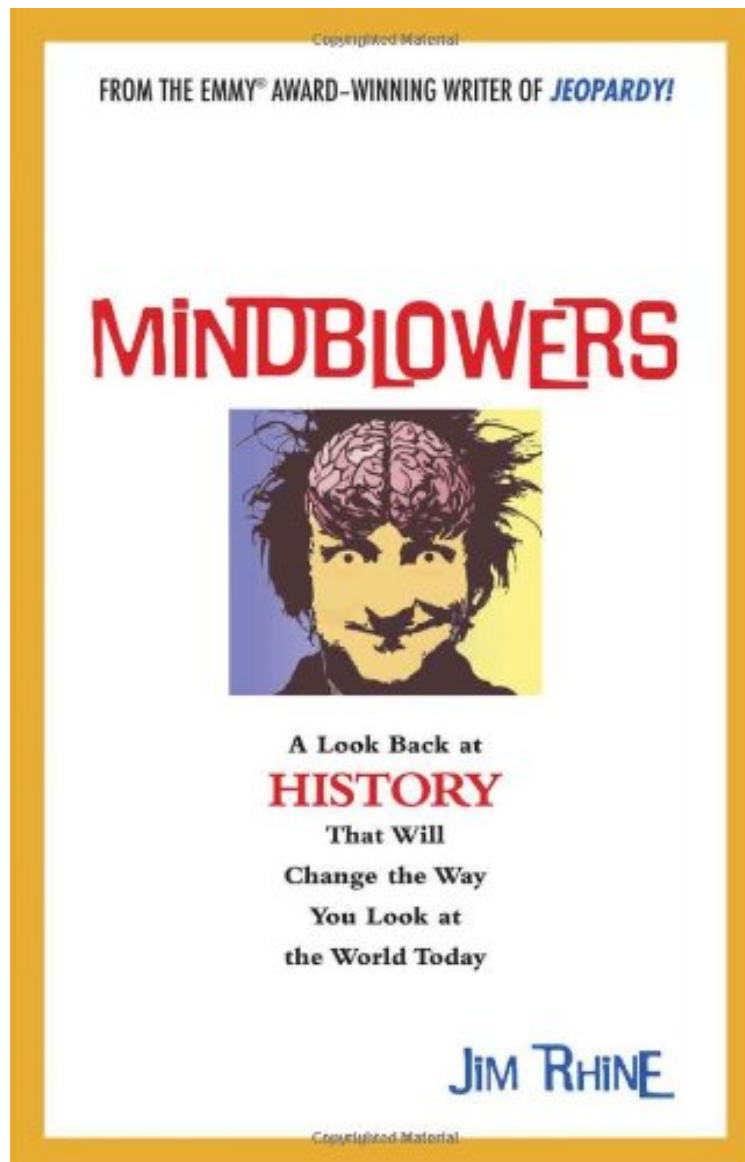


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Noting some of the more bizarre aspects of history, author Jim Rhine peers behind the veil of assumed knowledge with insight and humor to reveal the shocking truths, stunning ironies, and the often humorous all-too-human element behind many of our most recognized and cherished collective memories. With its episodic nature, *Mindblowers* is perfect for picking up browsing, and each of the essays can be read in five minutes or less, making this book the perfect choice for those who want their brain stimulated without having to sift through hours of boring, concentrated reading.

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