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[This Day in Music](#) One Day in History: December 7, 1941

In 11 Days In December, master historian and biographer Stanley Weintraub tells the remarkable story of the Battle of the Bulge as it has never been told before, from frozen foxholes to barn shelters to boxcars packed with wretched prisoners of war. In late December 1944, as the Battle of the Bulge neared its climax, a German loudspeaker challenge was blared across GI lines in the Ardennes: "How would you like to die for Christmas?" In the inhospitable forest straddling Belgium, France, and Luxembourg, only the dense, snow-laden evergreens recalled the season. Most troops hardly knew the calendar day they were trying to live through, or that it was Hitler's last, desperate effort to alter the war's outcome. Yet the final Christmas season of World War II matched desperation with inspiration. When he was offered an ultimatum to surrender the besieged Belgian town of Bastogne, Brigadier General Anthony McAuliffe defied the Germans with the memorable one-word response, "Nuts!" And as General Patton prayed for clear skies to allow vital airborne reinforcements to reach his trapped men, he stood in a medieval chapel in Luxembourg and spoke to God as if to a commanding general: "Sir, whose side are you on?" His prayer was answered. The skies cleared, the tide of battle turned, and Allied victory in World War II was assured. Christmas 1944 proved to be one of the most fateful days in world history. Many men did extraordinary things, and extraordinary things happened to ordinary men. "A clear cold Christmas," Patton told his diary, "lovely weather for killing Germans, which seems a bit queer, seeing whose birthday it is." Peace on earth and good will toward men would have to wait. 11 Days in December is unforgettable.

[Celebrating The 12 Days of Christmas](#) Penguin

A journey through all 365 days of the year, examining some of the most significant events in history that occurred on that day The abandoned Mary Celeste is mysteriously found drifting in the mid-Atlantic; Mozart is buried in an unmarked communal grave; and U.S. Prohibition is brought to an end. Although separated by centuries, these events all share the same anniversary: December 5th. On This Day in History looks back at all 365 days of the year and provides short, riveting entries on the most significant events in history that occurred on that day. One single day could see Alexander the Great cozying up to Winston Churchill and Fidel Castro, or Cleopatra could find herself sharing a page with Abraham Lincoln and Mahatma Gandhi. This book traverses continents and timelines to give its own unique perspective on these historical events. A wide variety of familiar and lesser-known events are represented, providing fascinating

facts that are guaranteed both to educate and entertain any history enthusiast.

[What Happened To-day](#) Oxford University Press

One Day in History: December 7, 1941 Harper Collins  
[Christmas](#) Harper Collins

An account of the dramatic turning point in World War II that marked "the dawn of American might and the struggle for supremacy in Southeast Asia" (Times Higher Education). In far-flung locations around the globe, an unparalleled sequence of international events took place between December 1 and December 12, 1941. In this riveting book, historian Evan Mawdsley explores how the story unfolded. . . . On Monday, December 1, 1941, the Japanese government made its final decision to attack Britain and America. In the following days, the Red Army launched a counterthrust in Moscow while the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and invaded Malaya. By December 12, Hitler had declared war on the United States, the collapse of British forces in Malaya had begun, and Hitler had secretly laid out his policy of genocide. Churchill was leaving London to meet Roosevelt as Anthony Eden arrived in Russia to discuss the postwar world with Stalin. Combined, these occurrences brought about a "new war," as Churchill put it, with Japan and America deeply involved and Russia resurgent. This book, a truly international history, examines the momentous happenings of December 1941 from a variety of perspectives. It shows that their significance is clearly understood only when they are viewed together. "Marks the change from a continental war into a global war in an original and interesting way."—The Sunday Telegraph Seven (Books of the Year) "Suspenseful . . . Mawdsley embarks on the action from the first day and never lets up in this crisp, chronological study . . . A rigorous, sharp survey of this decisive moment in the war."—Kirkus Reviews

[Amundsen Memorial Day Services Held at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History](#) JHU Press

Presents information on winter, which begins on the shortest day of the year, December 21 or 22. Also presents information on Louis Jordan, an African-American musician and vocalist whose single "Let the good times roll" debuted on the rhythm and blues charts on December 21, 1946, as well as information on the Hoover Dam built in Black Canyon, on the Arizona-Nevada border. On December 21, 1928 President Calvin Coolidge signed the Boulder Canyon Project Act to dam the fourteen hundred mile Colorado River and distribute its water for use in several states. [The Encyclopaedia Britannica](#) Wentworth Press  
 The definitive account of the lynching of twenty-three-year-old Matthew Williams in Maryland, the subsequent investigation, and the legacy of "modern-day" lynchings. On December 4, 1931, a mob of white men in Salisbury, Maryland, lynched and set ablaze a twenty-three-year-old Black man named Matthew Williams. His

