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Swisscellany Diccon Bewes 2012-11-30 Fact lovers will enjoy this treasure-trove of serious and not-so-serious facts and figures about Switzerland. From the circus to the castles, the civil war to the country’s history, the books for the best chocolate to reliving a bloody past and exploring an uncertain future, Diccon Bewes proves that there’s more to Switzerland than banks and skis, francs and cheese. This updated edition, covering all aspects of Swiss life, from the culture and the cuisine to the landscape and the language, is a lively, entertaining and informative guide to this remarkable country. For over 40 years Swiss Watching has been delighting readers with its irreverent take on the Swiss and its stories of the unexpected. This new edition includes the latest statistics, all the special significance of number eleven in Solothurn, why a clock in Lucerne always chimes one minute late, and all the things you never dreamed you’d enjoy knowing. You can learn how to play Hornussen, be able to sing along to the Swiss national anthem, go down easy. You’ll be laughing and learning at the same time.

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meaning of Swissness. Is there a land of cultural contradictions, this is a picture of the real and normally unseen Switzerland, a place where the breathtaking scenery shaped a nation not just a tour itinerary, and where tradition is as important as innovation. It’s also the story of its people, who have more power than their politicians, but can’t speak to one another in the same language and who own more guns per head than the people of Iraq. As for those national cliches, well, not all the cheese has holes, cuckoo clocks aren’t Swiss and the trains don’t always run on time exactly.

**The Statesman’s Yearbook 2014** B. Turner 2017-01-12 Now in its 150th edition, The Statesman’s Yearbook continues to set the reference work of choice for accurate and reliable information on every country in the world. Covering political, economic, social and cultural aspects, the Yearbook is also available online for subscribing institutions: www.statesmanyearbook.com.

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**A Concise History of Switzerland** Clive H. Church 2013-05-23 Despite its position at the heart of Europe and its quintessentially European nature, Switzerland’s history is often overlooked within the English-speaking world. This comprehensive and engaging history of Switzerland traces the historical and cultural development of this fascinating but neglected European country from the end of the Dark Ages up to the present. The authors focus on the initial Confederation of the Middle Ages, the religious divisions which threaten it after 1500 and its surprising survival amongst Europe’s monarchies, the turmoil following the French Revolution and conquest, which continued until the Federal Constitution of 1848: the testing of the Swiss nation through the late nineteenth century and then two World Wars and the Depression of the 1930s and the unparalleled economic and social growth and political success of the post-war era. The book concludes with a discussion of the contemporary challenges, often shared with neighbours, that shape the country today.

**Ottoman Odyssey** Alek Scott 2019-05-07 An exploration of the contemporary influence of the Ottoman Empire on the wider world, as the author uncovers the new Ottoman legacy across Europe and the Middle East. Alek Scott’s odyssey began when she looked beyond Turkey’s borders for contemporary traces of the Ottoman Empire. Their 800 years of rule ended a century ago—and yet, travelling through twelve countries from Kosovo to Greece to Palestine, she uncovers a legacy that’s vital and relevant, where medieval ethnic diversity has survived and the Islamic world’s own new political order is full of history and surprise. An acolyte of Ergonan in Christian-majority Serbia confirms the wide-reaching appeal of his authoritarian leadership. A Druze warlord explains the secretive religious faction in the heart of the Middle East, with his palace- like streets of Jerusalem’s Old Town hint at the Ottoman co-existence of Muslims and Jews. And in Turkish Cyprus, Alek Scott rediscovers a childhood home. In every community, history is present as a dynamic force. Faced by questions of exile, diaspora and collective memory, Alek Scott searches for answers from the cafes of Beirut to the refugee camps of Lebanon. She uncovers in Erdogan’s nouveau-Ottoman Turkey a version of the nostalgic utopias sold to disillusioned voters in Europe and America. And yet—as she relates with compassion, insight, and humor—diversity is the enduring, endangered heart of this fascinating region.

*Hausfrau* Jillian Alexander Essbaum 2015-03-17 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, THE HUFFINGTON POST, AND SHELF AWARENESS • “In Hausfrau, Anna Karenina goes Fifty Shades with a side of Madame Bovary.”—Time. “A debut novel about Anna, a bored housewife who, like Tolstoyan namesakes, throws herself into a psychosexual journey of self-discovery and tragedy.”—The Oprah Magazine: “Sexy and insightful, this gorgeously written novel opens a window into one woman’s desperate soul.”—People

Anna was a good wife, appointed life, Anna is falling apart inside. Adrift and increasingly unable to connect with the emotionally silenced husband. She finds it’s difficult. Tensions escalate, and her lies start to spin out of control. Having crossed the line between love and guilt, TDF, and reasons, Anna Benz is an electrifying heroine whose passions and choices readers will debate with recognition and fury. Her story reveals, with honesty and great beauty, how we create ourselves and how we lose ourselves and the sometimes disastrous choices we make to find ourselves. Praise for Hausfrau “Elegant . . . There is much to admire in Essbaum’s intricately constructed, metatextually composed novel, including its virtuoso intercutting of past and present.”—Chicago Tribune “For a first novel, Essbaum is extraordinary because she is a poet. Her language, metaphors and economy of diction—”—NYR’s Weekend Edition: “We’re in literature as familiar as Anna’s name, but Hausfrau makes it fresh with sharp prose and psychological insight.”—San Francisco Chronicle “This marvelously quiet book is psychologically complex and deeply intimate. . . . One of the smartest novels in recent memory.”—The Washington Morning News “Hausfrau’s poignant, shocking novel rivets.”—Us Weekly “A powerful, lyrical novel . . . Hausfrau boasts taut pacing and melodrama, but also a fully realized heroine as love-hateable as Emma Bovary.”—The Huffington Post “Imagine Tom Perotta’s American newswomen swapped out for a tidy Zurich suburb, sprinkled liberally with sharp riffs on Swiss-German grammar and European hypocrisies.”—New York

