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*The Dragons of Eden* Carl Sagan 1977 The well-known astronomer and astrobiologist surveys current knowledge of the development of intelligence on Earth in various forms of life and explains his persuasion that intelligence must have developed along similar lines throughout the universe

*Timelines of Everything* DK 2018-10-30 Explore 13 billion years of history in the comfort of your own home! Journey through time and discover how some of the world's greatest events unfolded. From the Big Bang all the way through to the digital age, this incredible visual encyclopedia for children shows you just about everything that has ever happened in history. Witness history come alive as you travel through more than 130 stunning timelines. Packed with fantastic photographs and illustrations, along with informative text and fun facts. The history book

covers the rise and fall of empires to groundbreaking scientific breakthroughs and inventions that changed our lives. This educational book is an imaginative way of illustrating world history for children age 8 and over. Throughout the pages, your child will get to meet the most bloodthirsty pirates of all time and discover what happened during the storming of the Bastille. It's a fantastic book for young readers with a natural curiosity about history around the world. Find your place in the world and understand where you fit in.

Whether you want to discover the history of cinema, fashion, aviation, or espionage. There is something for everyone in this glorious guide through global history! *The History of Everything... Ever!* This fascinating reference book tells the story of a diverse range of subjects throughout history in an easily digested graphic format! After your kids dive into this book, you'll never hear them use the words "history" and "boring" in the

same sentence again. Take a trip back in time!

This history book covers the following eras: -

Prehistory: Before 3000 BCE - The Ancient

World: 3000 BCE - 500 CE - The Medieval

World: 500 - 1450 - The Age of Exploration: 1450

- 1750 - The Age of Revolution: 1750 - 1914 -

The Modern World: After 1914

The Man who Loved Only Numbers Paul Hoffman

1999 The biography of a mathematical genius.

Paul Erdos was the most prolific pure

mathematician in history and, arguably, the

strangest too. 'A mathematical genius of the first

order, Paul Erdos was totally obsessed with his

subject -- he thought and wrote mathematics for

nineteen hours a day until he died. He travelled

constantly, living out of a plastic bag and had no

interest in food, sex, companionship, art -- all that

is usually indispensable to a human life. Paul

Hoffman, in this marvellous biography, gives us a

vivid and strangely moving portrait of this singular

creature, one that brings out not only Erdos's

genius and his oddness, but his warmth and

sense of fun, the joyfulness of his strange life.'

Oliver Sacks For six decades Erdos had no job,

no hobbies, no wife, no home; he never learnt to

cook, do laundry, drive a car and died a virgin.

Instead he travelled the world with his mother in

tow, arriving at the doorstep of esteemed

mathematicians declaring 'My brain is open'. He

travelled until his death at 83, racing across four

continents to prove as many theorems as

possible, fuelled by a diet of espresso and

amphetamines. With more than 1,500 papers

written or co-written,

The Secret Lives of Earth's Smallest Creatures J.

Craig Venter 2023-04-20 Dr Venter is best known

for co-sequencing the first ever human genome.

He later stunned the scientific world again by

building from scratch the entire genome of an

organism - *Mycoplasma mycoides*. His ambition is

to 'try to catalogue all the genes on the planet'.

He's currently working on the first major

exploration of the microbiome of the planet.

These microbes include bacteria, fungi, algae,

and protozoa. The book will cover a series of

expeditions made over the last sixteen years on

the 100-foot yacht *Sorcerer II*, travelling over

75,000 miles, from Antarctica to Alaska, the

Amazon Basin to the Black Sea, and the Golden

Horn to volcanic vents near the Galapagos, with

the aim of hunting down and identifying trillions of

micro-organisms, fewer than one per cent of

which had been studied before Dr Venter began

this work in 2002. His work has already

transformed the science of microbiology. The

*Secret Life of Earth's Smallest Creatures* is a tale

of adventure on the high seas, of international

political intrigue, as well as a fresh, urgent look at

how humans are impacting the careful balance of

the bacteria that supports all life as we know it.

