

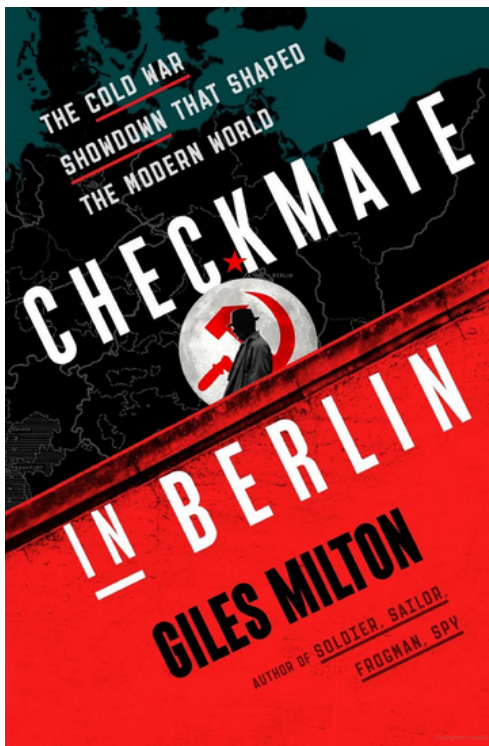


January Book Club

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January 16, 2023 | 5:00 P.M.



Checkmate in Berlin

by Giles Milton

A lively, immersive story of the race to seize Berlin in the aftermath of World War II as it's never been told before.

BERLIN'S FATE WAS SEALED AT THE 1945 YALTA CONFERENCE: the city, along with the rest of Germany, was to be carved up among the victorious powers - the United States, Britain, France, and the Soviet Union. On paper, it seemed a pragmatic solution. In reality, once the four powers were no longer united by the common purpose of defeating Germany, they wasted little time reverting to their prewar hostility toward - and suspicion of - one another.

PRESENTED BY
RICHARD HEAFEY

Additional Recommended Reading:

The Daughters Of Yalta: The Churchills, Roosevelts, and Harrimans: A Story of Love and War

by Catherine Grace Katz

for a complete picture of the times and background of these political struggles

Throughout, *Checkmate in Berlin* recounts the first battle of the Cold War as we've never before seen it. An exhilarating tale of intense rivalry and raw power, it is above all a story of flawed individuals who were determined to win, and Milton does a masterful job of weaving between all the key players' motivations and thinking at every turn. A story of unprecedented human drama, it's one that had a profound, and often underestimated, shaping force on the modern world - one that's still felt today.