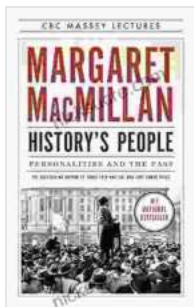


Personalities and the Past: The CBC Massey Lectures

By Margaret MacMillan

In this series of Massey Lectures, historian Margaret MacMillan explores the ways in which our understanding of the past is shaped by our own personalities and experiences. She argues that we are all historians, in a sense, and that our own perspectives on the past inevitably influence how we interpret it.



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MacMillan draws on a wide range of examples, from the ancient Greeks to the present day, to illustrate her point. She shows how our own experiences can lead us to see different things in the past, and how our own values can shape our understanding of it.

For example, she discusses how the experience of war can lead people to see the past in a more pessimistic light. She also shows how our own

political beliefs can influence our understanding of the past. For example, she argues that conservatives tend to see the past as a time of order and stability, while liberals tend to see it as a time of change and progress.

MacMillan's lectures are a fascinating exploration of the ways in which our own personalities and experiences shape our understanding of the past. She shows that there is no such thing as a single, objective view of the past, and that our own perspectives are always shaped by our own experiences and beliefs.

Lecture 1: The Past in Our Heads

In her first lecture, MacMillan argues that we are all historians, in a sense. We all have our own stories about the past, and we all use those stories to make sense of the present. Our stories about the past are shaped by our own experiences, our own values, and our own beliefs.

MacMillan gives the example of the American Revolution. She argues that the American Revolution has been interpreted in many different ways, depending on who is telling the story. For example, the American Revolution has been seen as a story of freedom and independence, a story of rebellion and violence, and a story of progress and change.

MacMillan argues that there is no one "correct" way to interpret the American Revolution. Instead, our interpretation of the American Revolution is shaped by our own experiences, our own values, and our own beliefs.

Lecture 2: The Power of Memory

In her second lecture, MacMillan explores the power of memory. She argues that our memories are not simply recordings of the past, but are

reconstructed in the present. Our memories are shaped by our own experiences, our own values, and our own beliefs.

MacMillan gives the example of the Holocaust. She argues that the Holocaust has been remembered in many different ways, depending on who is telling the story. For example, the Holocaust has been remembered as a story of suffering and loss, a story of resistance and hope, and a story of warning and remembrance.

MacMillan argues that there is no one "correct" way to remember the Holocaust. Instead, our memory of the Holocaust is shaped by our own experiences, our own values, and our own beliefs.

Lecture 3: The Uses of History

In her third lecture, MacMillan explores the uses of history. She argues that history can be used to justify our actions, to understand our present, and to imagine our future.

MacMillan gives the example of the United States. She argues that the United States has used history to justify its actions in the world. For example, the United States has used the history of the American Revolution to justify its interventions in other countries.

MacMillan also argues that history can be used to understand our present. For example, she argues that the history of the Holocaust can help us to understand the dangers of hatred and intolerance.

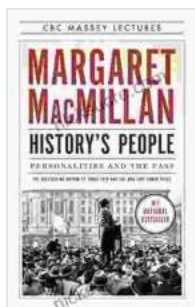
Finally, MacMillan argues that history can be used to imagine our future. For example, she argues that the history of the civil rights movement can

help us to imagine a future without racism.

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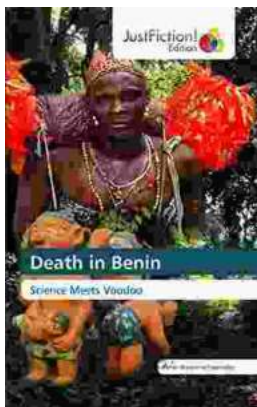
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