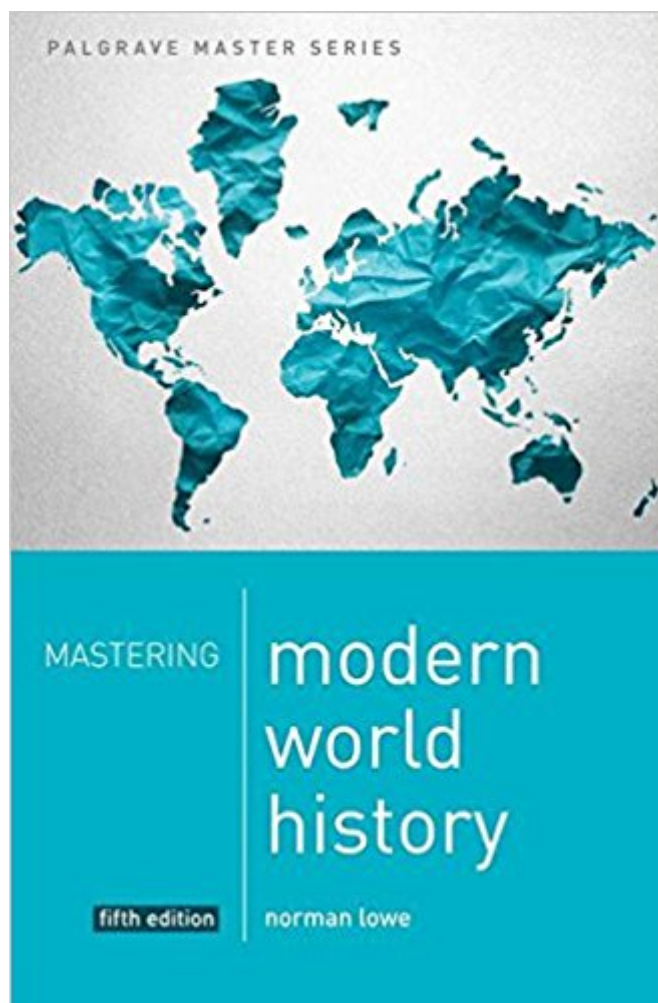


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Good! Both contents and format are quite clear and logical. Bought for my son (8th grader).

This book corresponds perfectly to the IB SL History syllabus (HL might need additional resources) and as such has been extremely useful for reviewing and studying for IB exams in May. The text is

organized around topic questions such as, "What caused World War I?" or "What were the failures of the League of Nations" with supporting perspectives and snippets from historians with various points of view, extremely helpful for the broad essay questions. The fourth edition is practically identical to the first, second and third editions, but with minor revisions and reformatting, some additional pictures, aside from the newly created "history" which occurs between revisions of the book. As with any review book, I wouldn't recommend using this to learn new topics if studying for an exam. It's useful only for bringing back and refreshing old, perhaps forgotten concepts or events. All in all I'm confident I'll continue to use this in college!

This book has been a must have for my son's IB school. I purchased an used book but honestly... It was in pristine condition. Very happy with the purchase!

Great book; great detail in the events that took place throughout the world and international relations are especially covered in detail; used the book and an online website (sparknotes.com) and did pretty well; great analysis, author should be commended. If you are studying GCSE/O levels/A Levels/IGCSE courses/syllabuses, this definitely should be used as a textbook throughout your studies rather than just a reference book. deserves all the praise it can get

My daughter reads this in her spare time. Easy to understand, concise and in depth study of a broad range of topics.

The content of the book itself is fantastic and extremely helpful. It's small size makes it easy to carry around as opposed to the average large hardcover textbook. The only downside to this purchase is that I'm extremely disappointed with the condition the book arrived in. It's not in new condition at all. The cover is filthy and covered in black marks. The lamination on the cover is significantly peeling off on the right hand corner and all of the edges are dented. The book is falling apart.

Came in good shape as expected.

Can I recommend this book too many times?. I don't think so. In my opinion, Lowe's book is a great way to start studying history, or even to learn more if you have already started. The reasons for that statement are many. "Mastering Modern World History" is clear but doesn't oversimplify the events it talks about. It isn't long, but it gives you a brief summary of the subjects under study and the

motivation to investigate more. Also, I would like to point out that the author includes at the end of each chapter some interesting questions that are eerily similar to those a teacher might ask in an exam. If you are a student, don't panic: take advantage of this opportunity :) "Mastering Modern World History" has many interesting illustrations, and also quite a few useful maps. This third edition includes relatively new historical events, for example the collapse of communism. All the same, I wish I could have the 4th edition, that unfortunately hasn't been published yet, because many relevant things have happened since 1997 and I would like to read about them here. That is the only reason I give this book 4 stars instead of 5. To sum up, I think this is a wonderful book, and as such a great gift to yourself and others. Lowe manages to write clearly about subjects that are not simple, and surprisingly enough for those who aren't fond of history books, he also happens to write quite well. What else can I say?. Strongly recommended!. Belen Alcat

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