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Southeast Asia 2018 straddling the equator southeast asia comprises myanmar thailand malaysia indonesia vietnam singapore and the philippines as well as laos cambodia brunei and east timor despite its extraordinary diversity of ethnicities religions and political systems southeast asia plays a keyrole in global economies and geopolitics especially in light of its strategic position bordering china and india this very short introduction explores the contemporary character of southeast asia s national societies through the lens of their historical evolution from the eras of indigenousskingdoms and colonies under western rule to the present s independent nation states deftly combining historical analysis and geopolitical insights the book paints a bird s eye view of contemporary southeast asia as a community of diverse societies and traditions as well as a politicaltheater of action nested between india and china and tangled in global economic traffic patterns balance of powers and environmental forces as james r rush explains archaic structures such as religious and ethnic rivalries tenacious feudal hierarchies and age old trade and migration patterns remain rooted in today s southeast asia beneath the surface of modern national governments the book draws on a wide range of examples fromthe major nations including the ethno religious violence in myanmar the muslim led rebellion in the southern philippines the thai cambodian territorial rivalries the confucian inspired governance in singapore the military rule and democratization in indonesia the environmental consequences of agribusiness mining and unchecked urbanization and the big power alignments and tensions involving the united states china and japan by delving into the cultural political and geographical background of southeast asia rush shows that southeast asia is unquestionably modern but it is modernin distinctively southeast asian ways

James Joyce: A Very Short Introduction 2021-10-28 james joyce is one of the greatest writers in english his first book a portrait of the artist as a young man laid down the template for the coming of age novel while his collection of short stories dubliners is of perennial interest his great modern epic ulysses took the city of dublin for its setting and all human life for its subject and its publication in 1922 marked the beginning of the modern novel joyce s final work finnegan s wake is an endless experiment in narrative and language but if joyce is a great writer he is also the most difficult writer in english finnegan s wake is written in a freshly invented language and ulysses exhausts all the forms and styles of english even the apparently simple dubliners has plots of endless complexity while the structure of a portrait of the artist as a young man is exceptionally intricate this very short introduction explores the work of this most influential yet complex writer and analyses how joyce s difficulty grew out of his situation as an irish writer unwilling to accept the traditions of his imperialist oppressor and contemptuous of the cultural banality of the gaelic revival joyce wanted to investigate and celebrate his own life but this meant investigating and celebrating the drunks of dublin s pubs and the prostitutes of dublin s brothels no subject was alien to him and he developed the naturalist project of recording all aspects of life with the symbolist project of finding significant correspondences in the most unlikely material throughout colin maccabe interweaves joyce s life and history with his books and draws out their themes and connections very short introductions brilliant sharp inspiring about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable

Film Noir: A Very Short Introduction 2019-02-21 film noir one of the most intriguing yet difficult to define terms in cinema history is usually associated with a series of darkly seductive hollywood thrillers from the 1940s and 50s shadowy black and white pictures about private eyes femme fatales outlaw lovers criminal heists corrupt police and doomed or endangered outsiders but as this vsi demonstrates film noir actually predates the 1940s and has never been confined to hollywood international in scope its various manifestations have spread across generic categories attracted the interest of the world s great directors and continue to appear even today in this very short introduction james naremore shows how the term film noir originated in in french literary and film criticism and how later uses of the term travelled abroad changing its implications in the process he comments on classic examples of the films and explores important aspects of their history their critical reception their major literary sources their methods of dealing with censorship and budgets their social and cultural politics their variety of styles and their future in a world of digital media and video streaming about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable

Capitalism 2015 in this very short introduction james fulcher considers what capitalism is the forms it can take around the world and its history of crises and long term development in this new edition he discusses the fundamental impact of the global financial crises of 2007 8 and what it has meant for capitalism worldwide

