## **Quick Look Back 1945-2020: A Journey Through Time**

2020 has been a year of challenges and changes that have reshaped the world. As we bid farewell to this eventful year, it is worth taking a moment to reflect on the significant events and milestones that have occurred from 1945 until now. Join us on a journey through time as we revisit key moments that have shaped our history and brought us to where we stand today.

#### The End of World War II (1945)

One of the most pivotal years in history, 1945 marked the end of World War II. With the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany in May, the world breathed a collective sigh of relief. However, this moment was bittersweet as the war continued in the Pacific until the surrender of Japan in August. The aftermath of the war set the stage for significant political, social, and economic changes that would unfold over the following decades.

#### The Birth of the United Nations (1945)

In the aftermath of World War II, the United Nations was established to maintain international peace and security. This global organization aimed to foster cooperation among nations and prevent future conflicts. With the signing of the United Nations Charter in June 1945, a new era of diplomacy and international relations was born.

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#### The Cold War and Space Race (1945-1991)

The post-war era was marked by geopolitical tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union, known as the Cold War. This period defined international relations and led to numerous proxy wars, such as the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Additionally, the space race between the two superpowers captivated the world as they competed for technological supremacy and explored the mysteries of outer space.

#### The Civil Rights Movement (1950s-1960s)

The fight for civil rights in the United States reached its peak during the 1950s and 1960s. Led by influential figures such as Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and Malcolm X, this movement advocated for equality, desegregation, and an end to racial discrimination. The landmark Supreme Court ruling in Brown v. Board of Education in 1954 set the stage for significant social change, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

#### The Moon Landing (1969)

On July 20, 1969, the world watched in awe as Neil Armstrong became the first person to set foot on the moon. This monumental achievement by NASA's Apollo 11 mission symbolized human innovation, exploration, and the limitless possibilities of science. The moon landing united people around the globe and demonstrated the power of determination and cooperation.

#### The Fall of the Berlin Wall (1989)

In November 1989, the world witnessed an iconic moment as the Berlin Wall, which had divided the city since 1961, finally fell. This event symbolized the end of the Cold War and revitalized the hope for reunification and peace. The reunification of East and West Germany in 1990 marked the dawn of a new era in Europe and solidified the falling of the Iron Curtain.

#### The Digital Revolution (1990s-2000s)

The advent of the internet and the rapid advancement of technology have transformed the world in unprecedented ways. The digital revolution revolutionized communication, commerce, and entertainment. It brought the world closer, connecting people from different corners of the globe and opening up new opportunities for innovation and collaboration.

#### Milestones of the 21st Century

As we entered the new millennium, humanity faced new challenges and opportunities. From the devastating September 11 attacks in 2001 to the global financial crisis in 2008, the world experienced significant upheavals. However, there were also moments of triumph and progress, such as the election of America's first African-American President, Barack Obama, in 2008, and the groundbreaking Paris Agreement on climate change in 2015.

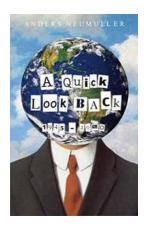
#### A Global Pandemic (2020)

As we reach the present day, the COVID-19 pandemic has reshaped the world in unimaginable ways. The rapid spread of the virus has caused immense grief and suffering, but it has also sparked moments of resilience, unity, and innovation. Throughout this challenging year, frontline workers, scientists, and communities have come together to combat the crisis and find ways to rebuild a more resilient and sustainable future.

#### **A Journey Towards the Future**

As we reflect on the rich tapestry of history, it becomes evident that our journey is shaped by the interplay of triumphs and tribulations, progress and setbacks. The years from 1945 to 2020 have carried humanity through breathtaking achievements and unfathomable tragedies. It is our responsibility to learn from our past and strive towards a future guided by compassion, cooperation, and progress.

As we bid farewell to 2020 and embrace the upcoming year, let us remember the lessons we have learned and the resilience we have shown during times of adversity. Though our journey may be uncertain, we hold the power to shape our collective destiny and create a better world for generations to come.



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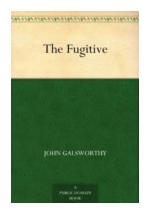


Through collages and short texts, A Quick Look Back takes you to some of the most significant happenings during the last 75 years. This unusual book brings back memories, provides facts and gives a new unique perspective on time passed. And it comes with a BONUS: A Quick History of the Collage. The book "may become your special notebook where you jot down special memories from a particular year!" writes the author. It is also a perfect gift that can be personalized by marking years that are special for the recipient. It is hard to categorize A Quick Look Back because there is nothing really like it out there. Here you have modern history, politics, culture, trends, design and an artistic interpretation of the years 1945-2020. You could even read A Quick Look Back as an illustrated poem and see your life flash by before your eyes. As a bonus you get a short lesson on the history of the collage. Most artists have worked with collage in one form or another, but this art form has never really been given full recognition in its own right. A Quick History of the Collage is an inspiring, from Picasso, Matisse and John Heartfield - via Max Ernst and Man Ray - to today's "most accesible," inexpensive and democratic art form around."The author and designer Anders Neumüller has written unique illustrated books about antiques, modern design, posters and popular culture. His God Jul - a Swedish Christmas is a much loved best-seller. After living for 31 years in Vancouver, Canada where he was the editor of the Scandinavian and Swedish Press magazines, as well as the Consul of Sweden, he is now retired and lives in Sweden.



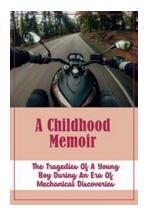
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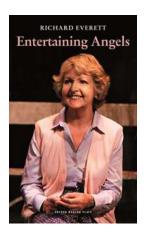
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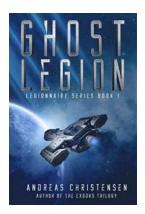
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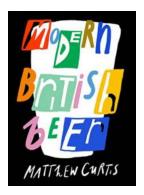
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