

BOOK REVIEW

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Title of the book: SAPIENS: A Brief History of Humankind; **Author:** Yuval Noah Harari; **Publication:** Dvir Publishing House Ltd. (Israel); **Year:** 2011

The author is an Israeli historian and professor in the Department of History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His area of interest are Correlation between History and Biology, whether Justice is possible in History? Have the people become more happier as the history move forward?

Published in Hebrew in the year 2011 the book was based on the lectures delivered by the author in the University. It was published in English in 2015 and also in at least 65 languages so far. The author has described the journey of the mankind from the Stone-age up to the twenty-first century, focusing on Homo sapiens. Sapiens came to dominate the world because it is the only animal that can cooperate flexibly in large numbers. The book is related to the world history.

The author has divided the history of the mankind into four parts; as the four major revolutions on the earth.

- 1) Cognitive revolution
- 2) Agricultural revolution
- 3) Unification of mankind
- 4) Scientific revolution.

The author presented his book into twenty chapters starting from his mention about the human being as an animal of no importance up to his predictions about the end of the homo sapiens. He described how the mankind evolved from the great apes and narrated the different stages of the development of the animal into today's civilised society under the scientific revolution. He has put forward his views about the real sense of development, justice, equality etc.

Apart from the theory of evolution of the mankind and it's correlation with the history of development of the animal from those who were wandering in jungle for the search of food till today's society who can communicate in different part of the globe instantly, the reader will know many facts about the culture, different empires, stages of migrations, monetary system, cultivation, industrialisation etc.

It's worth reading this book for even general knowledge also.

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