gruesome murder was part of a wave of silent white terrorism in the wake of the stock market crash of 1929, which exposed Black laborers to white rage in response to economic anxieties. For nearly a century, the lynching of Matthew Williams has lived in the shadows of the more well-known incidents of racial terror in the deep South, haunting both the Eastern Shore and the state of Maryland as a whole. In *The Silent Shore*, author Charles L. Chavis Jr. draws on his discovery of previously unreleased investigative documents to meticulously reconstruct the full story of one of the last lynchings in Maryland. Bringing the painful truth of anti-Black violence to light, Chavis breaks the silence that surrounded Williams's death. Though Maryland lacked the notoriety for racial violence of Alabama or Mississippi, he writes, it nonetheless was the site of at least 40 spectacle lynchings after the abolition of slavery in 1864. Families of lynching victims rarely obtained any form of actual justice, but Williams's death would have a curious afterlife: Maryland's politically ambitious governor Albert C. Ritchie would, in an attempt to position himself as a viable challenger to FDR, become one of the first governors in the United States to investigate the lynching death of a Black person. Ritchie tasked Patsy Johnson, a member of the Pinkerton detective agency and a former prizefighter, with going undercover in Salisbury and infiltrating the mob that murdered Williams. Johnson would eventually befriend a young local who admitted to participating in the lynching and who also named several local law enforcement officers as ringleaders. Despite this, a grand jury, after hearing 124 witness statements, declined to indict the perpetrators. But this denial of justice galvanized Governor Ritchie's Interracial Commission, which would become one of the pioneering forces in the early civil rights movement in Maryland. Complicating historical narratives associated with the history of lynching in the city of Salisbury, *The Silent Shore* explores the immediate and lingering effect of Williams's death on the politics of racism in the United States, the Black community in Salisbury, the broader Eastern Shore, the state of Maryland, and the legacy of "modern-day lynchings."

[Program of Exercises for North Carolina Day, Local History](#)

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Classic Books Library presents this brand new edition of "The Federalist Papers", a collection of separate essays and articles compiled in 1788 by Alexander Hamilton. Following the United States Declaration of Independence in 1776, the governing doctrines and policies of the States lacked cohesion. "The Federalist", as it was previously known, was constructed by American statesman Alexander Hamilton, and was intended to catalyse the ratification of the United States Constitution. Hamilton recruited fellow statesmen James Madison Jr., and John Jay to write papers for the compendium, and the three are known as some of the Founding Fathers of the United States. Alexander

Hamilton (c. 1755-1804) was an American lawyer, journalist and highly influential government official. He also served as a Senior Officer in the Army between 1799-1800 and founded the Federalist Party, the system that governed the nation's finances. His contributions to the Constitution and leadership made a significant and lasting impact on the early development of the nation of the United States.

[Passenger Ships Arriving at New York June 1897-December 1910](#) Yale University Press

The manger or Macy's? Americans might well wonder which is the real shrine of Christmas, as they take part each year in a mix of churchgoing, shopping, and family togetherness. But the history of Christmas cannot be summed up so easily as the commercialization of a sacred day. As Penne Restad reveals in this marvelous new book, it has always been an ambiguous meld of sacred thoughts and worldly actions-- as well as a fascinating reflection of our changing society. In *Christmas in America*, Restad brilliantly captures the rise and transformation of our most universal national holiday. In colonial times, it was celebrated either as an utterly solemn or a wildly social event--if it was celebrated at all. Virginians hunted, danced, and feasted. City dwellers flooded the streets in raucous demonstrations. Puritan New Englanders denounced the whole affair. Restad shows that as times changed, Christmas changed--and grew in popularity. In the early 1800s, New York served as an epicenter of the newly emerging holiday, drawing on its roots as a Dutch colony (St. Nicholas was particularly popular in the Netherlands, even after the Reformation), and aided by such men as Washington Irving. In 1822, another New Yorker named Clement Clarke Moore penned a poem now known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas," virtually inventing the modern Santa Claus. Well-to-do townspeople displayed a German novelty, the decorated fir tree, in their parlors; an enterprising printer discovered the money to be made from Christmas cards; and a hodgepodge of year-end celebrations began to coalesce around December 25 and the figure of Santa. The homecoming significance of the holiday increased with the Civil War, and by the end of the nineteenth century a full-fledged national holiday had materialized, forged out of borrowed and invented custom alike, and driven by a passion for gift-giving. In the twentieth century, Christmas seeped into every niche of our conscious and unconscious lives to become a festival of epic proportions. Indeed, Restad carries the story through to our own time, unwrapping the messages hidden inside countless movies, books, and television shows, revealing the inescapable presence--and ambiguous meaning--of Christmas in contemporary culture. Filled with colorful detail and shining insight, *Christmas in America* reveals not only much about the emergence of the holiday, but also what our celebrations tell us about ourselves. From drunken revelry along colonial curbstones to family rituals around the tree, from Thomas Nast drawing the semi-official portrait of St. Nick to the making of the film *Home Alone*, Restad's sparkling account offers much to amuse and ponder.

