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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 wider readership rather than to simply critique. 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. Your book should answer two questions: Why is this a great book? What makes it worth reading?

NEP book recommendations should include the following:

- 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 and convoluted and run-on sentences. Also don't simply list chapters or topics the author covers (just go ahead and tell us what the author has to say). We don't generally include 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.

Take a look at reviews that we've already posted to get a sense of the possibilities.

Length: 500-1000 words.

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