The Calendar David Ewing Duncan 2003-10 On

Oct. 1, 1949, Mao Zedong declared that China

would follow the Gregorian calendar. For the first time the entire world agreed what the date was. Here is the first complete history of the calendar, with information about science, religion, superstition & politics of many ages. Julius Caesar attempted to impose a unified calendar, but he could not calculate exactly the length of the year. His Julian calendar gained time over the true solar year, leading to calls for reform during the Middle Ages. This caused all manner of mayhem as between 10 & 13 days were removed at a stroke, & it was 500 years before Europe was in synch again. The story of the calendar's reckoning is a tale of human will, vanity, experimentation & endeavor.

The Quest for Artificial Intelligence Nils J. Nilsson  
2009-10-30 Artificial intelligence (AI) is a field within computer science that is attempting to build enhanced intelligence into computer systems. This book traces the history of the subject, from the early dreams of eighteenth-century (and earlier) pioneers to the more successful work of today's AI engineers. AI is becoming more and more a part of everyone's life. The technology is already embedded in face-recognizing cameras, speech-recognition software, Internet search engines, and health-care robots, among other applications. The book's many diagrams and easy-to-understand descriptions of AI programs will help the casual reader gain an understanding of how these and other AI systems actually work.

Its thorough (but unobtrusive) end-of-chapter notes containing citations to important source materials will be of great use to AI scholars and researchers. This book promises to be the definitive history of a field that has captivated the imaginations of scientists, philosophers, and writers for centuries.

*Time in Early Modern Islam* Stephen P. Blake  
2013-02-11 Stephen Blake compares the Islamic concept of time across the empires of the Safavids, Ottomans, and Mughals. Each empire, while mindful of earlier models, created a new temporal system, fashioning a new solar calendar and era and a new round of rituals and ceremonies from the cultural resources at hand. The book not only contributes to our understanding of the origins and transformation of the Muslim temporal system but also explains the impact of Islamic science on the West.

**A Mother's List of Books for Children** 1909 A list of recommended readings for children, intended for home use and arranged by age, not school grade. Included in the list are fairy tales that are free from horrible happenings. Omitted are all writings which tolerate cruelty or unkindness to animals.

*Greek Science After Aristotle* G E R Lloyd  
2013-08-31 In his previous volume in this series, *Early Greek Science: Thales to Aristotle*, G. E. R. Lloyd pointed out that although there is no exact equivalent to our term 'science' in Greek,

Western science may still be said to originate with the Greeks. In this second volume, *Science after Aristotle*, the author continues his discussion of the fundamental Greek contributions to science, drawing on the richer literary and archaeological sources for the period after Aristotle. Particular attention is paid to the Greeks' conception of the inquiries they were engaged in, and to the interrelations of science and technology. In the first part of the book the author considers the two hundred years after the death of Aristotle, devoting separate chapters to mathematics, astronomy and biology. He goes on to deal with Ptolemy and Galen and concludes with a discussion of later writers and of the problems raised by the question of the decline of ancient science.

*Masterminds* David Ewing Duncan 2009-10-06  
James Watson, J. Craig Venter, Francis Collins, Cynthia Kenyon . . . you may not know them, but you should. They are the masterminds of genetics and biotechnology who want you to live to be 150 years old, to regenerate your heart and brain, to create synthetic life. For better or worse, they are about to alter life on earth forever. Award-winning journalist David Ewing Duncan tells the remarkable stories of cutting-edge bioscientists, revealing their quirky, uniquely fascinating, sometimes vaguely unsettling personas as a means to understand their science and the astonishing implications of their work. This book

seamlessly combines myth, biography, scholarship, and wit that poses the all-important question: Can we actually trust these masterminds?

*Plants Feed Me* Lizzy Rockwell 2014-01-17 Sink your teeth into the plants that feed the world—flowers, fruits, seeds, and all! With its simple text and bright, appealing illustrations, this book is perfect for young readers learning about where their food comes from. Clearly-labeled diagrams show the different parts of plants we use and eat—leaves of spinach and cabbage, the roots of carrot plants, and the wide variety of fruits, such as apples, berries, and tomatoes. *Plants Feed Me* explores the different types of seeds we eat— beans, nuts, rice, and even how wheat is ground into flour and used to make many other types of food. Smiling children pick fruits and vegetables, and learn how plants grow from seeds, stretching toward the sky for sun and into the earth for nutrients. This celebration of fruits, vegetables, and more is sure to get kids interested in what's on their plates!

