# **History Definitive Visual Guide**

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## **History**

Explores the history of the aircraft from the turn of the century to the present day.

## **History**

Discusses the major concepts, theories, inventions, and figures that have impacted science throughout history, and discusses the historical significance of each discipline.

# The Military History Book

"This dramatic, thought-provoking, and all-encompassing visual guide reveals the power and majesty of the seas and oceans, which cover more than two-thirds of the earth's surface. Navigate the mysteries and marvels of the deep, using a combination of breathtaking photography and expertly researched text."--book jacket.

### **Train**

Train is a glorious celebration of all things train and track, tracing the history of the railroad and the role of trains, from the first steam engines to today's high-speed bullet trains. Featuring DK's trademark brilliant photography, Train catalogs the development of trains from early steam to diesel engines and electric locomotives, explores in detail iconic trains such as the Fairy Queen, Orient Express, and Javelin, and chronicles the cultural backdrop against which railroads were built around the world.

## **Smithsonian - Fashion**

# **Military History**

Published in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution, Firearms: An Illustrated History charts the evolution of the gun, from the pistol and rifle to the machine gun and revolver. DK's trademark beautifully photographed catalogs of firearms and

stunning close-up details of key weapons combine in this lavish history of the gun, tracing its development from early flintlocks and muskets to modern-day military guns.

# **War the Definitive Visual History**

DK's latest Car traces the history and role of the automobile, cataloging the diverse spectrum of cars from the first prototypes to the supercars of today. The book will not only cover the technological developments and manufacture of cars, but also the cultural backdrop against which the various models arose, and the enduring impact which the car has had on society as an object of curiosity, symbol of luxury, and item of necessity.

### **Animal**

From the clans and legends of prehistory to the last Qing emperor, this book brings China's imperial history to life through its pivotal events, political forces, and powerful people, in a stunning collaboration between British and Chinese publishing houses. Covering more than 5,000 years of history and featuring images of artefacts not previously seen outside of China, this definitive visual guide will captivate readers with the key events that shaped Chinese history and laid the foundations of the modern nation. Starting with prehistory and early humans, Imperial China sets the scene for the arrival of China's first dynasty, and reveals how the warring states of early China gave birth to the emperor-led dynasties - and China's long imperial age. With illuminating features on important historical figures, cultural achievements, and philosophy - such as the rise of Confucianism and the silk and tea trades - Imperial China explores how the Chinese empire flourished and declined over the course of two millennia - from the unifying "first emperor" of the Qin and the golden ages of Tang and Song, to the final fall of the Manchu Qing dynasty. With stunning photography of art and artefacts to bring key events to life, this exquisite and comprehensive history is ideal for anyone who wants to learn more about China's extraordinary heritage.

# The Cat Encyclopedia

Truly comprehensive in scope, Artshows you masterpieces from over 700 artists, including Leonardo da Vinci, Picasso, and Van Gogh. An invaluable reference book for any art lover, it showcases the works; everything from Italian baroque painting and African art to contemporary art history. Discover key facts about the most prominent artistic movements, including their origins and influences, and follow a timeline of the most famous works. Be inspired by the detail of each subject matter and methods each artist used to create their masterpieces, and explore centuries, cultures, and countries on the ultimate artistic journey across time. Created in collaboration with Bridgeman, the biggest art library in the world,Art- The Definitive Visual Guideis a must-have for your bookshelf.

### Gem

A visual guide to the history of tanks, Tank tells the full history of tanks through

stunning photography and informative text. From the early Mark Is of World War I to the T-34 of World War II to the cutting-edge M1 Abrams of today, Tank showcases the most famous (or infamous) armored fighting vehicles in history. Packed full of tanks, armored vehicles, personnel carriers, and anti-tank weaponry, Tank combines comprehensive photographic spreads with in-depth histories of key manufacturers and specially commissioned visual tours of the most iconic examples of their kind. The featured vehicles are placed in their wider context, along with with tactical and technological improvements, and the impact of the tank on the evolution of battlefield and military strategy. Tank charts the evolution of the tank over the past century, covering over 450 tanks and military vehicles from all over the world. Look through the history of tanks and explore the form and function of a weapon that changed history. Learn the different vehicles' weight, size, country of origin, and time of use through in-depth profiles. An essential visual history, Tank provides a complete and exciting overview to the iconic vehicles that changed history.

