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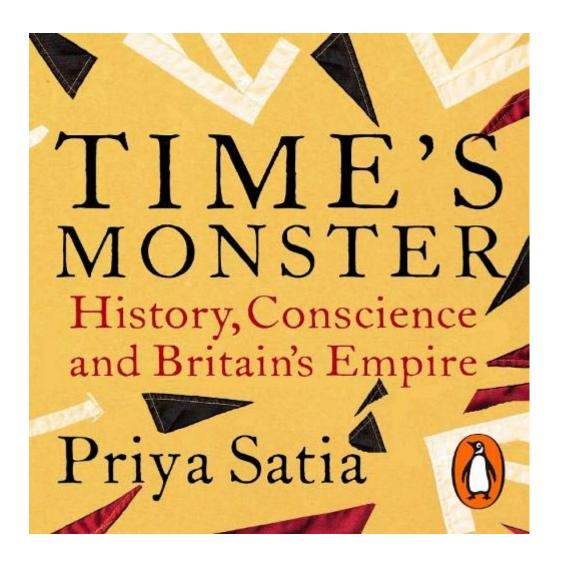




As 2020 is coming to an end, you can either read a dozen Quilette articles or letters in The Times - or even throw in a PragerU video for good measure - insisting the British Empire was 'Overwhelmingly a force for good' and that 'wokery' is erasing history...

Or you can avail yourself of the critical and deeply researched work of actual scholars. Here are my recommendations for Christmas gifts this year - for anyone seriously interested in the history of the British Empire and its legacies:

@PriyaSatia 'Time's Monster'



The Brutish Museums

The Benin Bronzes, Colonial Violence and Cultural Restitution

Dan Hicks

-@PriyamvadaGopal 'Insurgent Empire'

INSURGENT



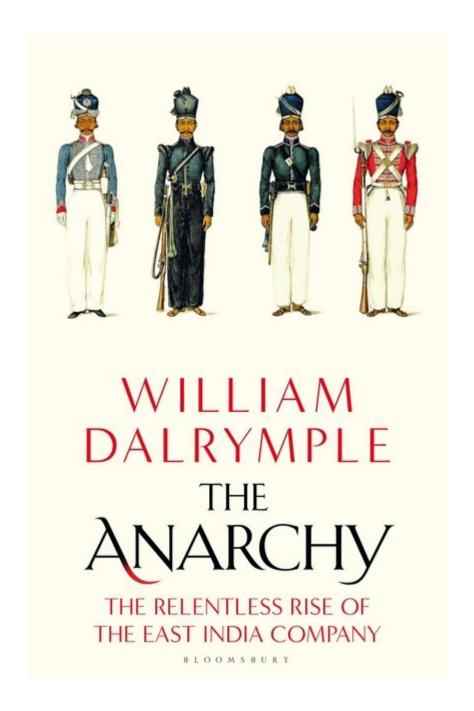
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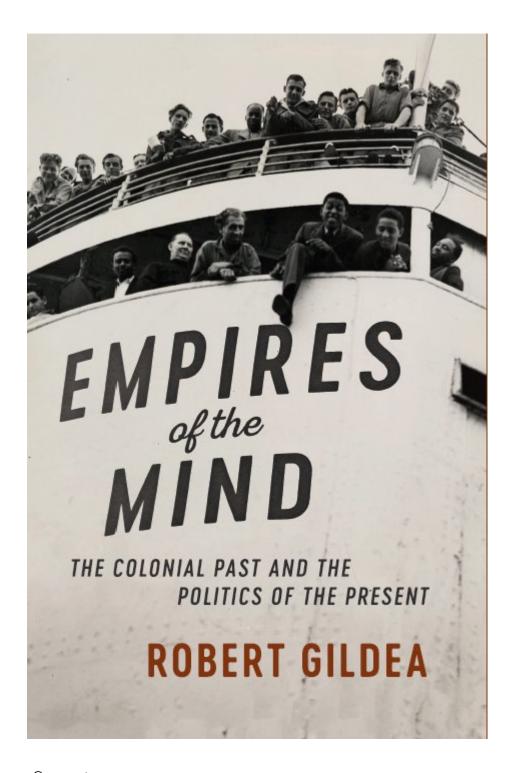
-Stuart Ward and @astrid_rasch 'Embers of Empire in Brexit Britain'