*Talking to Robots* David Ewing Duncan 2019-07-16 Award-winning journalist David Ewing Duncan considers 24 visions of possible human-robot futures—Incredible scenarios from Teddy Bots to Warrior Bots, and Politician Bots to Sex Bots—Grounded in real technologies and possibilities and inspired by our imagination. What robot and AI systems are being built and

imagined right now? What do they say about us, their creators? Will they usher in a fantastic new future, or destroy us? What do some of our greatest thinkers, from physicist Brian Greene and futurist Kevin Kelly to inventor Dean Kamen, geneticist George Church, and filmmaker Tiffany Shlain, anticipate about our human-robot future? For even as robots and A.I. intrigue us and make us anxious about the future, our fascination with robots has always been about more than the potential of the technology—it's also about what robots tell us about being human.

*English as a Global Language* David Crystal  
2012-03-29 David Crystal's classic *English as a Global Language* considers the history, present status and future of the English language, focusing on its role as the leading international language. English has been deemed the most 'successful' language ever, with 1500 million speakers internationally, presenting a difficult task to those who wish to investigate it in its entirety. However, Crystal explores the subject in a measured but engaging way, always backing up observations with facts and figures. Written in a detailed and fascinating manner, this is a book written by an expert both for specialists in the subject and for general readers interested in the English language.

*Summers at Castle Auburn* Sharon Shinn  
2001-04-01 A woman blessed, or cursed, with a talent for witchcraft returns to Castle Auburn

where she spent her childhood in joy-only to find an aura of dread awaiting her.

*The Heart of Philosophy* Jacob Needleman  
2003-08-25 Philosophy as it is frequently taught in classrooms bears little relation to the impassioned and immensely practical search for self-knowledge conducted by not only its ancient avatars but also by men and woman who seek after truth today. In *The Heart of the Philosophy*, Jacob Needleman provides a "user's guide" for those who would take philosophy seriously enough to understand its life-transforming qualities.

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### The Geneticist Who Played Hoops with My DNA

David Ewing Duncan 2005 Combining myth, biography, and wit, this is a highly original depiction of cutting-edge science and its profound implications told through the scientists who are rewriting life on earth.

### *A Philosopher on Wall Street* David Ewing

Duncan 2021-09-14 An astonishing tale of Wall Street and the explosion of new life-science technologies and other industries of the future as told by one of the most creative dealmakers of the past 60 years. When Fred Frank arrived on Wall Street in 1958, he became a key member of a small, whip-smart cadre of young financiers who began challenging the stodgy, risk-averse scions of old-world investment banking. He also became the first banker to specialize in biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, and health care services. Frank's perpetual search for the new--pioneering technologies and innovative business models--has transformed our world. *A Philosopher on Wall Street* is an intriguing tale of \* a man who was a force of verve and ingenuity on Wall Street, who built and nurtured new industries that have impacted everyone; \* Wall Street and its history since the late 1950s, the surprisingly fascinating story of how high technology in America was capitalized, and the formation and meteoric rise of the pharma and biotech industries; \* the best and worst of Wall Street over the past sixty years, and thoughts

about the future of how to fund innovation to benefit both people and the bottom line \* colorful stories from top innovators, scientists, executives, and investors about deals, intrigue, genius, booms and busts. This is the story of one of the most creative dealmakers of the past sixty years, a master artist of finance whose erudition and grace helped shape our world, who has always believed that inspired science, entrepreneurship, and investing are the keys to a better future.

### *Beautiful Trouble* Andrew Boyd 2013-05-01

Banksy, the Yes Men, Gandhi, Starhawk: the accumulated wisdom of decades of creative protest is now in the hands of the next generation of change-makers, thanks to *Beautiful Trouble*. Sophisticated enough for veteran activists, accessible enough for newbies, this compact pocket edition of the bestselling *Beautiful Trouble* is a book that's both handy and inexpensive. Showcasing the synergies between artistic imagination and shrewd political strategy, this generously illustrated volume can easily be slipped into your pocket as you head out to the streets. This is for everyone who longs for a more beautiful, more just, more livable world – and wants to know how to get there. Includes a new introduction by the editors. Contributors include: Celia Alario • Andy Bichlbaum • Nadine Bloch • L. M. Bogad • Mike Bonnano • Andrew Boyd • Kevin Buckland • Doyle Canning • Samantha Corbin • Stephen Duncombe • Simon Enoch •