# **Smithsonian: Battles That Changed History**

From the origin of life, through the age of dinosaurs stalked by the terrifying Tyrannosaurus rex, to the earliest humans, this book tells the story of life on Earth. Dinosaurs may be the stars of the show, but the book is truly comprehensive, with fossil plants, invertebrates, amphibians, fish, birds, reptiles, mammals, and even early bacteria conjuring up an entire past world. To put all of these extinct species in context, the book explores geological time and the way life-forms are classified. It also looks at how fossils preserve the story of evolution, and how it can be deciphered. The chapter on "Young Earth" explains how forces shaped Earth and steered the course of life. The main part of the book - "Life on Earth" - lays out and catalogues the rich story of life, from its beginnings 4 billion years ago, through each geological period, such as the Jurassic and Cretaceous, to the present. The stunning visuals and authoritative text make Dinosaurs and Prehistoric Life a fascinating and revealing encyclopedia that will appeal to the whole family.

### Classic Car

Humans have always made music and this authoritative and lavishly illustrated guide is your companion to its fascinating history across the globe. Music - that mysterious alchemy of harmonies, lyrics, and rhythm - is a constant in our lives. Discover how music has evolved with human society, accompanying our leisure, religious rituals, and popular festivities. Watch its development during prehistory and before musical notation, when melodies were memorized or improvised. Enjoy galleries of historical instruments such as dulcimers, shawms, psalteries, and tabor pipes. The universal language of music is expressed in an astonishing number of styles today, and Music presents its evolution around the globe, including the classical European tradition of JS Bach, the passionate sounds of Spain's flamenco, and the sonic power of electronica and heavy rock. With spectacular timelines of key events and profiles of musicians from Amadeus Mozart to David Bowie, Music is an unrivaled and comprehensive reference. Whether you are into the Blues, Brahms, or Bhangra, it is essential reading and guaranteed to hit the right note.

## **Science**

Offers photographs and information about mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fishes, and invertebrates from throughout the world.

### Ocean

DK's new cat book, The Cat Encyclopedia, includes an introduction to feline anatomy, expert advice on kitten and cat care, and a celebration of cats in art and culture. Stunning photos of cat breeds from around the world form the core of the book, with information on the characteristics, origins, and behavior of each cat, as well as famous patrons of the breed. The Cat Encyclopedia is a celebration of all things feline, with a fully illustrated catalog of cat breeds including those recognized by TICA, CFA, GCCF and FIFe. The Cat Encyclopedia contains everything you need to know about cats in one easy-reference volume.

### **Aircraft**

World War II shows how deep-seated local fears and hatreds escalated into one vast global struggle that was fought out to the bitter end. It highlights the key battles, the political and economic forces, the individual leaders, and the technological advances that influenced the course of the war. Illuminating, compelling, and visually stunning, World War II is the definitive guide to the most destructive and terrifying conflict of all time.

#### Universe

From the Roman conquest of 43 CE to the Norman conquest of 1066, and from the Elizabethan age to the Iraq and Afghan wars of the 21st century, DK's History of Britain and Ireland traces the key events that have shaped Great Britain and Ireland from earliest times to the present day.

