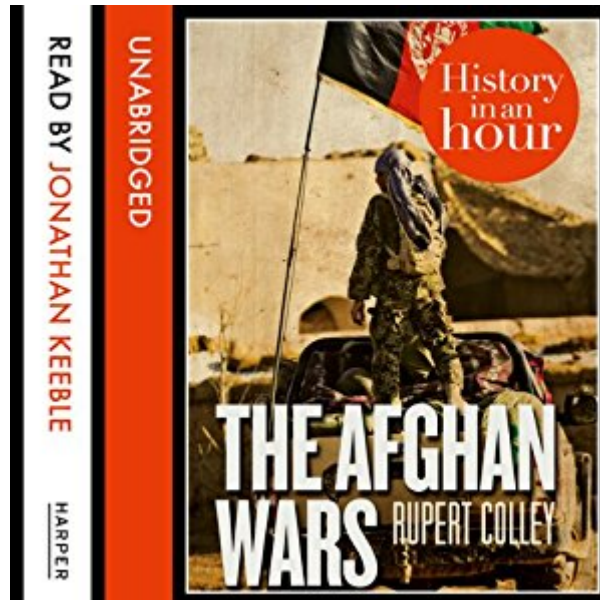




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Customer Reviews

This ebook worked out perfectly while doing research for my Russian History class. So much information, concisely and simply written, makes history in an hour ideal. Loved it!!

Good, concise history of Afghanistan. I wanted to know more about the history of the country, as it has played a major role in the US's and NATO's foreign policy recently, but I didn't want to read an entire history book on the subject. The origins of the Taliban and Northern Alliance are discussed, and this book has made me aware of other periods and places in history that I need to know more about--including Pakistani and Central Asian history.

By no means do I have any professional expertise in the field of Arabic Historical studies, especially Afghanistan. But there are some details in this book which clash with information I have seen elsewhere. Such as Muhammad Omar becoming a mullah from wearing the cloak of the prophet-he was already a mullah (being a teacher of the Islamic faith), wearing the cloak gave him the supremacy over Muslim followers and power to declare a "global" jihad. That discrepancy was a bit annoying. The list goes on but as I see the problem is the author(s) have only so much time to explain so much, as the reader takes in the information of this book (which I will add is very creditable I'm sure) they should keep in mind everything, events and details and such, are condensed and there are other books which implore more deeply into the subject. However if you are curious, and have an hour, this is perfect. Plus you cannot beat the price!

I really love these short history booklets. I am an avid history reader but some aspects require a lot of time and thought to absorb, some do not hold that claim on my time. This History In An Hour series tells a reasonably complete tale in a short time. Good show.

This should be required reading for our national politicians. It begs the question, "why did we stay in Afghanistan after the first part. We are experiencing nothing different that England and Russia did and they finally had the brains to leave. Of course England went back a few more times with the same results. Message - GET OUT.

This was exactly what I needed to help me understand more about the current situation in Afghanistan. I was woefully ignorant of the history of that part of the world and still am to a great extent. At least I now know a little bit more about how the Taliban became such a problem there.

Great book, I love these short quick, yet very informative books. I now have a much greater understanding of the issues that exist in the middle east.

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