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What If... 2018 historians are increasingly looking beyond the traditional and turning to visual oral aural and virtual sources to inform their work the challenges these sources pose require new skills of interpretation and require historians to consider alternative theoretical and practical approaches in order to help historians successfully move beyond traditional text sarah barber and corinna peniston bird bring together chapters from historical specialists in the fields of fine art photography film oral history architecture virtual sources music cartoons landscape and material culture to explain why when and how these less traditional sources can be used each chapter introduces the reader to the source suggests the methodological and theoretical questions historians should keep in mind when using it and provides case studies to illustrate best practice in analysis and interpretation pulling these disparate sources together the introduction discusses the nature of historical sources and those factors which are unique to and shared by the sources covered throughout the book taking examples from around the globe this collection of essays aims to inspire practitioners of history to expand their horizons and incorporate a wide variety of primary sources in their work

History Beyond the Text 2013-02-01 james c juhnke and carol m hunter have written a ground breaking book challenging the routine application of the myth of redemptive violence to the history of the united states this work is a timely and eye opening corrective that helps the reader see the history of the united states from an entirely new perspective

The Missing Peace 2001 what if is an entertaining thoughtful provocative and original look at some of the milestones of twentieth century irish history that offers a glimpse of what might have been we all know that there was nothing inevitable about much of modern ireland s history things could have turned out very differently so it is natural to wonder what would have happened if certain events had never occurred or happened in a different way what if is the thought provoking enjoyable and insightful book that explores this conceit as its starting point asking of key events in twentieth century ireland what if based on diarmaid ferriter s acclaimed rtÉ radio one series the book looks at twenty events in twentieth century ireland each of which was discussed on ferriter s show with two experts and speculates on how

things might have developed had circumstances been different in doing so ferriter also sheds much new light on what actually did happen how ireland changed during the course of the twentieth century and the experiences of those who lived through it the big questions are tackled what if there had been no 1916 rising what if ireland had been invaded during world war ii what if there had been no programmes for economic expansion what if mary robinson had not been elected president in 1990 but the book also poses other less obvious questions what if james joyce and samuel beckett had stayed in ireland if britain had blocked irish immigration in the 1950s if there had been no late late show or magill magazine if bishop eamon casey had never met annie murphy or if john charles mcquaid had never been archbishop of dublin what if alternative views of twentieth century ireland table of contents introduction what if there had been no late late show what if there had been no pro life amendment referendum in 1983 what if there had been no magill magazine what if john charles mcquaid had not been appointed archbishop of dublin in 1940 what if ben dunne had not gone on a golfing trip to florida in 1992 what if bishop eamon casey s secret had not been discovered what if there had been no 1916 rising what if the treaty ports had not been returned in 1938 what if the blueshirts had attempted a coup in 1933 what if de valera had stood down as leader of fianna fáil in 1948 instead of 1959 what if donogh o malley had not introduced free secondary education in 1967 what if the irish press had not closed down in 1995 what if james joyce and samuel beckett had stayed in ireland what if frank duff had not established the legion of mary in 1921 what if the jim duffy tape had not been released during the 1990 presidential election what if proportional representation had been abolished in 1959 or 1968 what if t k whitaker had not been appointed secretary of the department of finance in 1956 what if the members of u2 had gone to different schools in the 1970s what if britain had imposed restrictions on irish immigration in the 1950s what if noël browne had not been involved in irish politics

[An Alternative History of Pittsburgh](#) 2021-05-11 what is alternative medicine is the astonishing popularity of alternative and multicultural medicine really such a recent development bivins unearths the roots of today s distinction between alternative complementary and orthodox medicine and shows how interest in medical alternatives is a phenomenon with a long history