**Battle Over Britain** Wipf and Stock Publishers

In the days before the attack on Pearl Harbor, eyes in America were focused on the war in Europe or distracted by the elevated mood sweeping the country in the final days of the Great Depression. But when planes dropped out of a clear blue sky and bombed the American naval base and aerial targets in Hawaii, all of that changed. December 1941 takes readers into the moment-by-moment ordeal of a nation waking to war. Best-selling author Craig Shirley celebrates the American spirit while reconstructing the events that called it to shine with rare and piercing light. By turns nostalgic and critical, he puts readers on the ground in the stir and the thick of the action. Relying on daily news reports from around the country and recently declassified government papers, Shirley sheds light on the crucial diplomatic exchanges leading up to the attack, the policies on internment of Japanese living in the U.S. after the assault, and the near-total overhaul of the U.S. economy for war. Shirley paints a compelling portrait of pre-war American culture: the fashion, the celebrities, the pastimes. And his portrait of America at war is just as vivid: heroism, self-sacrifice, mass military enlistments, national unity and resolve, and the prodigious talents of Hollywood and Tin Pan Alley aimed at the Axis Powers, as well as the more troubling price-controls and rationing, federal economic takeover, and censorship. Featuring colorful personalities such as Franklin Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull, and General Douglas MacArthur, December 1941 highlights a period of profound change in American government, foreign and domestic policy, law, economics, and business, chronicling the developments day by day through that singular and momentous month. December 1941 features surprising revelations, amusing anecdotes, and heart-wrenching stories, and also explores the unique religious and spiritual dimension of a culture under assault on the eve of Christmas. Before the attack on Pearl Harbor, the closest thing to war for the Americans was uncoordinated, mediocre war games in South Carolina. Less than thirty days

later, by the end of December 1941, the nation was involved in a pitched battle for the preservation of its very way of life, a battle that would forever change the nation and the world.

[11 Days in December](#) Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

"In a fascinating, concise tour through history, the book tells the story of Christmas--from its pre-Christian roots, through the birth of Jesus, to the holiday's spread across Europe into the Americas and beyond, and to its mind-boggling transformation through modern consumer culture."--Page 2 of cover.

[Memorials of a Half-century](#) Forgotten Books  
Discusses an event at the University of Chicago on December 2, 1942 that contributed to the development of the nuclear bomb and nuclear power plants. On that day scientists headed by Enrico Fermi engineered the first controlled nuclear fission chain reaction. Also presents information on the dedication of Touro Synagogue on December 2, 1763 in Newport, Rhode Island.  
[Farewell Address to the People of the United States](#) Read Books Ltd

Offering a unique approach to history, this series of individual encyclopedias will delineate and explain the people, places, events, chronology, and ramifications of pivotal days in history. One Day in History: December 7, 1941 will provide a comprehensive and engaging overview of this date in history as well as an examination of the theme related to the date--the attack on Pearl Harbor and World War II. This volume will cover all aspects of December 7, 1941, including background information explaining what led to the date's events and post-date analysis discussing the effects and consequences of the day's events.

[The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society, Vol. 2](#) Univ of California Press

PULITZER PRIZE FINALIST • Drawing on a wealth of research, this "fascinating" book (The New York Times Book Review) charts the invention of our current Yuletide traditions, from St. Nicholas to the Christmas tree and, perhaps most radically, the practice of giving gifts to children. Anyone who laments the excesses of Christmas might consider the Puritans of colonial Massachusetts: they simply outlawed the holiday. The Puritans had their reasons, since Christmas was once an occasion for drunkenness and riot, when poor "wassailers extorted food and drink from the well-to-do. In this intriguing and innovative work of social history, Stephen Nissenbaum rediscovers Christmas's carnival origins and shows how it was transformed, during the nineteenth century, into a festival of domesticity and consumerism. Bursting with detail, filled with subversive readings of such seasonal classics as "A Visit from St. Nicholas" and "A Christmas Carol," *The Battle for Christmas* captures the glorious strangeness of the past even as it helps us better understand our present.

**December 7, 1941** Library of Alexandria

Learn about Indiana history a day at a time. Ideal for history lovers, *Day in Indiana History - December* teaches the historical facts about Indiana in an easy to understand format. This volume includes the following articles: December 03, 1806 - Vincennes Library Company Established December 11, 1816 - Indiana Becomes a State December 15, 1863 - 22nd Indiana Light Battery Mustered December 19, 1868 - First Bridge Across Wabash at Vincennes Opens December 24, 1824 - William Digby Purchased Land for Lafayette The Indiana Bicentennial History Series will present the history of Indiana in a series of short articles that describe important facts and events in the history of the State of Indiana on a day-to-day format. The series presents those that wish to home school students about the history of the State of Indiana an ideal history book to do just that.