# History

Learn everything you need to know about the first war to shake the world and change the course of history. World War I: The Definitive Visual Guide takes you from the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand to the Treaty of Versailles, through beautifully illustrated and easy to understand timelines. Recreate the experience of some of the most prominent battles, such as the Somme and Verdun, through compelling direct accounts from soldiers who fought as well as civilians who lived through the First World War. Marvel at the impressive weaponry and equipment used throughout the war, and learn more about the key figures, such as David Lloyd George and Joseph Joffre. Packed with images, maps, portraits, key artefacts and unforgettable first person accounts, World War I: The Definitive Visual Guide is an uniquely accessible military history of one of the world's most devastating conflicts. Previous ISBN: 9781409347613

Firearms: An Illustrated History

Homo sapiens have remained the same species, largely unchanged in genetic makeup and anatomy since the Cro-Magnon era. By contrast, the cultural, social, and technological changes since then have been nothing less than extraordinary. Telling our story, from prehistory to the present day, DK's History is a thought-provoking journey, revealing the common threads and forces that have shaped human history. Includes: Inventions, discoveries, and ideas that have shaped world history A look at human achievement through artifacts, painting, sculpture, and architecture An examination of humankind in context as part of the natural world Eyewitness accounts and biographies of key figures A comprehensive timeline chronicling the key events of the countries of the world

## **History of Britain and Ireland**

A full-color guide organized chronologically and by key military technology covers the weapons, armor, equipment, battles and military figures that have defined war through the ages, from weapons hewn from stone to the laser-accurate stealth bombers of today.

### Ocean

Design: The Definitive Visual History lays out the complete evolution of design, from its origins in early cultures to the contemporary design -- physical and digital -- of today. This comprehensive volume covers every major design movement, along with the iconic designers and manufacturers who influenced everyday life through the objects and buildings they created. Arranged chronologically, Design moves decade-by-decade from the 1850s onward to explore the cultural, social, political, economic, and technological forces in the world at large and shows how these factors influenced movements and styles in design. Gorgeous catalogues of objects demonstrate how design in turn has influenced the everyday life, through architecture, fashion, furniture, ceramics, glassware, lighting, fabrics, electronic equipment, and more. With profiles of famous designers such as Alvar Aalto, Frank Gehry, and Philippe Starck and stunning images of buildings and interiors, Design: The Definitive Visual History is a true celebration of classic design across the centuries. Produced in association with the Smithsonian Institution.

# The Complete Human Body

Discover the misery of life in the trenches -- and how the Great War devastated Europe. Here is an original and exciting guide to the grim challenge of life or death on the Western Front. Devastating first-hand reports and contemporary photographs of the battles that slaughtered millions, together with a clear account of how nation upon nation sent their men to join the carnage, combine to present a dramatic "eyewitness" view of this most terrible war. See the bullet-riddled car of the heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, everyday life in the dugout, sappers mining tunnels beneath the enemy, and Mata Hari learning the art of spying. Learn how people avoided gas attacks, when periscopes were used, what soldiers wrote home to their sweethearts and mothers, the best way to use a tank, how troops flattened a hillside, and the meaning of Armistice Day. Discover how it felt to go over the top, what happened to all the bodies, how people dealt with shell shock,

why war led to revolution, and much, much more.

## **Imperial China**

Ever since Egyptian war chariots swept across the plains of Megiddo during the first recorded battle in history, the race for superior technology has always played a crucial role in determining an army's chances of victory or defeat. Building on the success of DK's previous military history titles, Military History is the definitive guide to the evolution of battlefield technology. From the siege towers and catapults employed by ancient invaders to the unmanned drones and stealth bombers used by today's modern armed forces, Military History explores in detail the weapons, armor, vehicles, and other hardware that have made the difference in the heat of battle time and again. Military History is organized chronologically and divided into seven chapters, each covering a specific period characterized by a key military technology. The bulk of the book consists of catalogs of weapons, armor, and equipment, organized by era and type. It also includes features on iconic weapons, famous battles, and narrative overviews that chronicle the impact of changes in military technology.

