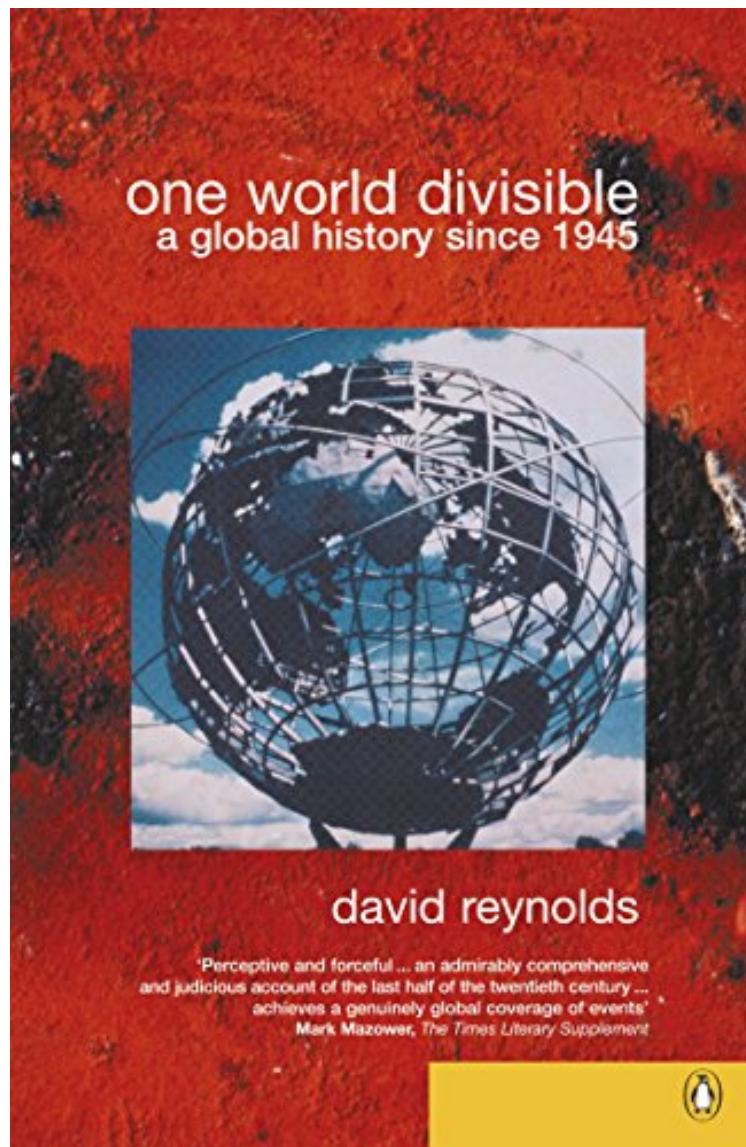


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Von David Reynolds : One World Divisible: A Global History Since 1945 (Penguin History) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised One World Divisible: A Global History Since 1945 (Penguin History):

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competent book but has significant flaws
Von Aaron S. Lawson
It is indeed quite difficult to encompass two human generations across the whole planet in a single volume of usable length. An author who undertakes such a task is faced with the dilemma of providing facts at the expense of thematic treatment or vice versa. I think that Mr. Reynolds has struck a competent balance. He does not rise to the level of Mr. Barzun but we should not level heavy denunciation for that fact. I imagine that Mr. Kennedy, the general editor of the series is more or less pleased with Mr. Reynolds' effort. That having been said, I am very disappointed in the level of care taken with the presentation of this volume. I have no training as an historian and do not spend my professional days dealing with these facts and issues. But even I was able to spot multiple factual errors in the volume. For example, the long-time ruler of Tunisia was Habib (not "Hamid") Bourguiba. And the recent president of Costa Rica--who won the Nobel Prize, for God's sake! --was Oscar (not Roberto) Arias. These mistakes on relatively simple items diminish the reader's confidence that the rest of the book is accurate. On a personal level, Mr. Reynolds' penchant for running down the character and capacity of American presidents (no matter what party) got a little tiresome. And do we really need to hear about Nancy Reagan's astrologer, not once but twice? Also Mr. Reynolds, like many leftist academics, has not the faintest clue what "supply side economics" was. Once more, people: the tax rate reductions DID NOT cause the deficits. The amount of revenue the treasury realized grew at the same rate under Reagan as it grew under Carter. Supply side economics said nothing about the spending side and it was here that the deficits arose. Finally, the book itself was very poorly proofread.
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Von Liz Walker
I am a high school sophomore. I was assigned this book for my honors report in my World Cultures class. When I was first told that this would be my book I was excited because I thought that I would learn a lot about history and be able to better stand the world around me. NOPE! I'm sure that I didn't understand a single word in the entire book. The book covered so many topics that each was given just an overview. No background information was offered and I continually had to ask my father what the millions of acronyms stood for. I hated the book. It was pure suffering for me to read. I wouldn't ever recommend this book to anyone who is looking to begin a study of history. Only if you have a strong knowledge of history, and you enjoy reading lots of ratios and whatnot would I ever recommend this book.

Kurzbeschreibung
The second half of the twentieth century was dominated by the unfolding drama of the Cold War, from the Berlin blockade to the fall of the Berlin Wall. A booming global economy has had its sinister shadow in the apparently insoluble crises that have beset much of the Third World. Above all, peace in the West has been offset by wars of unbelievable murderousness elsewhere. Reynolds' account is both an overview of the trends underlying this spectacular and awful variety, and an insight into the lives led in its midst.
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"Writing a global history of the second half of this century is, of course, an impossible task." You've got to give Cambridge fellow David Reynolds credit for such frankness, but it certainly didn't stop him from setting out to accomplish the impossible. Thankfully, Reynolds succeeds brilliantly, as becomes quickly clear from this marvelous, unbelievably readable 860-page survey, roughly bookended by the Berlin blockade and the fall of the Berlin Wall. The project is impossible, "of course," thanks to the subject's staggering size and complexity, but Reynolds takes this in stride, admits his limitations, and digs into a robust, good-spirited, and even-handed analysis, intimidating as a whole but approachable and engaging in its parts. One World Divisible does tackle it all--the political, social, and cultural changes of an era that witnessed ever-increasing unity, interconnectedness, and globalization. All the usual suspects--the cold war, the decolonization of Africa and Asia, the rebirth of post-war Germany and Japan--get predictably thorough treatment, but Reynolds also takes on the "feminist earthquake" of women's lib and the pill, examines how advances in electronics and genetics far outweighed the impact of exploiting the atom, and even tracks the global spread of "Coca-colonization" and rock roll. Through it all, Reynolds's readable voice and thoughtful organization keep you reading; discrete, intuitive chapters such as "Israel, Oil, and Islam," "Color, Creed, and Coups," and "Chips and Genes" give you just enough to chew on along the way. A fine beginning to W.W. Norton's ambitious Global Century series. --Paul

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