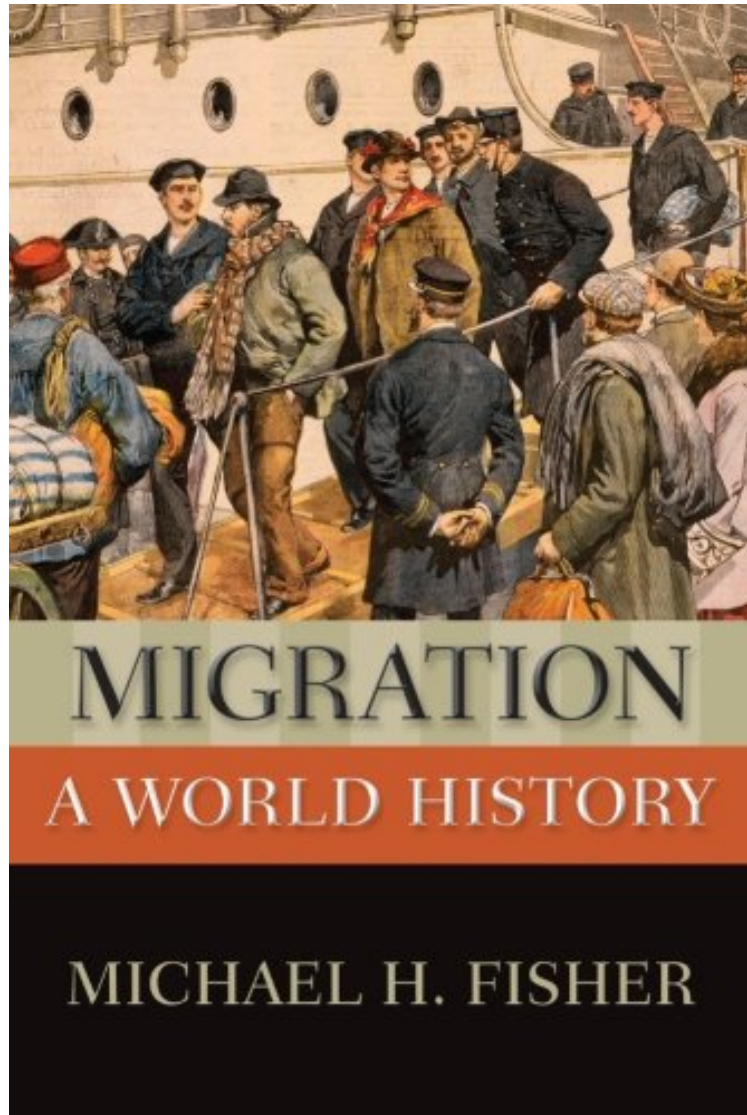


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1 of 4 people found the following review helpful. SuperficialBy BarneySuperficial, shallow and incomplete. Author's sentence structure and organization of content remind me of a high school, social studies project. If this were a junior high school project : A+; a senior high school project: A-; a college project (depending on the college): C to B-; and graduate school project: D.4 of 9 people found the following review helpful. MediocreBy Jay MeyThis is a very short

book, and it's just a very general overview of migrations. It's not the kind of scholarly publication I was looking for. It's pretty mediocre and I wouldn't recommend this to anybody looking for more than an extremely cursory glance of migration. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A thorough narrative of a broad theme

By Deb Nam-Krane

What everyone should understand about this book and the other books in this series is that they're intended to be overviews of vast topics. Migration, technology, race, cities, democracy, et al: all of those are impossible to cover in-depth in a volume that runs somewhere in the vicinity of 150 pages (in case that wasn't clear from the description). But it is possible to give a thorough narrative on the broad themes of the topic. That's what I was looking for, and that's exactly what it did. The story of migration began before the evolution of homo sapiens and hasn't stopped since. As the author notes, the story of migration is at the core of human history; I might go so far as to say that human history *is* the story of migration. Fisher briefly touches on linguistics and genetics to explain how historians have pieced together pre-historic migration patterns. The book spends a relatively large number of pages on Muslim migration; indeed, migration is clearly encouraged by the religion, something which helped preserve and create knowledge from the 8th through the 15th centuries. The Mongol migrations had similar effects, although they aren't usually regarded as positively. Although this isn't a comprehensive volume, it provided a number of surprising insights and facts, among them: modern-day Russians are descended from both Slavs and Vikings; the Roma are originally from India; William of Normandy might not have been "The Conqueror" had Harald Sigurdson of Norway not already softened England up less than a month before; Queen Elizabeth ordered the deportation of the Africans in England with the justification that they were stealing jobs; and universities were intended to migration magnets from the beginning. Fisher spends as much time talking about forced migrations as he does the ones that were made by choice. While this isn't a comprehensive history of American slavery, he does spend many pages on the the people who were sold, the people who sold them and the people who bought them (and well he should). I found this drier than the volume in the series about Technology, but only by a little. I would recommend this to anyone who wanted a jumping off point into a study of migration. I would NOT recommend this to anyone who wants or needs an in-depth discussion of the topic.

Migration began with our origin as the human species and continues today. Each chapter of world history features distinct types of migration. The earliest migrations spread humans across the globe. Over the centuries, as our cultures, societies, and technologies evolved in different material environments, migrants conflicted, merged, and cohabited with each other, creating, entering, and leaving various city-states, kingdoms, empires, and nations. During the early modern period, migrations reconnected the continents, including through colonization and forced migrations of subject peoples, while political concepts like "citizen" and "alien" developed. In recent history, migrations changed their character as nation-states and transnational unions sought in new ways to control the peoples who migrated across their borders. This volume will explore the process of migration chronologically and also at several levels, from the illuminating example of the migration of a individual community, to larger patterns of the collective movements of major ethnic groups, to the more abstract study of the processes of emigration, migration, and immigration. This book will concentrate on substantial migrations covering long distances and involving large numbers of people. It will intentionally balance evidence from the now diverse people's of the world, for example, by highlighting an exemplary migration for each of the six chapters that highlights different trajectories and by keeping issues of gender and socio-economic class salient wherever appropriate. Further, as a major theme, the volume will consider how technology, the environment, and various polities have historically shaped human migration. Exciting new scholarship in the several fields inherent in this topic make it a particularly valuable and timely project.

Fisher is to be commended for producing a well-written and easy-reading piece while managing to cover much ground in a slim volume. * Joshua Hagen, *Historical Geography* *About the Author Michael H. Fisher is Robert S. Danforth Professor of History at Oberlin College