make each day more effective and every life more intentional. Manoush's mix of personal stories, neuroscience, and data will convince you that boredom is actually a gift." —Charles Duhigg, author of The Power of Habit and Smarter, Faster, Better It's time to move "doing nothing" to the top of your to-do list. In 2015 Manoush Zomorodi, host of WNYC's popular podcast and radio show Note to Self, led tens of thousands of listeners through an experiment to help them unplug from their devices, get bored, jump-start their creativity, and change their lives. Bored and Brilliant builds on that experiment to show us how to rethink our gadget use to live better and smarter in this new digital ecosystem. Manoush explains the connection between boredom and original thinking, exploring how we can harness boredom's hidden benefits to become our most productive and creative selves without totally abandoning our gadgets in the process. Grounding the book in the neuroscience and cognitive psychology of "mind wandering" what our brains do when we're doing nothing at all—Manoush includes practical steps you can take to ease the nonstop busyness and enhance your ability to dream, wonder, and gain clarity in your work and life. The outcome is mind-blowing. Unplug and read on.

Warning: Don't read if your heart is weak! A vigilante uses an ingenious new method to end homelessness in a coveted beach city. The mission focuses not on the homeless, but on those who are unsympathetic to their plight. Carefully-targeted fear cures public apathy toward the impoverished. The city's terrified citizens flaunt the Golden Rule in a desperate attempt to avoid the vigilante's wrath.

A time to reflect on my seventy years of life. Maybe some folks will be interested in my life and the folks I have met, or maybe not. This is a non-traditional memoir, filled with alphabetical vignettes nit chronological ones. I have made a foray into fiction with an asterisk: in those cases where I have marked the vignette as fictional, it might be 100 percent not true, but in many cases I knew of, was part of, or heard from others about the story itself. At any rate, the entire book is my recollection of things past, and as in all recollections, the more distant the memory the clearer the details.

The activities in Geometry and Measurement are based on an Olympic theme, so students discover interesting facts about Olympic athletes from the first Olympic runners to Michael Johnson while they learn how to solve maths problems. Students will sharpen numerous skills, including how to: identify points, lines and planes, identify and name angles, identify properties and parts of a circle, determine the circumference of circles, identify similar and congruent figures, identify congruent triangles and other polygons, recognise and define space figures, identify and use units of measurement and find perimeter, area and volume.

Jess has been in love with her best friend, Kate, for seven years, but her feelings have never been returned. One night they sleep together, and Jess finds out how much it is possible to be hurt by someone close. Jess and Kate struggle to redefine their friendship. They spend a week at Jess's family holiday house in a small seaside town, Awatangi, intending to make the time to talk things through, but the conversations never happen. Kate makes vague promises, but begins to have second thoughts. Jess wants Kate, and nothing else, and is heartbroken that isn't enough. Jess decides – while everything is changing in her life – that she doesn't want to go on living in the city, that she wants to return to Awatangi. Part of her hopes some physical distance between them may help things with Kate, and part of her – frustrated and upset – simply wants to leave Kate behind. In

Awatangi, Jess meets Keri, a local lawyer who has also recently returned home. Like Jess, Keri surfs, and like Jess, she seems to feel some attachment to her family roots in Awatangi. Jess is drawn to Keri, but forces herself not to let anything happen. Despite everything, Kate is still Jess's closest friend, and she has loved Kate all her life. She feels she has to give the situation with Kate as long as she can to work itself out. Awatangi is about coping with feelings for a close friend that are not returned, set in a small holiday township on the West Coast of the South Island of New Zealand. It is an exploration of getting what you've always wanted and it not being enough, of being in love with one person and wanting another, and of finding out that life doesn't always turn out as expected.

The White Seed Brings Life to Worlds Three thousand years ago, the seeds arrived from Earth on hundreds of worlds. The developed worlds formed the Network, connected only by radio and laser. Since the time of the seeds, nothing but information has traveled between the stars. Now a starship, The Child of Ambition, is changing that. Her first mission: to explore the dark worlds, the ones that failed. Kali Hakoian, pilot-astronaut and war hero, thought landing on the super-Earth of Keto would be routine. The emptiest seed world—its global ocean matted with algae and crawling with hurricanes—hides the oldest human ruins. Her crew of scientists: a dreamer, a believer, and a retired assassin. Their hypothesis—self-termination of the seed base. But when an act of sabotage strands her in the path of a superstorm, she's forced to escape with the man she trusts the least. They may never find out what happened to the settlers—unless it happens to them. Can she trust her crew enough to find a way out of the darkness? Answer nine questions, derived from the truths of storytelling, to test if you are living a life that's not boring. The same things that make a story interesting can also make a person's life interesting. After all, aren't we the main character in our own life's story?