Janice Fine • Lisa Fithian • Arun Gupta • Sarah Jaffe • John Jordan • Stephen Lerner • Zack Malitz • Nancy L. Mancias • Dave Oswald Mitchell • Tracey Mitchell • Mark Read • Patrick Reinsborough • Joshua Kahn Russell • Nathan Schneider • John Sellers • Matthew

Skomarovsky • Jonathan Matthew Smucker • Starhawk • Eric Stoner • Harsha Walia

*The Shadow People* Graham Masterton

2022-08-04 Jerry Pardoe and Jamila Patel hunt down a ritualistic cult inspired by Neolithic cannibals in the new horror from Graham Masterton.

Toilet: How It Works David Macaulay 2015-04-14

A celebrated author-illustrator brings his acclaimed voice and style to a high-interest nonfiction book about the complex inner-workings of one of the most familiar objects in our lives, the toilet. Simultaneous.

*From Cape to Cairo* David Ewing Duncan 1989

The narrative of a young man's trek by bicycle up the length of Africa from Cape Town to Cairo.

*Drop Dead Healthy* A. J. Jacobs 2012-04-10

From the bestselling author of *The Year of Living Biblically* and *The Know-It-All* comes the true and truly hilarious story of one person's quest to become the healthiest man in the world.

Hospitalized with a freak case of tropical pneumonia, goaded by his wife telling him, "I don't want to be a widow at forty-five," and ashamed of a middle-aged body best described

as "a python that swallowed a goat," A.J. Jacobs felt compelled to change his ways and get healthy. And he didn't want only to lose weight, or finish a triathlon, or lower his cholesterol. His ambitions were far greater: maximal health from head to toe. The task was epic. He consulted an army of experts—sleep consultants and sex clinicians, nutritionists and dermatologists. He subjected himself to dozens of different workouts—from Strollercize classes to Finger Fitness sessions, from bouldering with cavemen to a treadmill desk. And he took in a cartload of diets: raw foods, veganism, high protein, calorie restriction, extreme chewing, and dozens more. He bought gadgets and helmets, earphones and juicers. He poked and he pinched. He counted and he measured. The story of his transformation is not only brilliantly entertaining, but it just may be the healthiest book ever written. It will make you laugh until your sides split and endorphins flood your bloodstream. It will alter the contours of your brain, imprinting you with better habits of hygiene and diet. It will move you emotionally and get you moving physically in surprising ways. And it will give you occasion to reflect on the body's many mysteries and the ultimate pursuit of health: a well-lived life.

**The Geneticist Who Played Hoops with My DNA**

David Ewing Duncan 2005-05-10 A narrative of the historical potential of current breakthroughs in biotechnology explores its promises for good,

from cures for cancer and an end to pollution, to its possible negative consequences, from social upheavals to bio-weapons; in an analysis that also considers the implications of scientist personality on biotechnological advancement.

25,000 first printing.

*The Measure of Reality* Alfred W. Crosby

1996-11-28 Western Europeans were among the first, if not the first, to invent mechanical clocks, geometrically precise maps, double-entry bookkeeping, precise algebraic and musical notations, and perspective painting. By the sixteenth century more people were thinking quantitatively in western Europe than in any other part of the world. *The Measure of Reality*, first published in 1997, discusses the epochal shift from qualitative to quantitative perception in Western Europe during the late Middle Ages and Renaissance. This shift made modern science, technology, business practice and bureaucracy possible.

*The New Darwin* J. Craig Venter 2020-04-02

*The Calendar*. [read by Derek Jacobi]. David Ewing Duncan 1998

*Fathers and Sons* David Seybold 1995 David Seybold, the celebrated author of the anthologies *Seasons of the Angler* and *Boats*, once again brings together some of the best writers of our time in this collection of essays, poems, and stories that examine the mysteries of the relationships between fathers and sons.