Alternative History Manuals 1899* an engrossing and definitive narrative account of history and myth that offers a new way of understanding one of the world s oldest major religions the hindus elucidates the relationship between recorded history and imaginary worlds hinduism does not lend itself easily to a strictly chronological account many of its central texts cannot be reliably dated even within a century its central tenets karma dharma to name just two arise at particular moments in indian history and differ in each era between genders and caste to caste and what is shared among hindus is overwhelmingly outnumbered by the things that are unique to one group or another yet the greatness of hinduism its vitality its earthiness its vividness lies precisely in many of those idiosyncratic qualities that continue to inspire debate today wendy doniger is one of the foremost scholars of hinduism in the world with her inimitable insight and expertise doniger illuminates those moments within the tradition that resist forces that would standardize or establish a canon without reversing or misrepresenting the historical hierarchies she reveals how sanskrit and vernacular sources are rich in knowledge of and compassion toward women and lower castes how they debate tensions surrounding religion violence and tolerance and how animals are the key to important shifts in attitudes toward different social classes the hindus brings a fascinating multiplicity of actors and stories to the stage to show how brilliant and creative thinkers many of them far removed from brahmin authors of sanskrit texts have kept hinduism alive in ways that other scholars have not fully explored in this unique and authoritative account debates about hindu traditions become platforms

from which to consider the ironies and overlooked epiphanies of history

What If? Alternative Views of Twentieth-Century Irish History 2006-04-25 a collection of essays focused largely on the 19th century when alternative medicine as opposed to orthodox medicine was not accepted as professional historians in this book explore the dissent which arose in various local and national contexts
Alternative Medicine? 2010 from america to the zapatistas from arcadia to the battle for seattle this is a look at the history and reality of alternative ideas and organizations all too often ordinary people are told that the problems of organization are already solved and don't concern them because they have no choice this dictionary provides those who disagree with evidence to the contrary featuring hundreds of entries dealing with literary utopias historical alternatives and contemporary movements for social and political change the book gives us a uniquely rich and imaginative snapshot of society in all its diversity now and in the past part reference work part sourcebook and part polemic the dictionary of alternatives provides a wealth of ideas for thinking about how we can live in the new century book jacket

The Hindus 2010-09-30 drawing on recent scholarship reconstructs the daily life of not only the ruling class but of the rest of society including the conquered peoples organization is in chapters covering all aspects of life military and warfare government language class structure work and the economy engineering and architecture housing transportation family life life cycle events women's roles art music and dance literature science and religion a timeline of inca history and a glossary of inca terms are included annotation copyright by book news inc portland or

Studies In The History Of Alternative Medicine 1988-11-24 the family is a subversive organization in fact it is the ultimate and only consistently subversive organization with these words ferdinand mount begins what has come to be regarded as one of the most influential works of social history in recent times published to acclaim in england and throughout europe the subversive family now makes its first appearance in america at a time when public discussions of divorce child support gender inequality adoption care for the aged and all manner of family issues are taking new and unanticipated turns mount provides us with a history of the family that will pique the interest and often the ire of all parties in the debate mount argues that our society has been shaped by a series of powerful revolutionary movements the leaders of which whether they be politicians theologians feudal lords or feminist writers have done their utmost ultimately unsuccessfully to render the family subordinate to their purpose he maintains that many widely held beliefs about the family are based on a willful misreading of the evidence promulgated by the church the state and various ideologues included among these are the myths that arranged marriages were the norm until this century that child care is a modern invention that in earlier societies children were treated as expendable objects that the nuclear family is a twentieth century invention and that romantic love never existed before the troubadour poets glorified adultery divorce mount contends is no great novelty either irreverent and entertaining the subversive family will jolt the reader into a fascinating reassessment of love and marriage and encourage greater consideration for policies today that support the family

The Dictionary of Alternatives 2007-04 this book studies the wars pakistan has fought over the years with india as well as other non state actors focusing on the first kashmir war 1947-48 the wars of 1965 and 1971 and the 1999 kargil war it analyses the elite decision making which leads to these conflicts and tries to understand how pakistan got involved in the first place the author applies the gambling model to provide insights into the dysfunctional world view risk taking behaviour and other behavioural patterns of the decision makers which precipitate these wars and highlight their effects on india pakistan relations for the future the book also brings to the fore the experience of widows children common soldiers displaced

civilians and villagers living near borders in the form of interviews to understand the subaltern perspective a nuanced and accessible military history of pakistan this book will be indispensable to scholars and researchers of military history defence and strategic studies international relations political studies war and conflict studies and south asian studies