**The End of the Free Market** Ian Bremmer 2014-15-13 Understanding the rise of state capitalism and its threat to global free markets The End of the Free Market details the growing phenomenon of state capitalism, a system in which governments drive local economies through ownership of market-dominant companies and large pools of excess capital, using them for political gain. This trend threatens America’s competitive edge and the conduct of free markets everywhere. An expert on the intersection of economics and politics, Ian Bremmer has followed the rise of state-owned firms in China, Russia, the Arab states of the Persian Gulf, Iran, Venezuela, and elsewhere. He demonstrates the growing challenges that state capitalism poses for the entire global economy. Among the questions addressed: Are we on the brink of a new kind of Cold War; one that pits competing economic systems in a battle for dominance? Can free market countries compete with state capitalist powerhouses over relations with countries that have elements of both systems—like India, Brazil, and Mexico? Does state capitalism have staying power? This guide to the next big global economic trend includes useful insights for investors, business leaders, policymakers, and anyone who wants to understand important emerging changes in international politics and the global economy.

**Coming Out Swing Anna Herrmann 2014-15 Anna Herrmann, a dual citizen born in New York to Swiss parents, comes out in Coming Out Swing a witty, profound, and ultimately universal exploration of identity and community. “Swissness”—even on its native soil a loose confederation, divided by multiple languages, nationalities, religion, and alpine geography—becomes in the diaspora both nowhere (except in the minds of immigrants and their children) and everywhere, reflected in pervasive cliches. In a work that is part memoir, part history and travelogue, Herrmann explores all our Swiss cliches (chocolate, secret bank accounts, Heidi, Nazi gold, neutrality, mountains, Swiss Family Robinson) and also scrutinizes topics that may surprise (the “invention” of the Alps, the English Colony in Davos, Switzerland’s role during World War II, the future of the University of Zurich in the 21st century). Sheponder, as well, make ofSwiss that have lost their identity in the diaspora (Sutter Home, Helvetica, Daedalus) and the enduring Swiss American community of New Glarus, Wisconsin. Coming Out Swing will appeal not just to the Swiss diaspora but also to readers with Swiss roots who are looking for multi-generational, cross-generational, and even cross-cultural stories. It’s also a fully realized heroine as love-hateable as Anna Benz. Now comes an all-new edition, for an all-new Switzerland—a country that has firmly arrived in a new chapter of its own history. It’s also the story of its people, who have more power than their politicians, but can’t speak to one another in the same language and who own more guns per head than the people of Iraq. One country, four languages, 26 cantons and 7.5 million people (only 80% of whom are Swiss): there’s nowhere else in Europe like it. Switzerland may be surrounded by land, but it is an island at the center of Europe. Welcome to the landlocked island.

**The Xenophobe’s Guide to the Swiss** Paul Bilton 2008-08-01 Mountain mentality Swiss farmers are tough, independent, hard-working, resilient, well-prepared for every kind of natural disaster, and above all staunchly conservative. These characteristics have been passed on to Swiss town-dwellers, who go about their day as if they too were farming a lonely mountain cliff. We can do better The Swiss stubbornly refuse to believe they are doing well and will even dispute the figures that prove it. So, like the poor donkey chasing the carrot, they pull their collective cart along ever faster, chasing the goal they passed years ago. Peak performers The perceptions of the Swiss being dull, staid, and boring while at the same time displaying a talent for ruthless efficiency and a limitless capacity for hard work are unconvincingly close to the truth. Likewise the cliched impressions of high mountains, watches, cheese, chocolate bars, and gold bars are genuine. Degrees of ease The diversity of the Swiss is apparent in the degree to which they worry. The German-speakers do little else. The French-speaking Swiss are great visionaries and philosophers with noble thoughts and global dreams. They worry that their Swiss-German compatriots do not share these dreams. The Italian-speaking Swiss are less interested in the solid values of work and have a tendency not to worry nearly enough. Swiss Watching is a multifaceted society. Integration. Go beyond Swiss chocolate, and immerse yourself in Switzerland’s fascinating, modern and diverse people that make up Swiss society. From friendship to professionalism, teamwork to leadership, language and who own more guns per head than the people of Iraq. One country, four languages, 26 cantons and 7.5 million people (only 80% of whom are Swiss): there’s nowhere else in Europe like it. Switzerland may be surrounded by land, but it is an island at the center of Europe. Welcome to the landlocked island.

**The New Beyond Chocolate** Margaret Oertig-Davidson 2019-03-29 For nearly twenty years, Margaret Oertig-Davidson’s ‘Beyond Chocolate’ has stood as the definitive guide to living and working among the Swiss. Now comes an all-new edition, for an all-new Switzerland—a country that has firmly arrived in a multicultural, globalised age. Oertig-Davidson examines the Swiss through the eyes of hundreds of people who have lived and worked here, and her insight will help any reader gain respect and understanding for the diverse people that make up Swiss society. From friendship to professionalism, teamwork to leadership, education to etiquette, Oertig-Davidson provides concrete and simple advice to manage the challenges of integration. Go beyond Swiss chocolate, and immerse yourself in Switzerland’s fascinating, modern and multicultural society.