### Art

The Complete Human Body, 2nd Edition is the definitive illustrated guide to the human body as we know it today, from its development and form to its functions and disorders. Mysteries remain, but we have come a long way since the sketches and diagrams of the first anatomists in Ancient Greece. Now updated and expanded to include more information than before, The Complete Human Body, 2nd Edition explores the body's forms and functions in greater depth than any other popular reference, from muscle structure and activity to motor pathways within the brain. Illustrated with unprecedented clarity by computer-generated artworks and the latest medical and microscopic imaging, this comprehensive reference shows anatomical structures and bodily processes in incredible detail. We inhabit it, we are it, and we are surrounded by 7.2 billion examples of it on the planet - the human body. The Complete Human Body, 2nd Edition is your "access all areas" pass.

# **History of Britain and Ireland**

This illustrated guide to history's most famous battles explores military history from ancient battles to the American Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Cold War, and beyond. Featuring stunning illustrations and in-depth analysis, this military history book uses maps, paintings, and photographs to reveal the stories behind more than 90 of the most important battles ever to take place. From medieval battles and great naval battles to the era of high-tech air battles, key wars and campaigns are analyzed in detail--the weapons, the soldiers, the military strategy, and the fateful decisions that led to glorious victories and crushing defeats. Famous military leaders are profiled, including Alexander the Great, Joan of Arc, Napoleon, Rommel, and others, and crucial arms, armor, and equipment are explained. Whether at Hastings, Gettysburg, or Stalingrad, Battles That Changed History takes you into the thick of combat and shows how kingdoms and empires

have been won and lost on the battlefield throughout history.

### **Tank**

Accelerated Strategy Development and Execution The company of today has its supply chains and finances stretched further around the globe than ever before while simultaneously having increasing pressures to drive value across a complicated and fluid set of metrics and deliver innovations, products, and services more quickly and reliably. The competitive advantage belongs to the companies that can guicken their vision-building and strategy-execution efforts—the ones that can identify challenges more swiftly and accelerate their decision making so they are better able to formulate and deploy responses decisively yet with greater agility. To successfully accomplish this, companies will have to prioritize creating a culture of leadership that strengthens communication skills and emphasizes systems thinking by building capacity and capability that cuts across the business smokestacks and permeates the entire organization. In State of Readiness, Joseph F. Paris Jr. shares over thirty years of international business and operations experience and guides C-suite executives and business-operations and -improvement specialists on a path toward operational excellence, the organizational capability and situational awareness that is attained as the enterprise reaches a state of alignment for pursuing its strategies. In doing so, create a corporate culture that is committed to the continuous and deliberate improvement of company performance and the circumstances of those who work there—a precursor to becoming a high-performance organization.

## Gem

Gem is a dazzling visual guide to precious stones, organic gems, and precious metals that weaves together beautiful, specially commissioned images and science, natural history, mythology, and true stories of adventure and discovery. From diamonds to sapphires to limestone, this comprehensive guide profiles all the key gemstones and other precious materials, and stunning images show the jewels in their different cuts, colors, and uses. The stories, myths, and legends that surround the most celebrated gems and jewel-laden artifacts from around the world are revealed, from their journeys in the company of royalty, film stars, and thieves to the curse of the Hope Diamond. Additionally, a reference section at the end of the book highlights a variety of other rocks and non-precious stones. Created in association with the Smithsonian Institution, Gem combines stunning photographs with expert knowledge, making it perfect for gift giving.

## **Animal**

Follows the footsteps of life from the very first creatures and sea animals, to plants and arthropods leaving the water to live and walk on land, the evolution of reptiles and mammals, up to the early humans. Photographs of fossils, skulls, models and reconstructions are included.