Making Alternative Histories 1995 from participatory architecture to interaction design the question of how design accommodates use is driving inquiry in many creative fields expanding utility to embrace people s everyday experience brings new promises for the social role of design but this is nothing new as the essays assembled in this collection show interest in the elusive realm of the user was an essential part of architecture and design throughout the twentieth century use matters is the first to assemble this alternative history from the bathroom to the city from ergonomics to cybernetics and from algeria to east germany it argues that the user is not a universal but a historically constructed category of twentieth century modernity that continues to inform architectural practice and thinking in often unacknowledged ways

The Subversive Family 1992 explore fascinating often chilling what if accounts of the world that could have existed and still might yet science fiction s most illustrious and visionary authors hold forth the ultimate alternate history collection here you ll experience mind bending tales that challenge your views of the past present and future including the lucky strike when the lucky strike is chosen over the enola gay to drop the first atomic bomb fate takes an unexpected turn in kim stanley robinson s gripping tale bring the jubilee ward moore s novella masterpiece offers a rebel victory at gettysburg which changes the course of the civil war and all of american history through road no wither after hitler s victory in world war ii two nazi officers confront their destiny in greg bear s apocalyptic vision of the future all the myriad ways murder or suicide ambrose harmon s death leads the police down an infinite number of pathways in larry niven s brilliant and defining tale of alternatives and consequences mozart in mirrorshades bruce sterling and lewis shiner explore a terrifying era as the future crashes into the past with disastrous results as well as the winterberry by nicholas a dichario islands in the sea by harry turtledove suppose they gave a peace by susan shwartz manassas again by gregory benford dance band on the titanic by jack l chalker eutopia by poul anderson the undiscovered by william sanders the death of captain future by allen steele and moon of ice by brad linaweaver the definitive collection fourteen seminal alternate history tales drawing readers into a universe of dramatic possibility and endless wonder

Pakistan's Wars 2022-06-09 the history of alternative test methods in toxicology uses a chronological approach to demonstrate how the use of alternative methods has evolved from their conception as adjuncts to traditional animal toxicity tests to replacements for them this volume in the history of toxicology and environmental health series explores the history of alternative test development validation and use with an emphasis on humanity and good science in line with the three rs replacement reduction refinement concept expounded by william russell and rex burch in 1959 in their now classic volume the principles of humane experimental technique the book describes the historical development of technologies that have influenced the application of alternatives in toxicology and safety testing these range from single cell monocultures to sophisticated miniaturised and microfluidic organism on a chip devices and also include molecular modelling chemoinformatics and qsar analysis and the use of stem cells tissue engineering and hollow fibre bioreactors this has been facilitated by the wider availability of human tissues advances in tissue culture analytical and diagnostic methods increases in computational processing capabilities and a greater understanding of cell biology and molecular mechanisms of toxicity these technological developments have enhanced the range and information content of the toxicity endpoints detected and

therefore the relevance of test systems and data interpretation while new techniques for non invasive diagnostic imaging and high resolution detection methods have permitted an increased role for human studies several key examples of how these technologies are being harnessed to meet 21st century safety assessment challenges are provided including their deployment in integrated testing schemes in conjunction with kinetic modelling and in specialised areas such as inhalation toxicity studies the history of alternative test methods in toxicology uses a chronological approach to demonstrate how the use of alternative methods has evolved from their conception as adjuncts to traditional animal toxicity tests to replacements for them this volume in the history of toxicology and environmental health series explores the history of alternative test development validation and use with an emphasis on humanity and good science in line with the three rs replacement reduction refinement concept expounded by william russell and rex burch in 1959 in their now classic volume the principles of humane experimental technique the book describes the historical development of technologies that have influenced the application of alternatives in toxicology and safety testing these range from single cell monocultures to sophisticated miniaturised and microfluidic organism on a chip devices and also include molecular modelling chemoinformatics and qsar analysis and the use of stem cells tissue engineering and hollow fibre bioreactors this has been facilitated by the wider availability of human tissues advances in tissue culture analytical and diagnostic methods increases in computational processing capabilities and a greater understanding of cell biology and molecular mechanisms of toxicity these technological developments have enhanced the range and information content of the toxicity endpoints detected and therefore the relevance of test systems and data interpretation while new techniques for non invasive diagnostic imaging and high resolution detection methods have permitted an increased role for human studies several key examples of how these technologies are being harnessed to meet 21st century safety assessment challenges are provided including their deployment in integrated testing schemes in conjunction with kinetic modelling and in specialised areas such as inhalation toxicity studies

