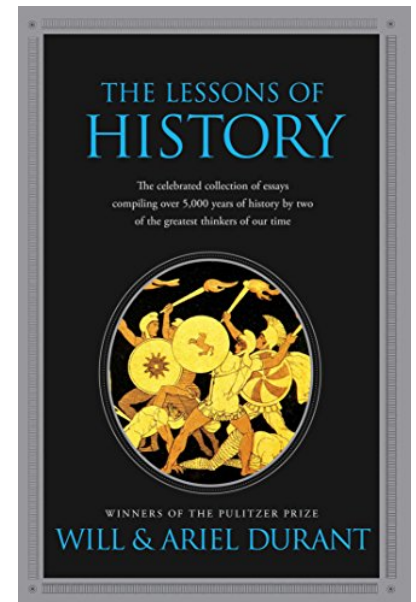


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Why This Book Matters:

The Lessons of History covers changes in every corner of the world over 5,000 years.

The Big Takeaways:

1. **Where people live is the biggest indicator of who they will become, but this becomes further from the truth as technology prevails.**
 1. If People have always been drawn to place near necessities such as waterways. With the evolution of technology, immediate resources become less time-sensitive.
2. **People were not born equal.**
 1. History shows our love for competition in an attempt to gain superiority.

3. **The way people and their communities have evolved does not include race as a factor.**
 1. White people were able to make more early advancements because of where they were located in Europe, not because their race had more inherent intelligence.
4. **Who we are, how we celebrate, the way we live our lives are only outcomes of our environment.**
 1. Cultures have developed over time, and many of our beliefs are held in that culture due to how we were raised.
5. **Wealth in one place is common but can find more power in redistributing the riches.**
 1. It is common for a few people to hold the majority of the wealth, but the distribution of this wealth is a measure of a society's morality and freedom.

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