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## **Salem Press Announces a Brand New Addition to the Best-Selling *Great Events Series*— *Great Events from History: The 21<sup>st</sup> Century***

*Great Events from History: The 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (3 volumes) is the latest set in the ongoing *Great Events from History* series, which was initiated in 2004 with the two-volume *Great Events from History: The Ancient World, Prehistory-476* and followed by *The Seventeenth Century*, *The Eighteenth Century*, *The Nineteenth Century*, and *The Twentieth Century*. This set addresses the first 16 years into the twenty-first century from the Y2K bug “crisis” at the turn of the millennium to Donald Trump’s bid for office in the 2016 presidential campaign.

### **Expanded Coverage**

Each installment in the new series is enlarged with a significant amount of new material—often more than half the original contents. *The 21<sup>st</sup> Century* joins 100 completely new essays—commissioned especially for the new series and appearing for the first time—to over 400 revised and expanded core entries. In addition, the new edition features a new page design, expanded and updated bibliographies, internal and external cross-references, new appendices and indexes, plus numerous sidebars, maps, and illustrations throughout.

### **Scope of Coverage**

The set begins with overview essays that address important themes of throughout 21<sup>st</sup> century events. Edited by Thomas Tandy Lewis, the text begins with a thorough introduction to philosophical questions that are foundational for historical knowledge and inquiry, and he provides a timely and valuable discussion of *truth* and *interpretation* in the narration of events. The remaining essays are arranged as a chronology. Beginning at the millennium and ending with the election of Donald Trump as forty-fifth president of the United States.

### **Essay Length and Format**

Each essay averages 1,600 words (2-3 pages) in length and follows a standard format. The thematic overviews present the topic in a clear manner, beginning with a summary paragraph, followed by a broad discussion of the theme or topic that typically covers a significant period of time, often brining the reader up to the present day. Articles that are arranged chronologically include the ready-reference top matter that prominently displays the most precise available information on the following:

- the most precise *date* (or date range)
- the *name of the event*
- a *summary paragraph* that encapsulates the event’s significance
- the *locale*, or where the event occurred,
- the *Categories*, or the type of event covered, in forty-one different categories from Abolition to Women’s Issues

- *Key Figures*, a list of the major individuals involved in the event, with birth and death dates, a brief descriptor

The text of each essay follows and is divided into standard sections:

- *Summary of Event*, devoted to a chronological description of the facts of the event
- *Significance*, assessing the event's historical impact
- *See also*, cross-references to other essays within the set

### Special Features

Accompanying the essays are sidebars—including quotations from primary source documents—as well as eighty-five additional illustrations including the people, and other icons of the period.

- The *Time Line* lists major events in the 21<sup>st</sup> century; the Time Line is a chronological listing of events by subject area and lists both those events covered by the entries and also a substantial number of other events and developments during the period.
- The *Bibliography* cites more than 600 major sources on the period.
- *Category Index* lists essays by type of event (Agriculture, Architecture, Arts, and so on).
- *Notable Figures* lists major personages discussed throughout.
- *Subject Index* lists persons, concepts, terms, events, organizations, artworks, and many other topics of discussion.

### The Contributors

All essays were written by specialists in the area of discussion, and without their expert contribution, a project of this nature would not be possible. A full list of contributors and their affiliations appears in the back matter of the final volume.

### Free Online with Print Purchase.

In addition, *Great Events from History: The 21<sup>st</sup> Century* comes with complimentary online access via <http://online.salempress.com>. A single purchase of the printed version is all it takes to gain access to this important title on the web.

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