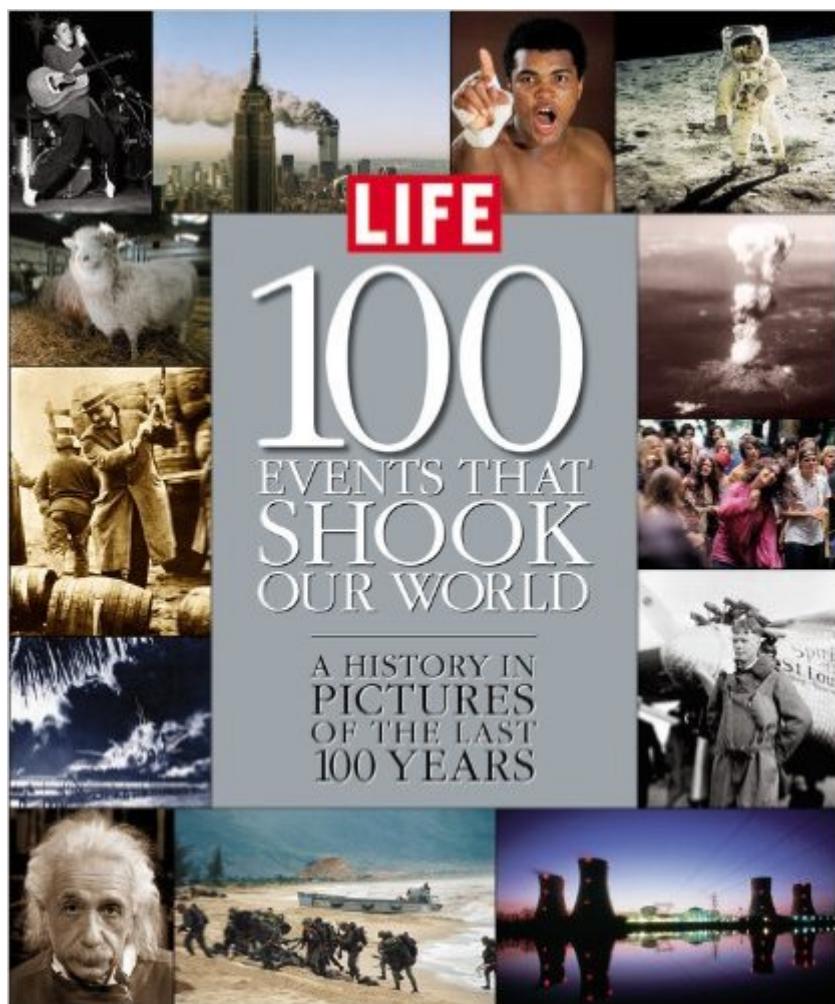


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Life: 100 Events That Shook Our World : A History In Pictures From The Last 100 Years



Synopsis

There has never been another period of time to compare with the last 100 years. From the Auto Age to the Computer Age, from Lindenberg to a man walking on the moon, our world has been an endless wellspring of unparalleled drama. Using their trademark brilliant photography and informative writing, the editors of "Life" have assembled a fascinating, engrossing volume that captures the happenings and the characters who have fleshed out this saga, names that will live through the ages: FDR and JFK, the Babe and Elvis, Einstein and Martin Luther King. And, of course, the likes of Hitler and Osama Bin Laden. This is a volume certain to entertain today and for generations to come.

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Customer Reviews

"100 Events" might better be titled, "100 20th century mostly-American events that LIFE has pictures of." Nothing wrong with that of course, but it would make for a more accurate title. The book unfolds in classic LIFE format, with full page and double-page layouts of famous events. Some are truly momentous and have potential world-wide historical impact. The discovery of the structure of DNA will affect the way human beings heal, diagnose and even propagate. Dr. Christian Barnard's first heart transplant in 1967 also changed the way we see the human body - less as a unity than as an array of interchangeable parts. The dropping of the atomic bomb dramatically changed the nature of warfare and the way that all nations must learn to relate. And the walk on the moon in

1969 was a technical achievement that truly did astound the world and perhaps even paved the way for an end to the Cold War. But Marilyn Monroe modeling a bikini? The Yankees acquiring Babe Ruth? Louis Armstrong? Madonna? The U2 Incident? Even the 1969 Woodstock music festival is a questionable choice. Whatever. The pictures are fun to look at. The events may spur debate. Which 100 would you choose? LIFE could have done worse.

There is a shot of Hitler primping in his open car before an adoring crowd, just soaking up the adulation. There is three-mile island ominously sitting in the dark with red lights (like Christmas lights) outlining it, and perhaps previewing the nuclear meltdown that occurred there in the late 70's. There is Dolly, the cloned sheep, looking at herself in the mirror, as amazed as we were at that time. There is a young Fidel Castro screaming into the microphone as he took over Cuba. There is the bus load of passengers reading about the Kennedy assassination at the same time, the disturbing headlines all facing the camera. These are just samplings of the great work that Life did. Life was good at taking the right photographs at the right time. This book is a good one, even if you only look at the pictures.

I purchased this book as a Christmas present for my uncle and aunt. They are both retired, and love to read. They immediately opened it up, and lots of wonderful family memories came into the conversation. It now sits on their coffee table.

For me this was a perfect gift for an elderly gentleman's birthday, but in truth it is perfect for all ages--for anyone who is interested in the world which we all share. It is a book of history in pictures for the last 100 years. It enables us to look at a single photograph and learn, relive or simply just remember and romanticize about it. A perfect history tool for teaching all of us--sort of a "show and tell" in book form. The gentleman for whom I purchased this is 90 years young and it was his favorite birthday gift.

This is a walk down memory lane. A perfect gift!!!! I have read through it several times. I am planning to give a copy to my 95-year-old mother-in-law for her birthday.

I must say I thoroughly enjoyed "Life's 100 Years in Pictures" and so did my family. Lots of memories recalled from many of these visuals.. A stroll down memory lane for all of us..

I gave this to my sister and brother in law. Apparently my brother in law has coveted the book. He says that when he's finished the other family members will get a turn. So much really interesting information. They are very pleased with my present.

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