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"The graphical format of this history of mankind allows one to view happenings in one part of the world and then see other events at the same time in different areas of the world. Unique and refreshing. Illustrations and maps peppered throughout make accessing the information enticing and easy."--**Globe and Mail**

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About the Author

John Haywood is an honorary research fellow in the Department of History at Lancaster University. His books include "The Great Migrations: From the Earliest Humans to the Age of Globalization", "The Penguin Historical Atlas of Ancient Civilizations", "The Penguin Historical Atlas of the Vikings", and "The Historical Atlas of the Celtic World".

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