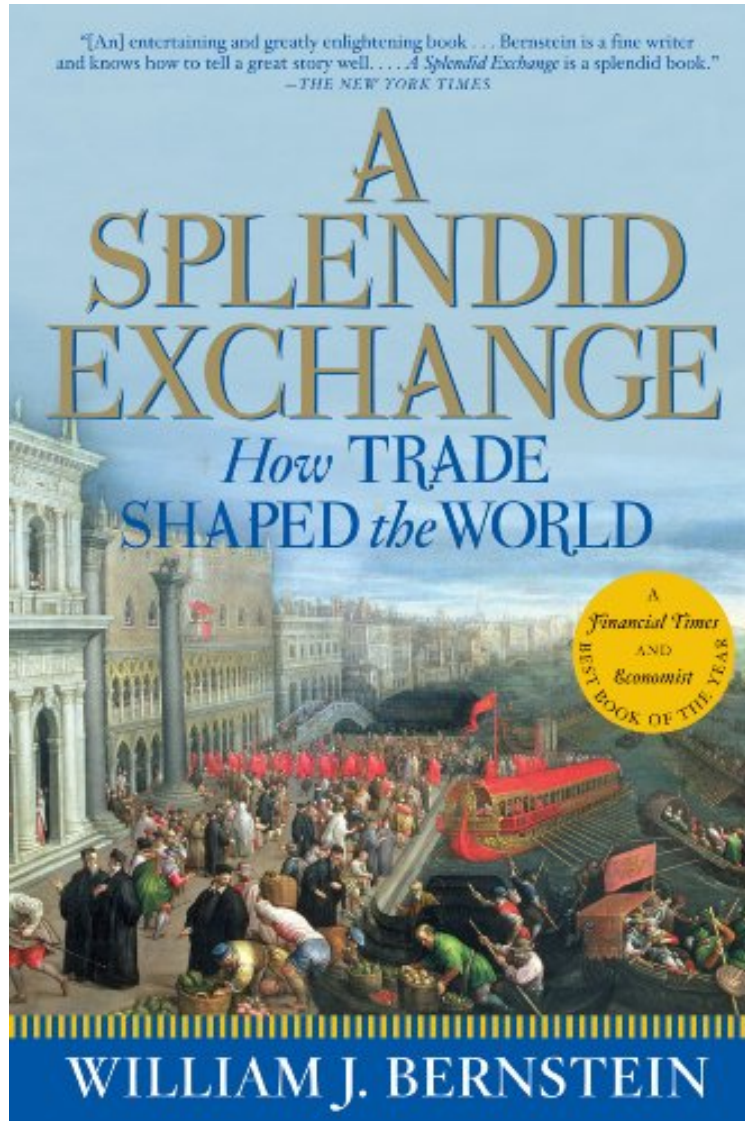


A Splendid Exchange: How Trade Shaped the World

William J. Bernstein

**Download PDF | ePub | DOC | audiobook | ebooks*



 Download

 Read Online

#299903 in eBooks 2009-05-14 2009-05-14 File Name: B006NZ9XTU | File size: 17.Mb

William J. Bernstein : A Splendid Exchange: How Trade Shaped the World before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Splendid Exchange: How Trade Shaped the World:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A splendid read. By CaroleTopical, informative and easily understood. It gives one a clear view of how trade got us here. Read this book 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. He provides seriously thought-provoking insights into the American Revolution, ... By Customer He provides seriously thought-provoking insights into the American Revolution, the Civil War, and especially the current struggles over free trade and protectionism with increasing disparity of incomes. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Bernstein does a marvelous job of including commerce and trade ... By Ronald D. Ellermeier Bernstein does a

marvelous job of including commerce and trade into world history. The reader has many "aha" moments learning just why some modern-day relationships, attitudes, prejudices exist amongst races and nations.

Acclaimed by readers and critics around the globe, *A Splendid Exchange* is a sweeping narrative history of world trade—from Mesopotamia in 3000 B.C. to the firestorm over globalization today—that brilliantly explores traders' colorful and contentious past and provides new insights into its future.

"[An] entertaining and greatly enlightening book . . . Bernstein is a fine writer and knows how to tell a great story well. . . . *A Splendid Exchange* is a splendid book." —The New York Times
"Superb . . . [A] significant contribution . . . The chronological range of Bernstein's book is staggering. . . . *A Splendid Exchange* is a work of which Adam Smith and Max Weber would have approved. . . . What really marks Bernstein out is his talent in understanding, and then explaining, international commercial linkages." —Paul Kennedy, *Foreign Affairs*
"Sparkling. . . Fascinating. . . One freewheeling historical passage follows another. . . . *A Splendid Exchange* is saved from any possible tedium by its feast of contrarian conclusions, its broad historical sweep, and, especially, its vivid characters." —*Businessweek*
"Highly entertaining. . . In an era when trade is defined by interminable World Trade Organization talks and offers nothing more romantic than slab-sided container ships ploughing between nondescript ports, William Bernstein's book is like a trip to the movies to watch Johnny Depp swinging through the rigging." —Hugh Carnegy, *Financial Times*
"Rollicking. . . Mr. Bernstein whisks his reader on a tumultuous journey. . . . *A Splendid Exchange* is a timely and readable reminder that the desire to trade is not only one of the oldest human instincts but also the cause of many of the most important developments in our shared history. . . . For anyone wanting a painless primer in the ideas of Adam Smith, David Ricardo, or more recent economists, such as Paul Samuelson, this is the place to find it." —The Economist