*The Calendar* David Ewing Duncan 1999

*Experimental Man* David Ewing Duncan

2009-03-03 Bestselling author David Ewing

Duncan takes the ultimate high-tech medical exam, investigating the future impact of what's hidden deep inside all of us David Ewing Duncan takes "guinea pig" journalism to the cutting edge of science, building on award-winning articles he wrote for *Wired* and *National Geographic*, in which he was tested for hundreds of chemicals and genes associated with disease, emotions, and other traits. Expanding on these tests, he examines his genes, environment, brain, and body, exploring what they reveal about his and his family's future health, traits, and ancestry, as well as the profound impact of this new self-knowledge on what it means to be human. David Ewing Duncan (San Francisco, CA) is the Chief Correspondent of public radio's *Biotech Nation* and a frequent commentator on NPR's *Morning Edition*. He is a contributing editor to *Portfolio*, *Discover*, and *Wired* and a columnist for *Portfolio*. His books include the international bestseller *Calendar: Humanity's Epic Struggle to Determine a True and Accurate Year* (978-0-380-79324-2). He is a former special producer and correspondent for ABC's *Nightline*, and appears regularly on CNN and programs such as *Today* and *Good Morning America*.

*Calendar*: David Ewing Duncan 1999-06-01 The adventure spans the world from Stonehenge to

astronomically aligned pyramids at Giza, from Mayan observatories at Chichen Itza to the atomic clock in Washington, the world's official timekeeper since the 1960s. We visit cultures from Vedic India and Cleopatra's Egypt to Byzantium and the Elizabethan court; and meet an impressive cast of historic personages from Julius Caesar to Omar Khayyam, and giants of science from Galileo and Copernicus to Stephen Hawking. Our present calendar system predates the invention of the telescope, the mechanical clock, and the concept of zero and its development is one of the great untold stories of science and history. How did Pope Gregory set right a calendar which was in error by at least ten lull days? What did time mean to a farmer on the Rhine in 800 A.D.? What was daily life like in the Middle Ages, when the general population reckoned births and marriages by seasons, wars, kings' reigns, and saints' days? In short, how did the world

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### **The Clock and the Calendar Doug Collins**

2021-11-16 Historians will look back over time at the events of the fall of 2019 and the impeachment of Donald J. Trump, and will debate the merits of the charges and the circumstances that caused the whole debacle. In *The Clock and the Calendar*, Congressman Doug Collins will explain why the impeachment was not really about a phone call with a foreign leader or how the president conducted himself; no, it was not even about the Russia investigation that had fizzled just months before these proceedings. What happened in the halls of Congress during this time was merely a date with a destiny that was dreamed of by Democrats still feeling the sting of bitter tears in Brooklyn on the night that Donald Trump derailed the coronation of Hillary Clinton. It was on that night that the mainstream media was stunned and brought to tears, and the Washington establishment shook to their very core, that the seed was planted. We may not

have won tonight, they said, but we will never let this stand. Instead of looking to win again in four years, the movement began to look for another solution. Seeds had already been sown: the way was impeachment and that was the destiny they sought.

The Calendar in Revolutionary France Sanja Perovic 2012-08-27 One of the most unusual decisions of the leaders of the French Revolution - and one that had immense practical as well as symbolic impact - was to abandon customarily-accepted ways of calculating date and time to create a Revolutionary calendar. The experiment lasted from 1793 to 1805, and prompted all sorts of questions about the nature of time, ways of measuring it and its relationship to individual, community, communication and creative life. This study traces the course of the Revolutionary Calendar, from its cultural origins to its decline and fall. Tracing the parallel stories of the calendar and the literary genius of its creator, Sylvain Maréchal, from the Enlightenment to the Napoleonic era, Sanja Perovic reconsiders the status of the French Revolution as the purported 'origin' of modernity, the modern experience of time, and the relationship between the imagination and political action.

*Pedaling the Ends of the Earth* David Duncan 1985 Recounts the adventures of four young American men who bicycled around the world, in thirteen months traveling through nineteen

countries, across four continents and covering fourteen thousand miles

The Amgen Story Amgen Inc. (Thousand Oaks, Calif.) 2005 As the most successful biotech company in history and the eighth largest drug-producing company in the world, Amgen has improved the lives of millions of patients worldwide. In 2005, the company celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary with the publication of "The Amgen Story. This stunning illustrated book contains hundreds of archival photos and compelling text from noted biotech writer David Ewing Duncan. It is testament and tribute to the staff, leaders, patients, and science that make each discovery possible.