Astrophysics 2016 astrophysics is said to have been born when isaac newton saw an apple drop in his orchard and had the electrifying insight that the moon falls

just like that apple james binney shows how the application of physical laws derived on earth allows us to understand objects that exist on the far side of the universe
Versification 1966 versification a short introduction is written by one of australia s most distinguished poets the book discusses poetic meter and may be the only source you need mcauley devotes a short chapter to versification based on accent syllable count free verse and classical meters but the book as a whole focuses on metrical verse and its constant reference back to stress in normal speech it succeeds in showing meterical verse as a natural outgrowth of what we do naturally this dispels quickly any sense of the esoteric poetry is of and for people in general not for a special literati after establishing meter in the normal sphere of speech mcauley then discusses how abstract meterical patterns are actually applied and how variety is added to avoid a sing song effect

The Silk Road: A Very Short Introduction 2013-04-26 the silk road a very short introduction is a new look at an ancient subject the silk road that linked china india persia and the mediterranean across the expanses of central asia james a millward highlights unusual but important biological technological and cultural exchanges over the silk roads that stimulated development across eurasia and underpin civilization in our modern globalized world

Henry James 2021 prologue becoming henry james global apprenticeship the james brand professional author masterpieces epilogue

Hume: a Very Short Introduction 2021 david hume philosopher historian economist librarian and essayist was one of the great figures of the european enlightenment unlike some of his famous contemporaries however he was not dogmatically committed to idealised conceptions of reason liberty and progress instead hume was a sceptic whose arguments questioned the reach and authority of human rationality and who put the rivalrous passions of commercial life at the centre of his theory of human itself about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable

The History of Childhood: A Very Short Introduction 2018-08-02 while children are a relatively unchanging fact of life childhood is a constantly shifting concept throughout the millennia the age at which a child becomes a youth and a youth becomes an adult has varied by gender class religion ethnicity place and economic need as author james marten explores in this very short introduction so too have the realities of childhood each life shaped by factors such as education expectation and conflict or lack thereof indeed ancient roman children lived very differently than those born of today s generation z experiences of childhood have been shaped in classrooms and on factory floors in family homes and orphanages and on battlefields and in front of television sets in addressing this diversity the history of childhood a very short introduction takes a global expansive view of the features of childhood that have shaped childhood throughout history and continue to shape it now from the rules of confucian childrearing in twelfth century china to the struggles of children living as slaves in the americas or as cotton mill workers in industrial age britain marten takes his inspiration from the idea that the lives of children reveal important and sometimes uncomfortable truths about civilization about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable

James Joyce 2008-04-15 this reader friendly introduction makes joyce accessible by combining the excitement of reading his words with the excitement of interpreting them

Michael Faraday: A Very Short Introduction 2010-11-25 michael faraday is one of the best known scientific figures of all time known as the discoverer of electro magnetic induction the principle behind the electric generator and transformer he has frequently been portrayed as the father of electrical engineering from whence much of his popular fame derives this very short introduction dispels the myth that faraday was an experimental genius working alone in his basement laboratory making fundamental discoveries that were later applied by others instead it portrays faraday as a grand theorist of the physical world profoundly influencing later physicists such as thomson kelvin maxwell and einstein frank a j l james explores faraday s life from his origins in eighteenth century westmorland and yorkshire his religious and scientific background to the growth of his fame in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries as well as introducing his scientific research he also puts faraday in the various institutional contexts in which he lived and worked including the royal institution the royal society trinity house and other agencies of the state james therefore provides a commentary on the rapidly changing place of science in nineteenth century society especially in regards to its role in government and the growth of a professional scientific community about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost

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James Joyce 2021 james joyce a very short introduction highlights one of the most influential writers of the 20th century james joyce he is best known for his complex style reinvention of language and depiction of contemporary ireland yet at the time of writing his work faced intense criticism and his modernist epic ulysses was banned for over a decade in britain and america for obscenity this vsi explores joyce s major works including ulysses dubliners and finnegan s wake it considers the contemporary significance of joyce s examination of sexuality and nationalism and places joyce s works in the context of his life as well as the historical moment in which they were written

