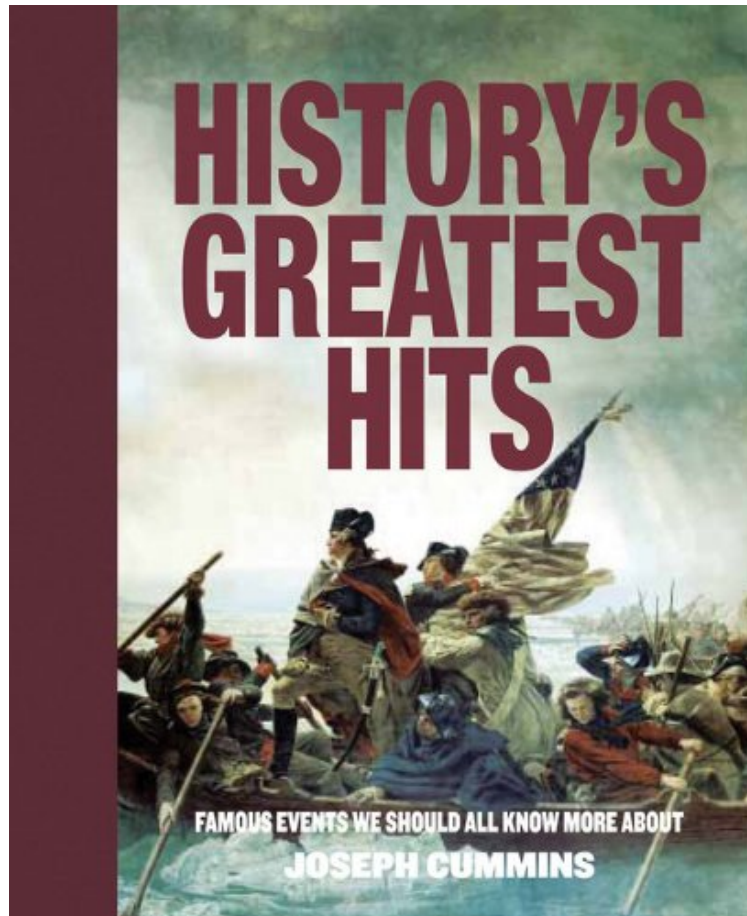


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**Joseph Cummins : History's Greatest Hits: Famous Events We Should All Know More About** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised History's Greatest Hits: Famous Events We Should All Know More About:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By David J Easton excellent 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. "History's Greatest Hits" is a really good overview of people and ... By Jon BA someone who has developed an interest in history after completing school, "History's Greatest Hits" is a really good overview of people and events that I wasn't familiar with; most weren't mentioned in my schooling or discovered by me subsequently. For those more recent events with which I was familiar, Cummins included a lot of context or other information that helped me see it in a new light. I would shave a bit off the fifth star for one annoying oversight: there aren't any maps. Each story should have a map showing the locations being discussed. I had a general idea where most of the areas are, but for many I consulted online sources to see battle maps or other illustrative info to help me

visualized how a battle played out or where the events occurred. But it's a tribute to the quality of the writing that I was interested enough to do this in the first place. Overall, highly recommended for anyone who wants an enjoyable, educational read to fill in the gaps in their historical knowledge. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful.

Quick and Dirty Overview of History By David Harte-Maxwell History's Greatest hits is a good overview of some of the greatest events of the past. I could design a pretty lively high school or college course around the book, and it was definitely an enjoyable read. It was quite easy to read a chapter in one read, either waiting for my kids or dinner to cook. Mr Cummings writes in a folksy and engaging manner that keeps the interest up. He is talented at personalizing the everyday person, whether it be a soldier in a 'Pals Battalion' (The Somme) or regular citizens dying #The Black Death#. Now that the 'Good' is out of the way, here's the dirty. Don't take the facts here as scholastic gospel, and if you are researching for an essay have a second source. Under 'D Day' he calls a unit 'the Winnipeg company' when it was 'The Royal Winnipeg Rifle Regiment' #battalion size#. In Battle of the Bulge he does worse - refers to the whole German 15th Army as a 'Division'. In some eyes those are minor errors, yet cause the whole book to be somewhat suspect. For a book of this timeline the bibliography appears a bit thin as well. There is just enough in it to be able to state that he did research, but I'm sure he's read much more than what he's listed. John Keegan, Paul Kennedy, and Nial Ferguson are notable absences. An overview of history limited to 37 events is bound to elicit questions about what the correct choices should have been. Frankly, it's a very American view of history, with the last half of the book largely dedicated to US actions. However, these events were, and are quite important. In fact the first half of the book has some surprising entries. These include 'The Battle of Quebec', the 'Irish Potato Famine' and 'The Assassination of Julius Caesar'. 'The Black Plague' was also very good, but left unanswered questions, such as why the plague swept through the Volga region yet took five years ravaging Western Europe and the Baltic regions before getting to Moscow. I would have liked to have seen the following, in addition to the 37 - The Boer War (precursor to The Great War), The English Civil War, the Russian Front in WW 2 (Russia is barely mentioned), Mao and the Great March (China), and those dirty little secrets - the Spanish-American war and Indian wars. For all that criticism I still give it 4 stars. I won't quibble overly with the choice of subjects; limited to 37 events something's gotta be left out. If I were confident all the facts were correct I'd give this 5 stars.

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