



100 Plants That (Almost) Changed The World

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- Fascinating, Bite-Sized Histories: Offers engaging, easily digestible stories about how plants have shaped human civilisation, making it perfect for casual readers and enthusiasts alike
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From the technologically revolutionary to the downright ridiculous, this collection of concise musings documents the varied and often humorous relationships humans have developed with members of the plant kingdom.

These pithy stories span species celebrated as tribal fodder to delicacies elevated as some of our most valued possessions, from the ultimate symbols of devotion and love to campaigns that resulted in genocide, revolt and the shaping of the global political landscape, demonstrating a relationship between humans and the plant kingdom as broad, wonderful, and strange as the plants themselves.

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