The Story of Clocks and Calendars Betsy Maestro 2004-11-02 Travel through time with the maestros as they explore the amazing history of timekeeping! Did you know that there is more than one calendar? While the most commonly used calendar was on the year 2000, the Jewish calendar said it was the year 5760, while the Muslim calendar said 1420 and the Chinese calendar said 4698. Why do these differences exist? How did ancient civilizations keep track of time? When and how were clocks first invented? Find answers to all these questions and more in this incredible trip through history.

Dallas Barbara A. Curran 2005-08 "Previously published as 25 Years of Dallas by Virtualbookworm.com Publishing"--T.p. verso.

Calendars in Antiquity Sacha Stern 2012-09-06

Calendars were at the heart of ancient culture and society, and were far more than just technical, time-keeping devices. Calendars in Antiquity offers a comprehensive study of the calendars of ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, Persia, Greece, Rome, Gaul, and all other parts of the Mediterranean and the Near East, from the origins up to and including Jewish and Christian calendars in late Antiquity. In this volume, Stern sheds light on the political context in which ancient calendars were designed and managed. Set and controlled by political rulers, calendars served as expressions of political power, as mechanisms of social control, and sometimes as assertions of political independence, or even of sub-culture and dissidence. While ancient calendars varied widely, they all shared a common history, evolving on the whole from flexible, lunar calendars to fixed, solar schemes. The Egyptian calendar played an important role in this process, leading most notably to the institution of the Julian calendar in Rome, the forerunner of our modern Gregorian calendar. Stern argues that this common, evolutionary trajectory was not the result of scientific or technical progress. It was rather the result of major political and social changes that transformed the ancient world, with the formation of the great Near Eastern empires and then the Hellenistic and Roman Empires from the first

millennium BC to late Antiquity. The institution of standard, fixed calendars served the administrative needs of these great empires but also contributed to their cultural cohesion.

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2019-07-16 What robot and AI systems are being built and imagined right now? What do they say about us, their creators? Will they usher in a fantastic new future, or destroy us? What do some of our greatest thinkers, from physicist Brian Greene and futurist Kevin Kelly to inventor Dean Kamen, geneticist George Church, and filmmaker Tiffany Shlain, anticipate for our human-robot future? For even as robots and AI intrigue us and make us anxious about the future, our fascination with robots has always been about more than the potential of the technology - it's also about what robots tell us about being human. From present-day Facebook and Amazon bots to near-future 'intimacy' bots and 'the robot that stole my job' bots, bestselling American popular science writer David Ewing Duncan's *Talking to Robots* is a wonderfully entertaining and insightful guide to possible future scenarios about robots, both real and imagined. These scenarios are informed by interviews with actual engineers, scientists, artists, philosophers, futurists and others, who share with us their ideas, hopes and fears about robots. In the future, we will all remember when the robots truly arrived. Perhaps a robot surgeon saved your

child's life, or maybe your inaugural robot moment will be more banal, when you realised with relief that the machines had taken over all the tasks you used to hate - taking out the rubbish, changing nappies, paying bills . . . Perhaps your recollection will be less benign, a memory of when a robot turned against you: the robot that threatened to seize your assets over a tax dispute. You might also remember when the robots began campaigning for equal rights with humans, and for an end to robot slavery, abuse and exploitation. Or when robots became so smart that they became our benign overlords, treating us like cute and not very bright pets. Or when the robots grew tired of us and decided to destroy us, turning our own robo-powered weapons of mass destruction against us. Further into the future we will remember when robots became organic, created in a lab from living tissue to look and be just like us, only better and

more resilient. Even further in the future, we will recall when we first had the option of becoming robots ourselves, by downloading our minds into organic-engineered beings that could theoretically live forever. And yet . . . will we feel that something is missing as the millennia pass? Will we grow weary of being robots, invulnerable and immortal? Mostly we love our technology as it whisks us across and over continents and oceans at 35,000 feet, or summons us rides in someone else's Prius or connects us online to long-lost friends. Yet deep down, many of us fear that a robo-Apocalypse is all too possible. We seem obsessed with robots, as we embrace contrasting visions of robo-utopia and robo-dystopia that titillate, bring hope and scare the hell out of us.

*Mapping Time* Edward Graham Richards 1998  
History of calendars. The Millenium - do we have the correct date? Why do we celebrate Easter Sunday when we do? Find out in this book.