[An Indiana History Story a Day ? December](#) Michael O'Mara Books

Excerpt from *The Latter-Day Saints' Millennial Star*, Vol. 79: December 13, 1917 I am confident that. When history comes to be written, it will be found that Utah has contributed more than her share to the war. Already we have received commendation from high Officials, such as Secretary Lane and Vice-president Marshall, who visited us recently. Centuries ago, the question was asked, Can any good come out of Nazareth? With slight variation a similar question might be asked to-day, Can any good come out of Utah? The reply is, Come and see. Considering numerous disadvantages, Utah has' made marvelous strides. Something like seventy years ago, this region was written off the map, by explorers, as unfit for human' habitation, and it was only the advent of that wonderful man, ' Brigham Young, and the Pioneers, that revealed the possibilities that were awaiting this choice land, this latter-day ark of refuge. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at [www.forgottenbooks.com](#) This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve

the state of such historical works.

**American History a Day at a Time - December** Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

The song "The 12 Days of Christmas" is a mainstay of the holiday season, but the practice of celebrating Christmas as a twelve-day festival fell out of fashion long ago in most cultures. In *Celebrating the 12 Days of Christmas*, author Chris Marchand explores the history behind the season and individual feast days from December 25 to January 6, and then offers suggestions for how you can celebrate it with your family, church, or community. Along with this, he provides answers to many of the nagging questions surrounding the holiday, such as the history behind the twelve-days song, why December 25 was chosen as the date, and what to do about its supposedly pagan origins. The challenge before us is to first help people see Christmas as a holiday that begins, rather than ends, on December 25, and then to together figure out how to reinvent Christmas in the present by learning how it was celebrated in the past.

[Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) Forgotten Books  
Excerpt from *An Historical Discourse, Delivered at West Springfield, December 2, 1824, the Day of the Annual Thanksgiving* It is my purpose, this morning, to dwell for a few moments, upon some of the advantages connected with a retrospect of past generations; and to make these observations introductory to a brief view of the history of this Church and Society. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at [www.forgottenbooks.com](#) This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

[The Battle for Christmas](#) Random House Value Publishing  
This collection of essays by a noted writer, explorer, and Detroit civic leader offers detailed descriptions of Michigan's geography, geology, and local history in a consciously crafted literary style. Hubbard discusses the natural history of Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, and Lake Huron; topographical and geological features of Michigan; a geological expedition to the salt springs of the Grand and Saginaw river valleys with the new state's geologist, Dr. Houghton (1837); local factors and the 1837-38 financial panic; and land speculation and settlement. In addition Hubbard writes about Michigan Indians and Indian antiquities; flora and fauna, animal behavior; climatology; and the world of Michigan's French-speaking inhabitants, especially Detroit habitants, rural farmers, and voyageurs (who paddled the waterways as guides, trappers, and tradesmen), comparing the life-styles of French speakers and Yankees. The book is heavily illustrated with sketches of Indian artifacts, landscapes, folk architecture, trees, and diagrams representing the Mound-Builders' ancient garden beds.

[Theory of Flight](#) Simon and Schuster

*Settling America - A Pioneer History of America* has one history lesson a day in the settlement of early America. This December edition covers the historical events of December. The stories include both famous historical events as well as many forgotten little known, obscure facts. This frontier history includes the following stories: December 02, 1772 - Franklin Sends Hutchinson Letters December 05 - 1621 - First Report of European Honeybees in the Colonies December 12, 1745 - John Jay Born December 19, 1732 - Poor Richard's Almanac First Published December 29, 1723 - Boston's Old North Church Opened

**History Through the Black Experience** Thomas Nelson

*The American History a Day at A Time - December Edition* presents the story behind the headlines. It is easy and fun to learn a lesson in colonial American history facts daily. If you have ever read those "This Day in History" listings, you may have been curious about the events behind the headlines. The short history stories in this collection of history stories are from the pioneer frontier period of American history. They include historical facts and events from the month of December. This December edition of historical events includes: December 03, 1731 - Volunteer Fire Department Of City Of New York Organized December 11, 1695 - Captain Kidd Receives Privateering License December 12, 1718 - Republic of Pirates Ended December 23, 1750 - Ben Franklin Attempts to Electrocute a Turkey Readers will enjoy these and twenty-seven more history lessons in American frontier history within the pages of this book. The American history series *American History a Day at A Time - 2015* will include historical events from the pioneer era of frontier America. The series will include twelve books, one for each month of the year, forming a huge collection of daily historical facts and events in American frontier history. Expand your knowledge of frontier American history by reading a historical fact or event each day.

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