Dinosaurs and Prehistoric Life: the Definitive Visual Guide to Prehistoric Animals

A million copy best-selling exploration of the animal kingdom, featuring facts and beautiful photos of over 2,000 wild animals from all habitats on planet Earth. Animal: The Definitive Visual Guide brings together the expertise of over 70 natural history specialists and the beautiful images of wildlife photographers from around the globe to illustrate, describe, and explain the incredible range of creatures in the animal kingdom. This fully up-to-date edition covers fascinating animals from across the globe including the newly discovered Skywalker Hoolock Gibbon, Jumping Spider, and Piglet Squid. From the smallest invertebrates to the mighty blue whale, Animal is a truly unrivalled look at life on planet Earth. Previous edition ISBN 9781405362337

## State of Readiness

Stand to attention for the definitive visual guide to 5,000 years of military history The Military History Book chronicles the changing technology and tactics of war from 5,000 years ago to the present day in stunning visual detail. Bringing military history to life like never before, find out all about the battles, leaders and weapons of war that have changed the course of history and shaped the world. From the siege towers and catapults of ancient times to Samurai armour, Russian Kalashnikovs and right up to the unmanned drones and stealth bombers used by today's armed forces, the evolution of battlefield technology is showcased in amazing detail. Plus, get up close with virtual tours of iconic pieces including the T-34 Tank, the Lockheed F-117 Stealth Bomber and the AH-64 Apache helicopter. The Military History Book is the perfect gift for military enthusiasts of all ages.

# **Military History**

A visual guide to the most iconic classic cars of every decade from the 1940s to the 1980s, featuring more than 1,300 photographs and two prints suitable for framing, and created in association with the Smithsonian Institution. From the Pontiac Chieftain to the Chevrolet Corvette, Classic Car is packed with the marques and models of every decade from the 1940s to the 1980s. Virtual tours offer close-up views of iconic models, and comprehensive catalogs showcase key features with detailed profiles and specifications. Double-page-spread images add flavor by showing the classics in action. To tell the complete story of classic cars, this book also profiles famous designers and manufacturers, like Ferdinand Porsche, and places the cars into wider cultural context by charting their enduring legacy as symbols of luxury and objects of desire. Classic Car is a complete celebration of classic cars and a must-have for all classic car collectors and enthusiasts.

#### **DK Science**

Learn all about fashion's trailblazers and trendsetters in this boldly illustrated, definitive guide that charts style from the late 19th century to the modern day. From the extravagance of Ancient Egypt, through the legendary houses of Chanel and Dior, to today's catwalk sensations, this gorgeous, carefully curated collection shows how fashion reflects people and places, and captures the times in which they lived. Packed with a dazzling combination of original fashion plates, archive images, and commissioned photography, Fashion takes you on a fabulous tour

across the centuries as it catalogues the history of what people wear, revealing how Western fashion has been influenced by design from around the world, and celebrating everything from costume to haute couture. Expert commentary captures the turning points of fashion history, such as when hemlines rose to reveal a glimpse of stocking, youngsters pulled on jeans and "invented" teenagers, the red carpet became a runway, and celebrities became designers. Fashion icons take centre-stage too, with features on famous trend-setters and designers, such as Elizabeth I, Marie Antoinette, and Alexander McQueen, who set the style for each generation. Fashion is an indispensible work of reference whether you're a fashion-mad teen, a wannabe designer, or someone intrigued by the violent origins of the stiletto or the birth of bling. If it's ever been in fashion, it's in this book."

### Art

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#### World War II

The definitive, 4.4 million year-old story of human history From the origins of mankind to the 21st century, spanning the globe and based on the latest research, the complete story of the people, events, themes, ideas and forces that have shaped human existence. Find out about our history's turning points: eye witness accounts and biographies give a personal angle to major events. Explore humankind's legacy from architecture and artefacts to the big ideas that have changed our world. Examine the effect we've had on nature and vice versa. And discover how the past has been unlocked: from interpreting ancient documents to analysing ice cores. A compelling look at human existence: perfect for the family bookshelf.

