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- * war and the quest for alternatives
- * ethnic and racial belligerency and the effort to create harmony
- * authoritarianism and the struggle for democracy
- * technological revolutions and systems
- * elite and popular culture

This thematic approach allows students to focus on separate specific aspects of the history of this troubled century, while striving for a composite view. Brose also dedicates special subsections of the text to extensive discussions of the peace movement, gender relations, the Holocaust, cultural developments, the rise of the EU, and today's terrorist threats. Each chapter begins with a vignette related to chapter themes and subject matter. There is also a historiographical component to A History of Europe in the Twentieth Century, making it ideal for upper-level undergraduate and graduate courses in twentieth-century Europe.



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