

"The past is never dead. It's not even past." William Faulkner

NOT EVEN PAST

Guidelines for Book Recommendations

Not Even Past posts recommendations of books on any historical period and field. Our target audience is made up of curious, educated, non-academic readers.

We post articles about popular and academic books, but our goal is to encourage reading rather than contribute to scholarly debate. Choose books you like and want to share with others. Tell us what makes the book worth reading: a great topic, interesting people, an engaging style, a new argument that changes what we thought we knew. Try to write in the same way you might recommend a book to a non-academic friend – in straightforward language with specific examples. Why is this a great book? What makes it worth reading?

NEP book recommendations should include (at least) these 3 things:

- What makes the book interesting, fun, informative?
- A clear description of the subject
- A clear description of the author's approach to, or argument about, the subject

You should avoid:

- academic jargon
- male-gendered language
- convoluted and run-on sentences
- lists of chapters or topics the author covers (just go ahead and tell us what the author has to say)
- footnotes and page numbers. Quotations may be used sparingly, but only when the author writes something so brilliant and original that you can't summarize it in your own excellent words.

Check out [reviews that we've already posted](#) to get a sense of the possibilities, but feel free to assert your own personal stamp on your articles. And get ready to start adding lines to your resumé!

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