Modern Britain Reading List
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Topics
Empire & Decolonization
19th c. Politics & Reform
Industrialization & Class
Victorian Society & Culture
First World War
Interwar Period
World War II
Postwar Decline & Thatcherism
Sport
Memory, Memorialization, & Heritage Tourism

Empire & Decolonization
Bailyn, Bernard. Strangers Within the Realm (1991)
Bence-Jones, Mark. Clive of India (1987)
Brendon, Piers. The Decline and Fall of the British Empire, 1781–1997 (2008)
Bryant, Christopher. The Nations of Britain (2006)
Bryant, G. J. The Emergence of British Power in India, 1600-1784 (2013)
Dickerson, Vanessa. Dark Victorians (2008)
Games, Alison. The Web of Empire (2008)
Lawson, Philip. The East India Company (1993)
Levine, Phillipa. The British Empire, Sunrise to Sunset (2007)
Paul, Kathleen. Whitewashing Britain (1997)
Porter, Bernard. Critics of Empire: British Radicals and the Imperial Challenge, 2nd ed. (2008)

19th c. Politics & Reform
Finn, M.C. After Chartism: Class and Nation in English Radical Politics, 1848-1874 (1993)
Hall, Catherine, J. Rendall and K. McClelland, Defining the Victorian Nation: Class, Race, Gender and the British Reform Act of 1867 (2000)
Thompson, Dorothy. The Chartists (1984)

Industrialization & Class
Cannadine, David. Decline and Fall of British Aristocracy (2005)
De Vries, Jan. The Industrious Revolution (2008)
Thompson, E.P. The Making of the English Working Class (1963)
Victorian Society & Culture
Briggs, Asa. Victorian Cities (1963)
Knight, Frances. The Nineteenth-Century Church and English Society (1995)
Levine, Philippa. Victorian Feminism, 1850-1900 (1987)
Simmons, Jack. The Railways of Britain (1961)
Steinbach, Susie. Understanding the Victorians (2012)

First World War
Bourke, Joanna. Dismembering the Male: Men's Bodies, Britain and the Great War (1996)
Constantine, Stephen, Maurice W. Kirby, Mary B. Rose, eds., The First World War in British History (1995)
Gregory, Adrian. The Last Great War: British Society in the First World War (2008)
Winter, Jay. The Great War and the British People (1986)

Interwar Period
Graves, Robert, and Alan Hodge. The Long Week End: A Social History of Great Britain, 1918-1939 (1963)

Overy, Richard. The Twilight Years: the Paradox of Britain between the Wars (2009)

**World War II**

Addison, Paul. The Road to 1945: British Politics and the Second World War (1975)


Mackay, Robert. Half the Battle: Civilian Morale in Britain during the Second World War (2002)


**Postwar Decline & Thatcherism**


Bailkin, Jordanna. The Afterlife of Empire (2012)


Evans, Eric J. Thatcher and Thatcherism (1997)


Judd, Tony. Postwar (2005)

Kavanagh, Dennis. Thatcherism and British Politics: The End of Consensus? (1990)

Lewis, Jane E. Women in Britain since 1945: Women, Family, Work and the State in the Post-War Years (1992)


**Sport in Britain and the Empire**


Birley, Derek. Sport and the Making of the Britain (1993)

Birley, Derek. Land of Sport and Glory: Sport and British Society 1887-1910 (1995)

James, C.I.R. Beyond a Boundary (1963)
Lowerson, John. Sport and the English Middle Classes 1870-1914 (1993)
McDevitt, Patrick. May the Best Man Win (2004)
Raitz, Karl, ed. The Theatre of Sport (1995)

Memory, Memorialization, & Heritage Tourism
Connelly, Mark. We can take it!: Britain and the memory of the Second World War (2004)
Fussell, Paul. The Great War and Modern Memory (1975)
Doss, Erika. Memorial Mania: Public Feeling in America (2010)
Frawley, Oona, ed. Memory Ireland, Volume 1: History and Modernity (2011)
Hibbert, Christopher. The Grand Tour (1987)
Lowenthal, David. The Past as a Foreign Country (1985)