Our choices seal our fate. Hannah Reed is about to learn just how important one little decision can be. Hannah's plans for a nice, quiet senior year of high school are rapidly disintegrating. It all starts when she innocently bursts in on Ethan Flynn in the change room of the clothing store where she works. Ethan's presence in Hannah's world is subtle but constant, and when he saves her life, they become linked by the workings of an ancient society and Ethan's sworn duty to protect Hannah. Working together to figure out what destiny wants with Hannah, the two of them stumble on a baffling mystery that leaves even Ethan questioning what is in store for her future. With Ethan's help, Hannah learns there is far more to this life, to her life, than she ever realized. As they attempt to untangle Hannah's unique past and emerging abilities, an unknown danger from Ethan's past looms ever closer. While racing to put together the pieces of the puzzle before it's too late, Hannah wrestles with the idea that she is anything but average, and that perhaps she is also more to Ethan than just a job. Hleo is the first book in the series with the same name. A story of destiny and how one decision can change everything. When you buy a copy of Hleo, your one decision also has the ability to change the lives of others across the globe. \$3.00CAD from every copy of Hleo purchased goes towards the amazing efforts of the Because I am a Girl Education initiative. Fighting to bring literacy and safe learning resources to girls living in some of the poorest nations in this world.

Looks at notable people and events of the twentieth century, exploring such topics as crime, war, animals, movies, technology, religion, and sports. Includes a section of quotations arranged by subject. Facebook makes us lonely. Selfies breed narcissism. On Twitter, hostility reigns. Pundits and psychologists warn that digital technologies substantially alter our emotional states. But Luke Fernandez and Susan Matt show that technology doesn't just affect how we feel from moment to moment—it changes profoundly the underlying emotions themselves.

My Overdue Book: Too many stories not to tell: spells out the varied episodes in the life of a man who spent decades working in Hollywood. He began as a little boy in Cincinnati impressed early on by the broadcasting magic of radio and then TV in the middle of twentieth century America. His drive to get into broadcasting culminates in an early success that gets interrupted by an unexpected sidebar in The US Army and a subsequent tour as an Infantryman in Vietnam in the late 1960's. His yearlong excursion in "Fun City East," with its repeated life and death experiences, had lifelong effects on this soldier-of-media. Following his wanderings through the jungles of Vietnam, Bright's interactions with many of America's top public figures throughout his decades in radio and television come to life with intriguing stories that are personal, professional, positive and negative. It's life without a filter! Readers across generations will share and co-experience numerous real life feelings and emotions with writer Bright as his winding trail of life opens in front of them. book endorsement for peter bright; i always thought that peter bright and i had many things in common; we both grew up in ohio, we both had careers in the live event and variety side of television, and the few times we had times to talk i thought we shared a mutual philosophy toward the ups and downs of life. but it wasn't until i read his "overdue" book that i realized just what a rich and storied life peter has had and how much more deeply he had experienced the highs and lows, particularly during his years in the military, than i ever could have imagined. it really amazes me just how little we know about people we think we know, and just how much more we appreciate who they are when we are fortunate enough to have that background filled in by someone as articulate and able to express both facts and feelings as peter has in this book. when i started to read it, i thought all of those common events that we shared would be an interesting parallel track to my life and as such i would have a great frame of reference, but as i read on, i realized just what an amazing story peter has to tell and just how well he tells it. ken ehrlich, executive producer, the grammy awards

The destruction of mankind is imminent! A powerful evil looms on the horizon plotting their revenge. They've grown tired of waiting in the shadows and are ready to unleash a new Armageddon. The only thing standing in their way is 17 year old Esta Hope, and she doesn't even know it yet! The fallen gods of ancient Greece want her, the devil wants her dead. Esta's world is about to be turned upside down, as the battle between good and evil comes to a head. Can she embrace her true destiny before it's too late? While her life disintegrates, who can she trust? And will the arrival of mysterious Luc and Sam in town be her salvation, or will they send her straight to hell? If she can accept what she was born to become and win the impending battle, is she simply opening the door for a much bigger, more violent war? Celestria is a story about love, hope and trust. The power of faith, and how evil can destroy all of us when our belief in goodness has left.