Use Matters 2013-10-15 in the pity of war niall ferguson makes a simple and provocative argument that the human atrocity known as the great war was entirely england s fault britain according to ferguson entered into war based on naïve assumptions of german aims and england s entry into the war transformed a continental conflict into a world war which they then badly mishandled necessitating american involvement the war was not inevitable ferguson argues but rather the result of the mistaken decisions of individuals who would later claim to have been in the grip of huge impersonal forces that the war was wicked horrific inhuman is memorialized in part by the poetry of men like wilfred owen and siegfried sassoon but also by cold statistics more british soldiers were killed in the first day of the battle of the somme than americans in the vietnam war indeed the total british fatalities in that single battle some 420 000 exceeds the entire american fatalities for both world wars and yet as ferguson writes while the war itself was a disastrous folly the great majority of men who fought it did so with enthusiasm ferguson vividly brings back to life this terrifying period not through dry citation of chronological chapter and verse but through a series of brilliant chapters focusing on key ways in which we now view the first world war for anyone wanting to understand why wars are fought why men are willing to fight them and why the world is as it is today there is no sharper nor more stimulating guide than niall ferguson s the pity of war

The Best Alternate History Stories of the 20th Century 2001-10-02 the third book in the military action adventure series an alternative history of the confederacy from sea to shining sea is the shattering climax of the war between the confederate states of mexico its ally the german empire and the union and the empire of columbia with the future of central america at stake the final battle is joined the rebel fighter ukimbe

easy sinclair along with their allies and enemies are all swept to their spectacular destinies

The History of Alternative Test Methods in Toxicology 2018-10-20 in stranger than we can imagine john higgs argues that before 1900 history seemed to make sense we can understand innovations like electricity agriculture and democracy the twentieth century in contrast gave us relativity cubism quantum mechanics the id existentialism stalin psychedelics chaos mathematics climate change and postmodernism in order to understand such a disorienting barrage of unfamiliar and knotty ideas higgs shows us we need to shift the framework of our interpretation and view these concepts within the context of a new kind of historical narrative instead of looking at it as another step forward in a stable path we need to look at the twentieth century as a chaotic seismic shift upending all linear narratives higgs invites us along as he journeys across a century about which we know too much in order to grant us a new perspective on it he brings a refreshingly non academic eclectic and infectiously energetic approach to his subjects as well as a unique ability to explain how complex ideas connect and intersect whether he s discussing einstein s theories of relativity the beat poets interest in eastern thought or the bright spots and pitfalls of the american dream

The Pity Of War 1999-04-08 for over a hundred years the story of assimilation has animated the nation building project of the united states and still today the dream or demand of a cultural melting pot circulates through academia policy institutions and mainstream media outlets noting society s many exclusions and erasures scholars in the second half of the twentieth century persuasively argued that only some social groups assimilate others they pointed out are subject to racialization in this bold discipline traversing cultural history catherine ramírez develops an entirely different account of assimilation weaving together the legacies of us settler colonialism slavery and border control ramírez challenges the assumption that racialization and assimilation are separate and incompatible processes in fascinating chapters with subjects that range from nineteenth century boarding schools to the contemporary artwork of undocumented immigrants this book decouples immigration and assimilation and probes the gap between assimilation and citizenship it shows that assimilation is not just a process of absorption and becoming more alike rather assimilation is a process of racialization and subordination and of power and inequality

From Sea to Shining Sea 2014-09-10 the most comprehensive book on this subject ever published with 3 638 references

Stranger Than We Can Imagine 2015-11-01 the relationship between the chinese nation and its recent past has been fraught with contradictions and tensions this collection aims to make sense of this complex relationship and challenge the prevalent state centric and nation centric modes of history writing on modern china it explores alternative representations of the past and the salience of political conflicts and competitive histories in china highlighting the paradoxical similarities in such representations of the past from the late nineteenth century to the present ultimately this book contributes to the ongoing discussion on the politics of interpreting the past and its many manifestations in both china and other societies this volume will contribute to the scholarly debate on the use of the past in national history tze ki hon city university of hong kong alternative representations of the past presents a collection of essays that critically examine the ways in which the contradicting and contested enterprise of history has been politicized in china as memory is past made present the meticulous re evaluation of chinese history by the contributors of this volume promises to offer readers valuable insights into contemporary china chang yau hoon associate professor and director centre for advanced research universiti brunei darussalam

