

## **FRONT COVER**

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## **BACK COVER**

Do you know how we got to here?

Well, if you're like 97.4% of the people walking the planet, you haven't got a clue. Sure, you might know a bit about a couple rivers in Mesopotamia, how Socrates wandered around Athens asking questions or how Martin Luther got ticked off one day and nailed a really long essay to the door of a church. But to be honest (and don't be embarrassed), you've got some gaps.

Be dense no more. In *Spinning World History*, Eric Burnett once again takes you through all the major tales, traditions and turning points of world history - not just European history, but WORLD history. You'll figure out real quick that the West might have had some crowning moments, but for the whole of human history, it's been the Persians, the Indians, the Chinese, the Muslims or some horse peoples from the steppe that have truly turned us into the clever little creatures we are today.

And while most world history books fade off once the Cold War comes to a close, this sometimes sardonic tome just gets going. Updated to include contemporary debates over topics such as Brexit, the rise of ISIS, claims to the South China Sea, the mounting refugee crisis and the controversial presidency of Donald Trump, this second edition finishes with a distinctively comprehensive look at the 21st century challenges facing nine major regions of

today's world - Africa, Latin America, Japan, China, the Middle East, India, Russia, Europe and the United States.

*"Eric Burnett expertly understands what his audience wants to know, what they need to know. A page-turning account of our proudest achievements and our most colossal bumbblings. It's world history for the rest of us." - Ibn Battuta*