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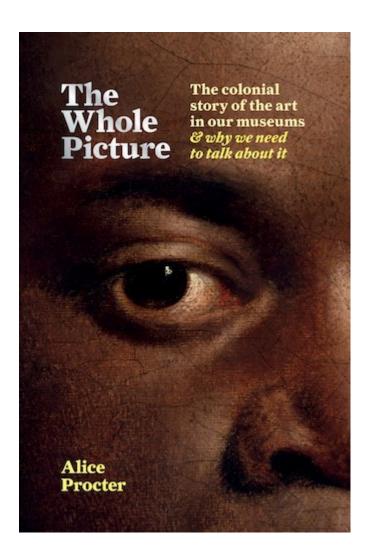
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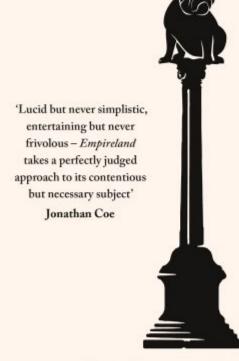
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And some forthcoming ones:

@Sathnam 'Empireland'

Empireland



'This remarkable book shines the brightest of lights into some of the darkest and most misunderstood corners of our shared history'

James O'Brien

How Imperialism Has Shaped Modern Britain

SATHNAM SANGHERA

and of course @pdkmitchell 'Imperial Nostalgia'



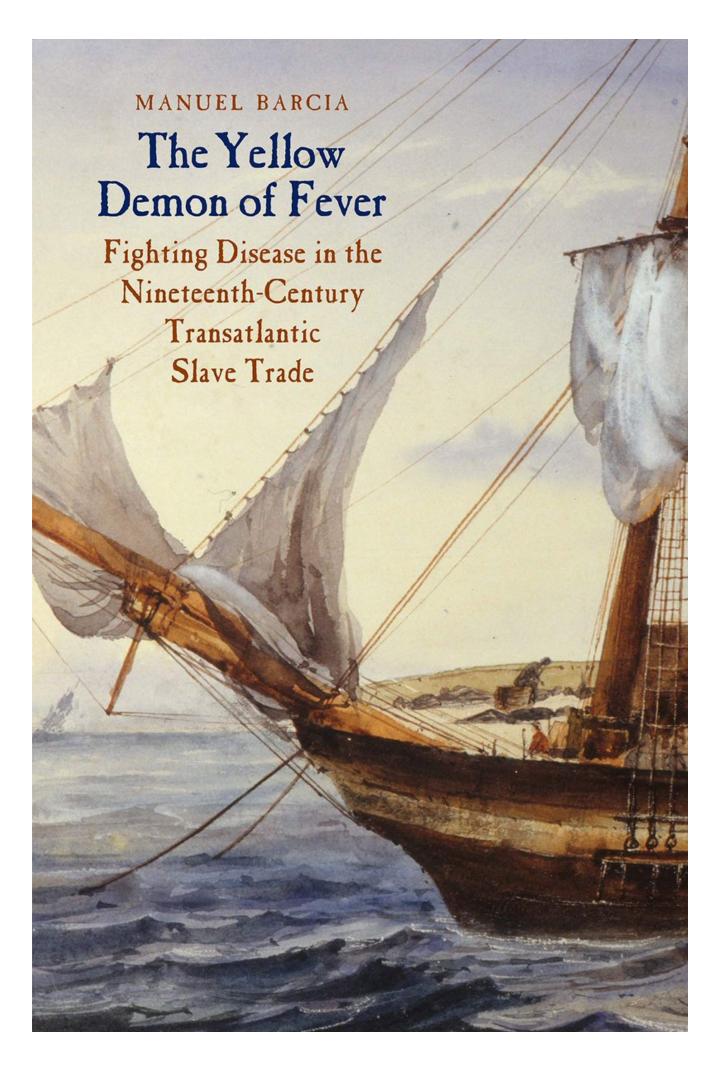


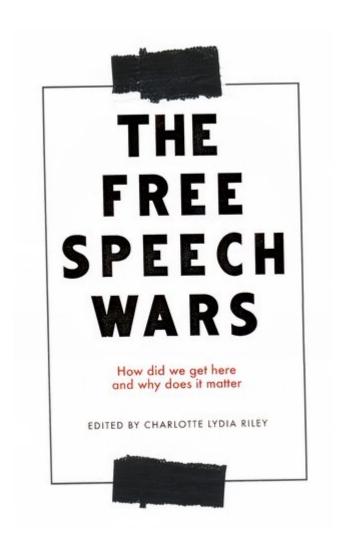


Apologies if I have forgotten any others - there is obviously a vast literature out there, so these are just some initial recommendations and a good starting-point if you are interested - genuinely interested - in the British Empire...

So I did forget a few:

@mbarcia24 'The Yellow Demon of Fever'





And, as some people have kindly pointed out, I should perhaps include some of my own books, if nothing else than to please my publishers...

