

History in Quotations – Reflecting 5000 Years of World History.
M J Cohen and John Major.
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For those who devour anthologies of quotations, as I do, History in Quotations, a doorstep of a book at 1008 pages, has a new twist on a well-tried genre.

Mark Cohen and John Major (no, not *that* John Major!) have collected some of the best known quotations in human history and categorised them not by author but by historical period and subject; in the course of this exercise they have also found quotations that are less well-known, or completely unknown, but whose quality makes them well worth inclusion.

Introduced by a series of quotes on history itself, the categories range, *inter alia*, through The Tigris and Euphrates, Ancient Egypt, India and China, 1,000 years of Muslim India, the Jews, the Rise and Decline of Spain, the American Revolution, Right and Left in Europe, World War Two, Middle East Vortex and, finally, Globalization.

Whether you love history or quotations, or whether you just want a repository of some brilliant *bons mots*, History in Quotations is well worth having, and it will keep you informed and entertained not just for hours, but for years.

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