Assimilation 2020-12-08 the world s most comprehensive well documented and well illustrated book on this subject with extensive index 435 color photographs and illustrations free of charge in digital pdf format

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History of Seventh-day Adventist Work with Soyfoods, Vegetarianism, Meat Alternatives, Wheat Gluten, Dietary Fiber and Peanut Butter (1863-2013) 2014-01-06 how did ordinary people experience japan s modern transformation what role did people in local areas play in the making of modern japan how do studies of local politics help explain national events the dominant account of modern japanese history focuses on the nation building that brought japan into the modern world after centuries of isolation american warships forced japan to open its doors to the west and a group of tough new leaders transformed the country into one of the great military and economic powers of the world but different perspectives need to be examined alternative narratives introduces other actors other places and other dimensions of social and political activity in an attempt to construct a broader and more complex account of modern japanese history focusing on the initial years of japan s modern transformation from the 1850s to the 1890s steele explores responses of commoners to the arrival of american warships in 1853 the growth of popular political consciousness reactions of the residents of edo in 1868 on the deposition of the shogun responses of the village elite to the fall of the old regime and established frameworks of historical narration including american attempts to understand japan s 1868 civil war the author draws upon a wealth of documents including broadsheets woodblock prints political cartoons and local campaign literature as well as more conventional material in an endeavour to find new and different ways to examine the past this book forms an important resource to students of japanese history and culture while simultaneously appealing to scholars interested in the general problem of history and history writing

Alternative Representations of the Past 2020-11-23 this handbook provides a state of the art survey of research in business history business historians study the historical evolution of business systems entrepreneurs and firms as well as their interaction with their political economic and social environment they address issues of central concern to researchers in management studies and business administration as well as economics sociology and political science and to historians they employ a range of qualitative and quantitative methodologies but all share a belief in the importance of understanding change over time the oxford handbook of business history has brought together leading scholars to provide a comprehensive critical and interdisciplinary examination of business history organized into four parts approaches and debates forms of business organization functions of enterprise and enterprise and society the handbook shows that business history is a wide ranging and dynamic area of study generating compelling empirical data which has sometimes confirmed and sometimes contested widely held views in management and the social sciences the oxford handbook of business history is a key reference work for scholars and advanced students of business history and a fascinating resource for social scientists in general

History of Meat Alternatives (965 CE to 2014) 2014-12-18 what if napoleon was born in america blumetti explains why it almost happened as well as other possible alternative histories in what if

Alternative Narratives in Modern Japanese History 2003-09-02 this groundbreaking collection explores the beliefs and approaches to the history of english that do not make it into standard textbooks orthodox histories have presented a tunnel version of the history of the english language which is sociologically inadequate in this book a range of leading international scholars show how this focus on standard english dialect is to the detriment of those which are non standard or from other areas of the world alternative histories of english reveals the range of possible narratives about how different varieties of englishes may have emerged places emphasis on pragmatic sociolinguistic and discourse oriented aspects of english rather than the traditional grammar vocabulary and phonology considers diverse topics including south african english indian english southern hemisphere englishes early modern english women s writing and

politeness presenting a fuller and richer picture of the complexity of the history of english the contributors to alternative histories of english explain why english is the diverse world language it is today

