

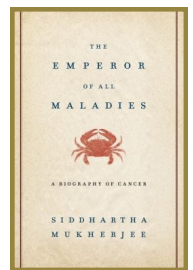


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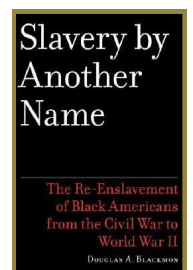
2010 [The Dead Hand: The Untold Story of the Cold War Arms Race and Its Dangerous Legacy](#) by David E. Hoffman (909.825 HOFFM)

This riveting narrative history of the end of the arms race sheds new light on the frightening last chapters of the Cold War and the legacy of the nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons that remain a threat today. In the first full account of how the arms race finally ended, The Dead Hand provides an unprecedented look at the inner motives and secret decisions of each side, drawing on top-secret documents from deep inside the Kremlin, memoirs, and interviews in both Russia and the United States.



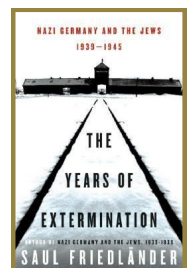
2009 [Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II](#) by Douglas A. Blackmon (305.896 BLACK)

In this groundbreaking historical exposé, Blackmon brings to light one of the most shameful chapters in American history—an "Age of Neoslavery" that thrived from the end of the Civil War through World War II. Under laws enacted specifically to intimidate blacks, tens of thousands of African Americans were arbitrarily arrested, hit with outrageous fines, and charged for the costs of their own arrests. With no means to pay these ostensible "debts," prisoners were sold as forced laborers to coal mines, lumber camps, brickyards, railroads, quarries, and farm plantations.



2008 [The Years of Extermination: Nazi Germany and the Jews, 1939-1945](#) by Saul Friedlander (940.53 FRIED)

The enactment of the German extermination policies that resulted in the murder of six million European Jews depended upon many factors, including the cooperation of local authorities and police departments, and the passivity of the populations. Necessary also was the victims' willingness to submit, often with the hope of surviving long enough to escape the German vise. The Years of Extermination, the completion of Saul Friedländer's major historical opus on Nazi Germany and the Jews, explores the convergence of the various aspects of this most systematic and sustained of modern genocides.



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- 2006 [Imperial Reckoning: The Untold Story of Britain's Gulag in Kenya](#) by Caroline Elkins (967.62 ELKIN)
- 2005 [Ghost Wars: the Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan, and Bin Laden, from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001](#) by Steve Coll (958.104 COL)
- 2004 [Gulag: A History](#) by Anne Applebaum (365 APP)
- 2003 [Problem from Hell: America and the Age of Genocide](#) by Samantha Power (304.6 POWER)
- 2002 [Carry Me Home: Birmingham, Alabama: the Climactic Battle of the Civil Rights Revolution](#) by Diane McWhorter (976.1 MCWHO)
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