Seventh grader Oliver, a Civil War buff and weekend reenactor, is partnered with two misfits--Ella, who is on the verge of failing all her classes, and Kevin, who is Oliver's lunch companion--to create a documentary about the wartime experience of a Civil War contemporary, and while they conduct research in local historical societies, collaborate on a script, and edit the film, they discover secrets about their Pennsylvania soldier and learn how to be friends with each other.

THE Translation of this venerable Piece of Antiquity is undertaken upon a double Score; being designed as well to entertain the Curiosity of the Learned, as to supply the Defects of the Ignorant. If the original Language would have been more acceptable to the one, it would have been less intelligible to the other. I cannot, without uttering a Falsity, venture to affirm that so singular and valuable a Piece will be made Public, at least as yet: And in the mean Time I shall flatter myself, that this little Essay may contribute in some sort or other to the diversion, if not Instruction, of People in every Condition of Life. If this is well received, the other Parts will make their Appearance at proper Distances of Time. I publish no more at present, because I would not be thought to impose too much upon any one's Patience; as for losing my own Labour, I am under no bad Apprehensions about that; for the Reader cannot reject with a greater Disdain, than I have translated with Pleasure, the Contents of this Book.

This set of standards-based reproducible activity pages is basic, not boring. In U.S. History, students will bring history to life as they look in on some of the great triumphs, tragedies, surprises,

and changes in U. S. history. An assessment and a valuable glossary and timeline are included.

Refreshes the parts other history books can't reach... A bit ropy on the Renaissance? In the dark about the Enlightenment? Or, in fact, do you need a revision course on the entire history of the world and want to read a witty, irreverent, definitely not boring romp through everything that has ever happened on planet earth – from 15 billion years BC to the present day? Good. A Less Boring History of the World tells you everything you need to know from the Big Bang to Barack Obama, taking in the Byzantines, the Black Death, Bin Laden and the fall of bankers along the way, all boiled down to bite size chunks so that you can finally piece together all the different bits of history - and see how on earth we ended up in the mess we are today. A Less Boring History refreshes your memory and broadens your mind. And, if that's not enough, it will also make you laugh. A lot.

In 33 Bits, a gold charm bracelet tangibly records the adventure, friendships, love, and disappointment experienced by a young American woman during a life-changing journey to England. Quirky charm infuses this tale of Old Rock's life story, which is much more exciting than you'd expect. Old Rock has been sitting in the same spot in the pine forest for as long as anyone can remember. Spotted Beetle, Tall Pine, and Hummingbird think just sitting there must be boring, but they are in for a wonderful surprise. Fabulous tales of adventurous travel, exotic scenery, entertaining neighbors, and more from Old Rock's life prove it has been anything but boring. Great storytellers come in all shapes, sizes, and ages, and Old Rock's stories are sure to inspire questions that lead to wonderful conversations about the past and the natural world.

You may remember visiting a grandparent or elder friend who lived in a nursing home memory unit. When you were a child you may recall sights, sounds, and smells that caused you to feel uneasy. Step into any one of today's 16,000 long-term care facilities across the US, and suddenly those memories reemerge. Nurse Supervisor K. Allen tells of the emotional investments found while working with seniors inside the Van Gogh, a large upscale urban assisted living complex. Located at its core is found a locked memory care unit, the Rembrandt, where he and his heroic support team struggle to comfort those suffering from Alzheimer's and other types of Dementia. Emotionally rich and deeply moving, Remembering What I Forgot tells of a day in the life of a memory unit nurse and the unimaginable obstacles faced by today's health care workers. A first of its kind, the story provides its reader with a rare glimpse into "life on a memory unit" including the emotional torment experienced by visitors who witness their loved one slip into ever increasing apathy and confusion. In its truest sense a love story of the need to cope and how to find hope when someone we love suddenly cannot remember well and is handed a diagnosis of Dementia. Insightful, humorous and heartfelt, Remembering What I Forgot conveys a message of inspiration and helps us connect with those in the final chapter of their life. Let us not forget them.

Exercises allow students to study the past of the global community and sharpen numerous skills.