History of Roasted Whole Soy Flour (Kinako), Soy Coffee, Coffee Alternatives, Problems with Coffee, and Soy Chocolate (1540-2012) 2012-11 winner of the 2014 christian gauss award for excellence in literary scholarship from the phi beta kappa society having excavated the world s earliest novels in his previous book literary historian steven moore explores in this sequel the remarkable flowering of the novel between the years 1600 and 1800 from don quixote to america s first big novel an homage to cervantes entitled modern chivalry this is the period of such classic novels as tom jones candida and dangerous liaisons but beyond the dozen or so recognized classics there are hundreds of other interesting novels that appeared then known only to specialists spanish picaresques french heroic romances massive chinese novels japanese graphic novels eccentric english novels and the earliest american novels these minor novels are not only worthy of attention in their own right but also provide the context needed to appreciate why the major novels were major breakthroughs the novel experienced an explosive growth spurt during these centuries as novelists experimented with different forms and genres epistolary novels romances gothic thrillers novels in verse parodies science fiction episodic road trips and family sagas along with quirky unclassifiable experiments in fiction that resemble contemporary avant garde works as in his previous volume moore privileges the innovators and outriders those who kept the novel novel this sequel like its predecessor is a zestfully encyclopedic avidly opinionated and dazzlingly fresh history of the most elastic of literary forms booklist

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What If? 2003-11-01 in other logics alternatives to formal logic in the history of thought and contemporary philosophy edited by admir skodo an array of historical and philosophical chapters decenter the idea of formal logic as the most accurate timeless and abstract description of all thought and reasoning

Alternative Histories of English 2002-09-06 in 1973 san francisco allergist ben feingold created an uproar by claiming that synthetic food additives triggered hyperactivity then the most commonly diagnosed

childhood disorder in the united states he contended that the epidemic should not be treated with drugs such as ritalin but instead with a food additive free diet parents and the media considered his treatment the feingold diet a compelling alternative physicians however were skeptical and designed dozens of trials to challenge the idea the resulting medical opinion was that the diet did not work and it was rejected matthew smith asserts that those scientific conclusions were in fact flawed an alternative history of hyperactivity explores the origins of the feingold diet revealing why it became so popular and the ways in which physicians parents and the public made decisions about whether it was a valid treatment for hyperactivity arguing that the fate of feingold s therapy depended more on cultural economic and political factors than on the scientific protocols designed to test it smith suggests the lessons learned can help resolve medical controversies more effectively

The Novel: An Alternative History, 1600-1800 2019-10-17 sources are the raw material of history but where the written word has traditionally been seen as the principal source today historians are increasingly recognizing the value of sources beyond text in history and material culture karen harvey embarks upon a discussion about material culture considering objects often those found surrounding us in day to day life as sources which can help historians develop new interpretations and new knowledge about the past across ten chapters different historians look at a variety of material sources from around the globe and across centuries to assess how such sources can be used to study history while the sources are discussed from interdisciplinary perspectives each contributor examines how material culture can be approached from an historical viewpoint and each chapter addresses its theme or approach in a way accessible to readers without expertise in the area in her introduction karen harvey discusses some of the key issues raised when historians use material culture and suggests some basic steps for those new to these kinds of sources opening up the discipline of history to new approaches and introducing those working in other disciplines to historical approaches this book is the ideal introduction to the opportunities and challenges of researching material culture

The Novel: An Alternative History, 1600-1800 2013-08-29 people like to believe in a past golden age of traditional english countryside before large farms machinery and the destruction of hedgerows changed the landscape forever however that countryside may have looked both more and less familiar than we imagine take todays startling yellow fields of rapeseed seemingly more suited to the landscape of van gogh than constable they were in fact thoroughly familiar to fieldworkers in seventeenth century england at the same time some features that would have gone unremarked in the past now seem like oddities in the fifteenth century rabbit warrens were specially guarded to rear rabbits as a luxury food for rich mens tables whilst houses had moats not only to defend them but to provide a source of fresh fish in the 1500s we find catherine of aragon introducing the concept of a fresh salad to the court of henry viii and in the 1600s artichoke gardens became a fashion of the gentry in their hope of producing more male heirs the common tomato suspected of being poisonous in 1837 was transformed into a household vegetable by the end of the nineteenth century thanks to cheaper glass making methods and the resulting increase in glasshouses in addition to these images of past lives joan thirsk reveals how the forces which drive our current interest in alternative forms of agriculture a glut of meat and cereal crops changing dietary habits the needs of medicine have striking parallels with earlier periods in our history she warns us that todays decisions should not be made in a historical vacuum we can find solutions to our current problems in the experience of people in the past

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had offered the slightest opposition but the bluff succeeded history changed decisively examines the alternative course history might have taken had the western powers been more alert

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