



Maps that Made History

1000 Years of World History in 100 Old Maps

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- 100 exceptional maps that put their mark on world history
- The most beautiful maps from the renowned collection of the University of Leiden in a luxurious XL format
- From the worldview of Isidorus of Seville (7th century) to a Chinese propaganda map from 2013

Maps that Made History is like a 1000-year-long journey around the world; every one of the carefully selected maps featured here has influenced the course of history in some way. This beautifully illustrated book gathers 100 marvellous old maps, each with a fascinating story to tell, from a 12th century Persian world atlas to a Soviet spy map. These maps were used to resolve conflicts, situate battles, construct a road or a canal, establish important shipping routes, even as propaganda tools. All the maps are reproduced in an oversized format, while accompanying text from an experienced team of historians explains the importance of each one.

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