Killian knows all about vampires and aliens. They're not real. But when a handsome swimmer climbs into her storm-tossed boat an hour from her summer destination, the worlds of fantasy and reality suddenly collide... Cuttylea Island has no mall, no social scene, and no action. But it does have a mysterious stone tower, ageless islanders, and a secret as astonishing as a mermaid's tale... Before the summer is through, Killian will find the truth of her family's past...and the role she is destined to play in a centuries-old curse.

Jade Lowry, the co-discoverer of the way out of the continent-covering Dome of Boucher's World, was kidnapped but managed to escape with the help of her soul-mate, Kendis Rost, and the doomed precog, S'tella. During the event, she and Kendis discover inexplicable differences about themselves as they go to the aid of their friends who are fighting with the minions of her kidnapper. Once she and Kendis get back to her home in Village Twelve, what does Lark, the Elvwist Healer, and Sparrow, its precog vow-mate have to tell them that explain why they appear to be transforming into something that isn't quite Human?

When told "Luca, you're growing like a weed!", 2 year old Luca responds "I'm not a weed, I'm Luca". Journey with Luca as she discovers herself among all of her silly family's comparisons. Indistinct voices, strange visitations and unusual dreams have begun to plague Nineteen-year-old Khari days before her return from London to her Oregon home. As the occurrences have spawned haunting emotions she thought she had escaped, she realizes she can't ignore them any longer and begins to surrender to their pull. Feeling weary and a bit crazy, Khari struggles to cope with what is happening to her. She is forced to open up about herself, only to find out secrets were kept from her by those she trusts the most. She then begins a problematic journey toward self-discovery and uncovers more than she ever imagined possible. But, continuing toward understanding requires Khari to face a dangerous figure, risk of death and a fight for love. Kharishma explores the importance of family ties, both past and present, the consequences of love and hate, and the power of believing in ones self. It is a story of deception, humility, discovery and the strength of bonds to the seen and unseen. It is a story that will not be easily forgotten and will leave you wishing for more.

The young, beautiful and intelligent widow, Julia Jacobs, suddenly and impossibly faces life without her husband, Jonathan, the only man she ever loved. A wounded Julia returns home to start her life over, embraced by her loving family. She is shocked by not just one, but two relationships that awaken new feelings of love. Through her grief and anger, she surrenders to God and trusts that His plans for her are good. She finds that all things are possible through the great "I AM," perhaps even healing and new-found love.

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Enjoy 20 limited-detail illustrations, designed for those who would rather keep it simple. Each page was hand-drawn and edited by K J Kraemer, with you in mind. If you don't want to spend days on a project or just want room to get creative, this adult coloring book is for you!

"A rich, sensual, bewitching adventure of good vs. evil with love as the prize." ~Publisher's Weekly on ETERNITY 300 years ago, Raven St. James was hanged for witchcraft. But she revives among the dead to find herself alive. She is an Immortal High Witch, one of the light. A note from her mother warns that there are others, those of the Dark, who preserve their own lives by taking the hearts of those like her. Duncan Wallace's forbidden love for the secretive lass costs him his life. 300 years later, he loves her again, tormented by hazy memories of a past that can't be real. She tells him of another lifetime, claims to be immortal. Though he knows she's deluded, he can't stay away. And the Dark Witch after her heart is far closer than either of them know. If you liked the TV Series HIGHLANDER, you will LOVE this series. Don't miss Book 2, INFINITY. "A hauntingly beautiful story of a love that endures through time itself." ~New York Times Bestselling Author, Kay Hooper "This captivating story of a love that reaches across the centuries, becomes as immortal as the lover's themselves, resonates with timeless passion,

powerful magic, and haunting heartbreak.” ~BN.com’s official review

Dustin is a seventeen-year-old young man who finds out that his girlfriend, Sandy

Caution: this book is a document from the future, on how the United States finally split into two independent republics in 2029, and its aftermath. The topic is so sensitive, that its futuristic author must be identified merely as John Doe, Ph.D. Dateline: 2029. The "One Nation, Indivisible, ....." finally divides. - A political satire.

Not your typical letter book, this story uses the alphabet to express the hopes and desires we have for every young life. The words engage the reader and the rhythm entertains the young learner. The illustrations complement the story but also offer additional learning opportunities with the use of color, letters and animals. This story is more than just an alphabet book but a celebration of all the wonders of life.