Habermas: A Very Short Introduction 2005-05-26 this book provides a clear and readable overview of the works of today s most influential german philosopher it analyses the theoretical underpinnings of habermas s social theory and its applications in ethics politics and law finally it examines how his social and political theory informs his writing on contemporary political and social problems

Methodism: a Very Short Introduction 2019-01-19 beginning as a renewal movement within anglicanism in the eighteenth century methodism had become the largest protestant denomination in the usa in the nineteenth century and is today one of the most vibrant forms of christianity representing a complex spiritual and evangelistic experiment that involves a passionate commitment to worldwide mission it covers a global network of christian denominations in this very short introduction william j abraham traces methodism from its origins in the work of john wesley and the hymns of his brother charles wesley in the eighteenth century right up to the present considering the identity nature and history of methodism abraham provides a fresh account of the place of methodism in the life and thought of the christian church describing the message of methodism and who the methodists are he also considers the practices of methodism and discusses the global impact of methodism and its decline in the homelands finally abraham looks forward and considers the future prospects for methodism about the series the very short

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Cancer: A Very Short Introduction 2011-05-26 in 1961 john f kennedy pledged to put a man on the moon by the end of the decade nine years later neil armstrong and buzz aldrin walked on the moon ten years later richard nixon echoed this pledge by declaring a war on cancer more than 30 years later however cancer remains one of the largest causes of death worldwide with around 1 in 3 developing the disease curing cancer is not rocket science but the question is why has cancer proved to be harder to tackle than the moon landings turned out to be cancer research is a major economic activity there are constant improvements in treatment techniques that result in better cure rates and increased quality and quantity of life for those with the disease yet stories of breakthroughs in a cure for cancer are often in the media in this very short introduction nick james founder of the cancerhelp uk website examines the trends in diagnosis and treatment of the disease as well as its economic consequences asking what cancer is and what causes it he considers issues surrounding expensive drug development what can be done to reduce the risk of developing cancer and the use of complementary and alternative therapies about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable

C. S. Lewis: A Very Short Introduction 2019-01-17 beloved by children and adults worldwide the writings of c s lewis have a broad and enduring appeal although he is best known for the iconic chronicles of narnia series c s lewis was actually a man of many literary parts already well known as a scholar in the thirties he became a famous broadcaster during world war two and wrote in many genres including satire the screwtape letters science fiction perelandra a novel till we have faces and many other books on christian belief such as mere christianity and miracles his few sermons remain touchstones of their type in addition to these lewis wrote hundreds of poems and articles on social and cultural issues many books and articles in his field of literary criticism and history and thousands of letters at oxford university he became a charismatic lecturer and conversationalist taken together his writings have engaged and influenced often very deeply millions of readers now lewis societies television documentaries movies radio plays and theatrical treatments of his work and life have become common and he is frequently quoted by journalists critics and public thinkers this very short introduciton delves into the vast corpus of c s lewis work discussing its core themes and lasting appeal as james como shows c s lewis life is just as interesting as his work a complex man he came to his knowledge beliefs and wisdom only after much tortuous soul searching and

many painful events moving chronologically through lewis life como provides throughout a picture of the whole man his work and his enduring legacy about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable

The Bible: a Very Short Introduction 2021 this study explores the importance of the bible in different communities and cultures and attempts to explain why it has such a variety of uses and interpretations

Forensic Science: a Very Short Introduction 2020-02-27 forensic science is a subject of wide fascination what happens at a crime scene how does dna profiling work how can it help solve crimes that happened 20 years ago in forensic science a criminal case can often hinge on a piece of evidence such as a hair a blood trace half a footprint or a tyre mark complex scientific findings must be considered carefully and dispassionately and communicated with clarity simplicity and precision high profile cases such as the stephen lawrence enquiry and the madeleine mccann case have attracted enormous media attention and enhanced general interest in this area in recent years in this very short introduction jim fraser introduces the concept of forensic science and explains how it is used in the investigation of crime he begins at the crime scene itself explaining the principles and processes of crime scene management and drawing on his own personal experience of high profile cases including the murder of rachel nickell and the unsolved murder of jill dando fraser explores how forensic scientists work from the reconstruction of events to laboratory examinations he considers the techniques they use such as fingerprinting and goes on to highlight the immense impact dna profiling has had providing examples from forensic science cases in the uk us and other countries he considers the techniques and challenges faced around the world this new edition has been fully updated to take into account developments in areas such as dna analysis and drug analysis and the growing field of digital forensics topical areas explored include the growing significance of cognitive bias in forensic science and recent research that raises doubts about the validity of some forensic techniques about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable

Henry James: A Very Short Introduction 2020-11-01 an elegant introduction to one of america s most complex and influential writers from his childhood in a family of leading american intellectuals through his mature life as a major american man of letters henry james 1843 1916 created a unique body of fiction that represents one of the greatest achievements in the nation s literary history james s transnational life in the us and england and his extraordinary siblings the philosopher william james and diarist alice james made his life as complicated as the fictions he produced in this elegant introduction to the work of henry james susan l mizrucci places the notoriously difficult and obscure writings in their historical and biographical context as james grew in confidence as a writer his fictions evolved accordingly these complex accounts of human experience engage with the vital issues of both james s era and our own among the works treated in this introduction are washington square the europeans daisy miller the portrait of a lady the golden bowl and the turn of the screw through his novels as well as his journalistic and critical endeavors james explores themes related to gender relations human sexuality the nature of modernity the threat of relativism the rise of mass culture and the role of art since their creation james s writings have been a consistent subject of both literary theory and popular culture receiving a diverse array of theoretical treatments from formalism deconstruction phenomenology and pragmatism to marxism new historicism and gender and queer theory james s novels have been adapted into numerous films by directors including william wyler peter bogdanovich michael winner merchant ivory and jane campion the impact of henry james cannot be overstated

Capitalism: A Very Short Introduction 2004-05-13 what is capitalism is capitalism the same everywhere is there an alternative the word capitalism is one that is heard and used frequently but what is capitalism really all about and what does it mean the book begins by addressing basic issues such as what is capital before discussing the history and development of capitalism through three detailed and absorbing case studies ranging from the tulipomania of seventeenth century holland to the recent enron crisis in america fulcher addresses important present day issues such as new labour s relationship with capitalism the significance of global capitalism and distinctive national models of capitalism he also explores whether capital has escaped the nation state by going global emphasizing that globalizing processes are not new he discusses the crisis tendencies of capitalism such as the southeast asian banking crisis the collapse of the russian economy and the 1997 1998 global financial crisis and asks whether capitalism is doomed the book ends by asking whether there is an alternative to capitalism discussing socialism

communal and cooperative experiments and the alternatives proposed by environmentalists about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable

Cancer: A Very Short Introduction 2011-05-26 nick james founder of the cancerhelp uk website examines the trends in diagnosis and treatment of the disease as well as its economic consequences asking what cancer is and what causes it he considers issues surrounding expensive drug development and how to reduce the risk of developing cancer

Agnosticism: A Very Short Introduction 2010-10-28 what is agnosticism is it just the don t know position on god or is there more to it than this is it a belief or merely the absence of belief who were the first to call themselves agnostics these are just some of the questions that robin le poidevin considers in this very short introduction he sets the philosophical case for agnosticism and explores it as a historical and cultural phenomenon what emerges is a much more sophisticated and much more interesting attitude than a simple failure to either commit to or reject religious belief le poidevin challenges some preconceptions and assumptions among both believers and non atheists and invites the reader to rethink their own position on the issues about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable

Geopolitics 2019 présentation de l'éditeur encompassing everything from great power politics to everyday objects such as smart phones geopolitics affects citizens governments and international bodies and is far more than simply the impact of geographical features on political developments this book considers both geopolitics intellectual historical origins and its current concerns