#### Car

This new edition of Ocean has been updated with fresh graphics, images, and type styling throughout, and includes new coverage of major events such as Hurricane Sandy and the Japan tsunami. DK's Ocean is a highly illustrated encyclopedia of the marine environment. It not only covers marine life and physical oceanography, from the geology of the seafloor to the chemistry of seawater, but also includes an atlas of the world's oceans and seas compiled using satellite data. Visual catalogs throughout the book contain profiles of living organisms and key locations. With comprehensively updated text, artwork, and images, the second edition of DK's exhaustive guide to the underwater world is the most definitive visual guide to the world's oceans on the market.

## **Design**

Marvel at the wonders of the universe, from stars and planets to black holes and nebulae, in this exploration of our solar system and beyond. Universe opens with a look at astronomy and the history of the Universe, using 3D artworks to provide a comprehensive grounding in the fundamental concepts of astronomy, including the basic techniques of practical astronomy. The core of the book is a tour of the cosmos covering the Solar System, the Milky Way, and galaxies beyond our own. Explanatory pages introduce different celestial phenomena, such as galaxies, and are followed by catalogs that profile the most interesting and important examples. A comprehensive star atlas completes the picture, with entries on each of the 88 constellations and a monthly sky guide showing the night sky as it appears throughout the year as viewed from both the northern and southern hemispheres.

## Music

Follow the epic 5,000-year story of warfare - from the earliest battles to the War on Terror with War - with this guided tour of every major conflict. Combining a clear and compelling historical narrative with a wealth of fascinating eyewitness accounts and photography throughout, this is the ultimate guide to the history of military conflict, from the armies of §ancient Egypt to the rise of Isis in Syria and Iraq, and the ongoing Yemeni civil war. War explores the battles, the warriors, the tactics, and the weapons and technology that have shaped conflict worldwide, presenting the definitive visual guide to the art of war. Lavishly illustrated with paintings, photographs, artefacts, and maps, this book offers a uniquely detailed and visually rich view of all major aspects of human conflict. Whether on the bloody battlefields of the ancient world or in the modern era of drones and laser-guided missiles, this is the complete story of the wars that have shaped our world.

## World War I

Discover the history of art movements from classical Greek art to the Italian Renaissance, the pre-raphaelites, and the masters of impressionism with this bestselling DK visual guide. Truly comprehensive in scope, this bestselling book explores masterpieces by more than 700 artists, including Leonardo da Vinci, Picasso, and Van Gogh. An invaluable art lover's reference book, it showcases everything from Italian baroque painting and African Art to contemporary art history. Each artistic movement is clearly explained, with descriptions of origins

and influences, characteristic styles and techniques, and typical subjects. A visual timeline of key works gives an overview of the scope of each major movement. Bold graphics, overlays, and detailed closeups show you how to "read" composition and subject matter, and explain the techniques and methods the artists used to create their masterpieces. Created in collaboration with Bridgeman, the largest art library in the world, Art: The Definitive Visual Guide is a must-have for your bookshelf.

## **Prehistoric Life**

The complete illustrated science encyclopedia covering the history, key discoveries, inventions and people Science: The Definitive Visual Guide reveals the story of scientific progress from the invention of the wheel to 21st-century climate solutions, including everything from ancient Greek geometry and quantum physics to the worldwide web. Explore every key moment of scientific discovery with this remarkable reference book and find out how the concepts, inventions and the individuals behind them have changed our world. With stunning artworks and authoritative information Science: The Definitive Visual Guide, now in compact format makes even complex scientific subjects easily comprehensible.

### World War I

This comprehensive visual guide presents a timeline chronicling key events in the history of Britain and Ireland, from the Roman conquest of 43 CE and the Norman conquest of 1066 through the Elizabethan age to the present day.

# **History**

Chronologically traces the course of human history and civilization from prehistoric times to the present day, covering key events, people, inventions and discoveries, and ideas and beliefs.

ROMANCE ACTION & ADVENTURE MYSTERY & THRILLER BIOGRAPHIES & HISTORY CHILDREN'S YOUNG ADULT FANTASY HISTORICAL FICTION HORROR LITERARY FICTION NON-FICTION SCIENCE FICTION