Elam Harnish has more money than he would ever need. As he accumulates wealth as a successful entrepreneur in the Alaskan Gold Rush, Harnish must face the challenges of the Yukon Territory. After he makes a fortune, Harnish finds himself still unsatisfied. In efforts to find a new challenge and make more money, Harnish decides to move down to the mainland of America, settling in California. However, after a group of money kings threaten to take his entire amassed fortune, Harnish resorts to violence to recover it, endangering him both physically and morally as he slides down a slippery slope of immorality. Realizing that he can make even more money with undercut business practices, Harnish slowly becomes corrupt, making shady business deals, cheating, and being dishonest. While it gives him more wealth, Harnish soon realizes that money is not all he wants in life. After one of his employees catch his eye, Harnish resorts to harassing her for attention. However, she is a woman of strong will and morals, and refuses his advances. Harnish realizes that she will never reciprocate his attraction if he continues his shady business dealings, but what if it is too late to redeem himself? Filled with action and suspense, Jack London’s Burning Daylight brings an exciting twist to the classic enemies to lovers storyline. Featuring two exciting settings—California and Alaska, Burning Daylight is an entertaining glimpse into the gold rush era of the United States. Through the use of amusing caricatures of hyper-masculinity and hyper-femininity, London’s romance novel also provides intriguing insight on the early 20th century gender expectations. Burning Daylight has inspired several film adaptations over the years, and was among the list of best-selling books when it was released in 1910. With adaptations and record sales, Jack London’s Burning Daylight proves that it is a prolific work able to be enjoyed by audiences even in the 21st century. This edition of Burning Daylight by Jack London is now presented with a new, eye-catching cover and is printed in an easy-to-read font, making it both modern and accessible.

In the first book to argue for the benefits of boredom, Peter Toohey dispels the myth that it’s simply a childish emotion or an existential malaise like Jean-Paul Sartre’s nausea. He shows how boredom is, in fact, one of our most common and constructive emotions and is an essential part of the human experience. This informative and entertaining investigation of boredom--what it is and what it isn’t, its uses and its dangers--spans more than 3,000 years of history and takes readers through fascinating neurological and psychological theories of emotion, as well as recent scientific investigations, to illustrate its role in our lives. There are Australian aboriginals and bored Romans, Jeffrey Archer and caged cockatoos, Camus and the early Christians, Durer and Degas. Toohey also explores the important role that boredom plays in popular and highbrow culture and how over the centuries it has proven to be a stimulus for art and literature. Toohey shows that boredom is a universal emotion experienced by humans throughout history and he explains its place, and value, in today’s world. "Boredom: A Lively History "is vital reading for anyone interested in what goes on when supposedly nothing happens.

Nominated for a Small Business Marketing Book award!. You have 30 days to convert a user to a paying customer starting NOW. The clock is ticking. What will you do? Collecting and analysing the messaging and strategies the leading e-commerce, software and service companies use as they convert trial users to customers in the most important 30 days after sign-up. Each companies strategy is broken down and presented in an easy to use and understand visual guide. 30 days to sell is a must buy if you are looking to automate and improve new customer conversion. This book covers: Activation campaigns from the worlds leading web companies. Easy reference guide - what message to send and when. Full page examples of each marketing message. Steal ideas from successful entrepreneurs, marketers and growth hackers. Two new bonus chapters showcasing more activation campaigns.

From the award-winning and bestselling author of Cod comes the dramatic, human story of a simple substance, an element almost as vital as water, that has created fortunes, provoked revolutions, directed economies and enlivened our recipes. Salt is common, easy to obtain and inexpensive. It is the stuff of kitchens and cooking. Yet trade routes were established, alliances built and empires secured – all for something that filled the oceans, bubbled up from springs, formed crusts in lake beds, and thickly veined a large part of the Earth’s rock fairly close to the surface. From pre-history until just a century ago – when the mysteries of salt were revealed by modern chemistry and geology – no one knew that salt was virtually everywhere. Accordingly, it was one of the most sought-after commodities in human history. Even today, salt is a major industry. Canada, Kurlansky tells us, is the world’s sixth largest salt producer, with salt works in Ontario playing a major role in satisfying the Americans’ insatiable demand. As he did in his highly acclaimed Cod, Mark Kurlansky once again illuminates the big picture by focusing on one seemingly modest detail. In the process, the world is revealed as never before.

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