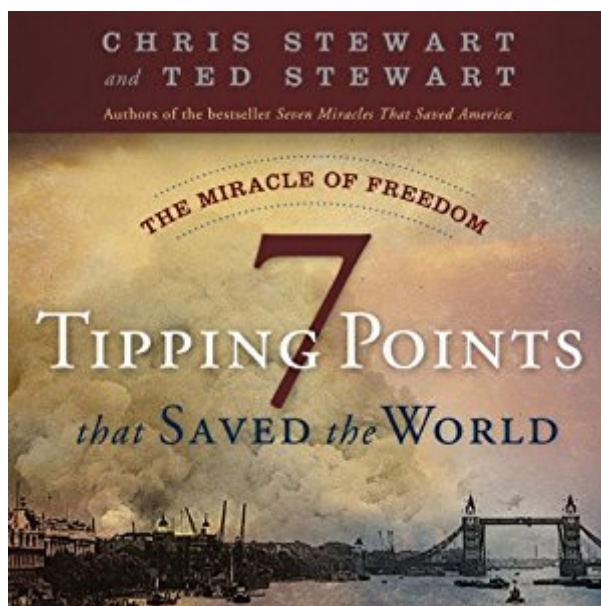


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The Miracle Of Freedom: 7 Tipping Points That Saved The World



Synopsis

"How unusual is it, really, in the history of all known human experience, to enjoy the blessing of living free?" The answer may surprise you. In *The Miracle of Freedom*, Chris and Ted Stewart make a strong case that fewer than five percent of all people who have ever lived on the Earth have lived under conditions that we could consider "free". So where did freedom come from, and how are we fortunate enough to experience it in our day? "A deeper look at the human record," write the authors, "reveals a series of critical events, obvious forks in the road leading to very different outcomes, that resulted in this extraordinary period in which we live." They identify and discuss seven decisive tipping points: The defeat of the Assyrians in their quest to destroy the kingdom of Judah, The victory of the Greeks over the Persians at Thermopylae and Salamis, Roman Emperor Constantine's conversion to Christianity, The defeat of the armies of Islam at Poitiers, The failure of the Mongols in their effort to conquer Europe, The discovery of the New World, The Battle of Britain in World War II. The journey to freedom has been thousands of years long. Now that it has found its place in the world, the question for those of us who experience its benefits is simply this: Will we work to preserve the miracle of freedom that we enjoy today?

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Riding on the success of their 2009 bestseller, *Seven Miracles That Saved America*, brothers Chris and Ted Stewart have compiled a list of seven pivotal events that have saved the world. These events accomplished this feat, according to the authors, by leading humanity toward freedom. It is a truly fascinating survey of remarkable events, and if nothing else is excellent food for thought in

considering "What if these events did not go the way they did?" To begin, the authors are religious and tend to hold a fervently American bias, and this is not shied away from in their examination. As they say, they believe in "American Exceptionalism", and for good reason as argued in their previous book. America is where the greatest and most wide-spread improvement in the human condition has taken place. The Stewart brothers attribute this to a number of factors, and the most important is America's foundation of freedom. With a book titled "The Miracle of Freedom," the reader would reasonably ask, "What is freedom?" The authors don't give a definitive answer, and rather ask readers to envision a world without it--what would it be like to live in a world without democratic governments or rule of law, without justice or equality, without free nations defending against tyranny and oppression. In short, the concept of freedom is rather assumed, which might lead to ambiguity and debate. Generally, a clear definition in the style of Hayek or Mill is not necessary for the purpose of this book.

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