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Surveying historical thinking in the West from ancient times until the present, this very accessible text focuses on historiography, philosophy of history, and historical methodology, introducing the main issues and problems to beginning students with thorough and balanced discussions.

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A Historiographical Introduction
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The Beginnings of Historical Consciousness
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Professional History in Recent Times
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This book is a brief survey of Western historical thinking from ancient times to the present and also an introduction to some of the main issues and problems in historiography, philosophy of history, and historical method. It seeks to strike a balanced coverage and to make such concerns accessible to beginning students. Novice historians need to encounter questions of theory in order to grasp the nature of the discipline, but many probably lack the prerequisites to take on R. G. Collingwood straight. This small work may ease the transition.

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