KIM A. WAGNER AND SAR 1919

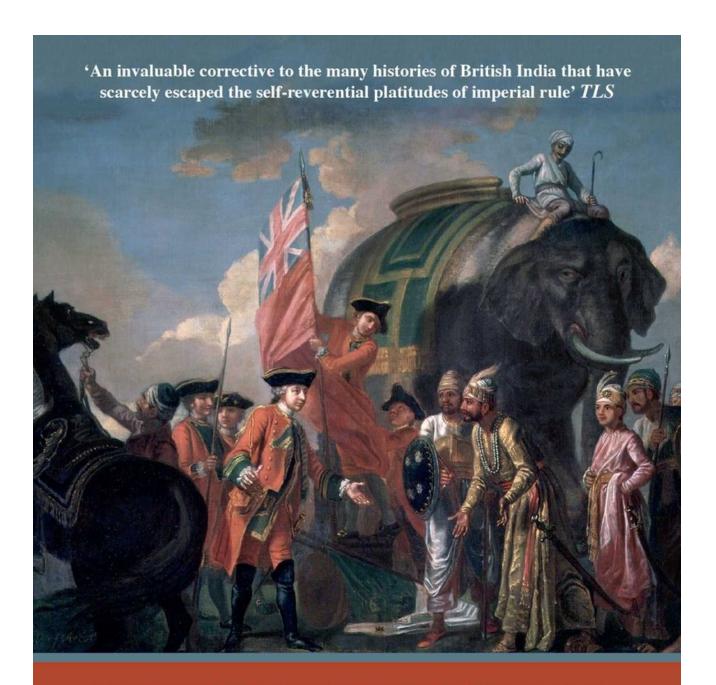
An Empire of Fear and the Making of a Massacre

'Brilliantly clear and authoritative . . . Gets as close as we are ever likely to get to the truth of what happened in Jallianwala Bagh.'

William Dalrymple, Spectator

Honourable mentions:

@jonewilson 'India Conquered'

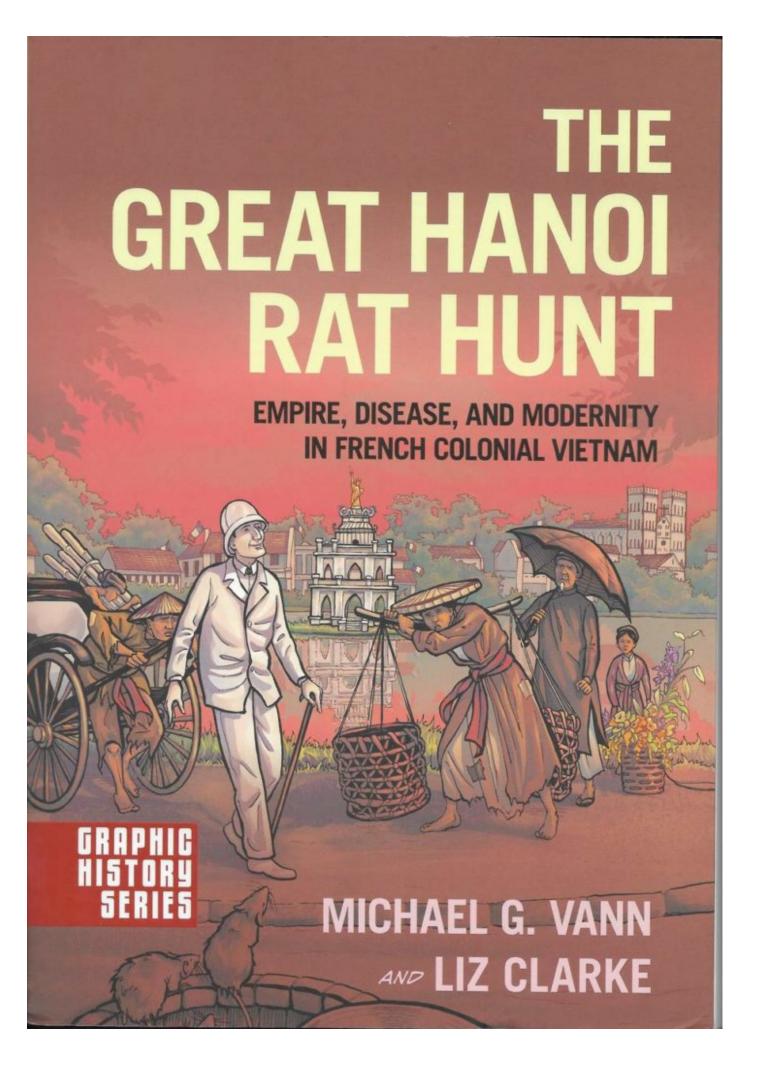


BRITAIN'S RAJ AND THE CHAOS OF EMPIRE

INDIA CONQUERED JON WILSON

And I'm going beyond the Anglo-centric focus of the list to include this brilliant historical comic which cannot be recommended enough:

@MichaelGVann 'The Great Hanoi Rat Hunt'



And taking us into global comparative imperialism:

@olaferr

Oliver Charbonneau

Civilizational Imperations



AMERICANS, MOROS,
AND THE COLONIAL WORLD