John Stuart Mill: a Very Short Introduction 2022-02-24 very short introductions brilliant sharp inspiring john stuart mill 1806 73 is widely regarded as the leading liberal philosopher economist and political theorist of nineteenth century britain in his lifetime he was best known for his system of logic 1843 and the principles of political economy 1848 today mill is chiefly identified with on liberty 1859 perhaps the definitive text of modern liberal statement of its subject and probably the single most important work of modern political thought mill was also the first major male feminist thinker of the period author of the subjection of women 1869 and the first as an mp to introduce a bill for female enfranchisement before parliament this very short introduction offers a brief survey of the life and key ideas of this most influential victorian british writer moving chronologically gregory claeys outlines the philosophical background out of which mill developed chiefly through the ideas of jeremy bentham and james mill he demonstrates how mill s personal life especially his mental crisis of 1827 and his relationship with harriet taylor were integral to his intellectual development throughout claeys considers mill s key works set within the context of his lesser writings and correspondence and discusses the more controversial aspects of his thought concerning religion secularism and birth control about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable

Nothing: A Very Short Introduction 2009-06-25 what is nothing what remains when you take all the matter away can empty space a void exist this very short introduction explores the science and the history of the elusive void from aristotle who insisted that the vacuum was impossible via the theories of newton and einstein to our very latest discoveries and why they can tell us extraordinary things about the cosmos frank close tells the story of how scientists have explored the elusive void and the rich discoveries that they have made there he takes the reader on a lively and accessible history through ancient ideas and cultural superstitions to the frontiers of current research he describes how scientists discovered that the vacuum is filled with fields how newton mach and einstein grappled with the nature of space and time and how the mysterious aether that was long ago supposed to permeate the void may now be making a comeback with the latest research into the higgs field we now know that the vacuum is far from being empty it seethes with virtual particles and antiparticles that erupt spontaneously into being and it also may contain hidden dimensions that we were previously unaware of these new discoveries may provide answers to some of cosmology s most fundamental questions what lies outside the universe and if there was once nothing then how did the universe begin about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable

Navigation 2017 looking at the long history of navigation at sea jim bennett discusses the scientific and technological developments that have enabled the accurate measurement of position and setting of directions in the oceans

Conscience: A Very Short Introduction 2011-06-23 where does our conscience come from how reliable is it in the west conscience has been relied upon for two thousand years as a judgement that distinguishes right from wrong it has effortlessly moved through every period division and timeline between the ancient medieval and modern the romans identified it the early christians appropriated it and reformation protestants and loyal catholics relied upon its advice and admonition today it is embraced with equal conviction by non religious and religious alike considering its deep historical roots and exploring what it has meant to successive generations paul strohm highlights why this particularly european concept deserves its reputation as one of the prouder western contributions to human rights and human dignity throughout the world using examples from popular culture including the disney classic pinocchio as well as examples from contemporary politics he explores the work of thinkers such as nietzsche freud and aquinas to show how and why conscience remains a motivating and important principle in the contemporary world about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable

Physics 2019-07-25 physics the fundamental science of matter and energy encompasses all levels of nature from the subatomic to the cosmic and underlies much of the technology around us understanding the physics of our universe is an essential aspect of humanity s quest to understand our environment and our place within it doing physics enables us to explore the interaction between environment and human society and can help us to work towards the future sustainability of the planet this very short introduction provides an overview of how this pervasive science came to be and how it works who funds it how physicists are trained and how they think and how physics supports the technology we all use sidney perkowitz presents the theories and outcomes of pure and applied physics from ideas of the greek natural philosophers to modern quantum mechanics cosmology digital electronics and energy production considering its most consequential experiments including recent results in elementary particles gravitational waves and materials science he also discusses outside the lab the effects of physics on society culture and humanity s vision of its place in the universe about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable

Horror: A Very Short Introduction 2021-06-24 very short introductions brilliant sharp inspiring four o clock in the morning and the lights are on and still there s no way we re going to sleep not after the film we just saw the book we just read fear is one of the most primal human emotions and one of the hardest to reason with and dispel so why do we scare ourselves it seems almost mad that we would frighten ourselves for fun and yet there are thousands of books films games and other forms of entertainment designed to do exactly that as darryl jones shows the horror genre is huge ranging from vampires ghosts and werewolves to mad scientists satanists and deranged serial killers the cathartic release of scaring ourselves has made its appearance in everything from shakespearean tragedies to internet memes exploring the key tropes of the genre including its monsters its psychological chills and its love affair with the macabre this very short introduction discusses why horror stories disturb us and how society responds to literary and film representations of the gruesome and taboo should the enjoyment of horror be regarded with suspicion are there different levels of the horrific and should we distinguish between the commonly reviled carnage of contemporary torture porn and the culturally acceptable bloodbaths of ancient greek tragedies analysing the way in which horror manifests multiple personalities and has been used throughout history to articulate the fears and taboos of the current generation darryl jones considers the continuing evolution of the genre today as horror is mass marketed to mainstream society in the form of romantic vampires and blockbuster hits it also continues to maintain its former shadowy presence on the edges of respectability as banned films and violent internet phenomena push us to question both our own preconceptions and the terrifying capacity of human nature about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable first published in hardback as sleeping with the lights on

Jane Austen 2022 jane austen a very short introduction combines critical introductions to each of jane austen s major novels with an exploration of the themes of

austen s writing austen wrote six of the best loved novels in the english language as well as a smaller corpus of works unpublished in her day she pioneered new techniques for representing voices minds and hearts in narrative prose and was a penetrating satirist of social tensions and trends this vsi considers how austen reveals the literary social and political tensions from which the novels emerge it also analyses how her writing continues to charm and impact readers to the present day from publisher s vsi database description

Globalization: a Very Short Introduction 2020-05-27 we live today in an interconnected world in which ordinary people can become instant online celebrities to fans thousands of miles away in which religious leaders can influence millions globally in which humans are altering the climate and environment and in which complex social forces intersect across continents this is globalization in the fifth edition of his bestselling very short introduction manfred b steger considers the major dimensions of globalization economic political cultural ideological and ecological he looks at its causes and effects and engages with the hotly contested question of whether globalization is ultimately a good or a bad thing from climate change to the ebola virus donald trump to twitter trade wars to china s growing global profile steger explores today s unprecedented levels of planetary integration as well as the recent challenges posed by resurgent national populism about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable

Korea: a Very Short Introduction 2020-01-23 having spent centuries in the shadows of its neighbours china and japan korea is now the object of considerable interest for radically different reasons the south as an economic success story and for its vibrant popular culture the north as the home to one of the world s most repressive regimes at once both bizarre and menacing this very short introduction explores the history culture and society of a deeply divided region michael seth considers what it means to be korean and analyses how the various peoples of the korean peninsula became one of the world s most homogeneous nations before exploring how this nation evolved in a single lifetime into today s sharply contrasting societies he also discusses how korea fits into the larger narrative of both east asian and world history economically politically and socially about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable

Veterinary Science 2018 every year around the world veterinarians treat billions of animals from house cats to racehorses to pythons in this very short introduction james yeates covers the long history of veterinary science showing how it has developed over the past five centuries as our understanding of animals fundamental biology pathology and pharmacology has grown considering the key roles of diagnosis treatment and prevention in animal health he discusses recent challenges such as the outbreak of bse and antibiotic resistance finally yeates considers the future of the field and the difficulties vets face in balancing the interests of owners and animals when they don t coincide

Comedy: A Very Short Introduction 2013 with a broad scope across the millennia from high literature to popular culture between page and stage and screen this very short introduction considers comedy not only as a literary genre but also as a broader impulse at work in many other historical and contemporary forms of satire parody and play

Biography: A Very Short Introduction 2009-07-09 biographies are one of the most popular and best selling of the literary genres why do people like them what does a biography do and how does it work this very short introduction examines different types of biographies why certain people and historical events arouse so much interest and how they are compared with history and fiction

Education: A Very Short Introduction 2013-03-28 from the schools of ancient times to the present day gary thomas looks at how and why education evolved as it has by exploring some of the big questions he examines the ways in which schools work considers the differences around the world and concludes by considering the future of education worldwide

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