

**The European History
Reading Group**
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**UNDERSTANDING
OUR EUROPEAN UNION FAMILY
THROUGH HISTORY**

**A Recommended
Reading List**
*following 5 years
of debate and discussion*



COUNTRY	BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR
AUSTRIA	The Habsburgs	Martin Rady
AUSTRIA	The Radetzky March	Joseph Roth
AUSTRIA	Danubia	Simon Winder
BELGIUM	A History of the Low Countries	Paul Arblaster
BELGIUM	Antwerp: The Glory Years	Michael Pye
BULGARIA	A Concise History of Bulgaria	R.J Crampton
BULGARIA	To the Lake: A Balkan Journey of War and Peace	Kapka Kassabova
CROATIA	Croatia – A Nation Forged in War	Marcus Tanner
CYPRUS	Journey into Cyprus	Colin Thubron
CZECH REPUBLIC	A History of the Czech Lands	Jaroslav Pánek
DENMARK	A History of Denmark	Palle Lauring
ESTONIA	A Concise History of the Baltic States	Andrejs Plakans
FINLAND (AND OTHER NORDICS)	A History of Finland	Henrik Meinander
FINLAND (AND OTHER NORDICS)	The Almost Nearly Perfect People	Michael Booth
FRANCE	The General: Charles de Gaulle and the France he Saved	Jonathan Fenby
FRANCE	King of the World (Louis XIV)	Philip Mansel
FRANCE	Mitterand. A Study in Ambiguity	Phillip Short
GERMANY	Iron Kingdom: The Rise and Downfall of Prussia, 1600-1947	Christopher Clark
GERMANY	Aftermath Life in the fallout of the Third Reich	Harold Jahner
GERMANY	Memories of a Nation	Niall McGregor
GERMANY	Willy Brandt: Life of a Statesman	Hélène Miard-Delacroix

COUNTRY	BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR
GREECE	History's Spoiled Children: The Formation of the Modern Greek State	Kostas Kostis
HUNGARY	Hungary	Norman Stone
ITALY	Christ Stopped at Eboli (Penguin Modern Classics)	Carlo Levi
ITALY	Risorgimento: The History of Italy from Napoleon to Nation State	Lucy Riall
LATVIA	A Concise History of the Baltic States	Andrejs Plakans
LITHUANIA	God's Playground, Vol 1	Norman Davies
LITHUANIA	Lithuania in her own words	Laima Sruoginis
LITHUANIA AND POLAND	The Reconstruction of Nations	Timothy Snyder
LUXEMBOURG	Lotharingia	Simon Winder
MALTA	A Concise History of Malta	Carmel Cassar
NETHERLANDS	An Embarrassment of Riches	Simon Schama
POLAND	A History of Poland	Adam Zamoyski
PORTUGAL	The Portuguese: A Modern History	Barry Hatton
PORTUGAL	First Global	Martin Page
ROMANIA	In Europe's Shadow: Two Cold Wars and a Thirty-Year Journey Through Romania and Beyond	Robert D. Kaplan
SLOVAKIA	A History of Slovakia: The Struggle for Survival	Stanislav J Kirschbaum
SLOVENIA	The Habsburg Empire: A New History	Pieter Judson
SPAIN	The Ornament of the World: How Muslims, Jews and Christians Created a Culture of Tolerance in Medieval Spain	Maria Rosa Menocal
SPAIN	The Spanish Civil War: Reaction, Revolution and Revenge	Paul Preston
SWEDEN	Christina, Queen of Sweden	Veronica Buckley

Seeking an Overview - *the best books on general European History*

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR
Iron Curtain: The Crushing of Eastern Europe	Anne Applebaum
The Pursuit of Glory: Europe 1648-1815	Blanning, Tim
The Sleepwalkers	Christopher Clark
The Age of Extremes	Eric Hobsbawn
The Idea of Europe	George Steiner
The Balkans, 1804-2012: Nationalism, War and the Great Powers	Glenny, Misha
Reappraisals: Reflections on the Forgotten Twentieth Century	Judt, Tony
Postwar, A history of Europe	Judt, Tony
The Peacemakers	Margaret McMillan
Dark Continent. Europe's 20th century	Mark Mazower
Dark Valley, Panorama of the 1930s	Piers Brandon
The Habsburg Empire: A New History	Pieter Judson
Scramble for Africa	Thomas Pakenham
Prisoners of Geography	Tim Marshall
Homelands: A Personal History of Europe	Timothy Garton Ashe
Bloodlands	Timothy Snyder



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