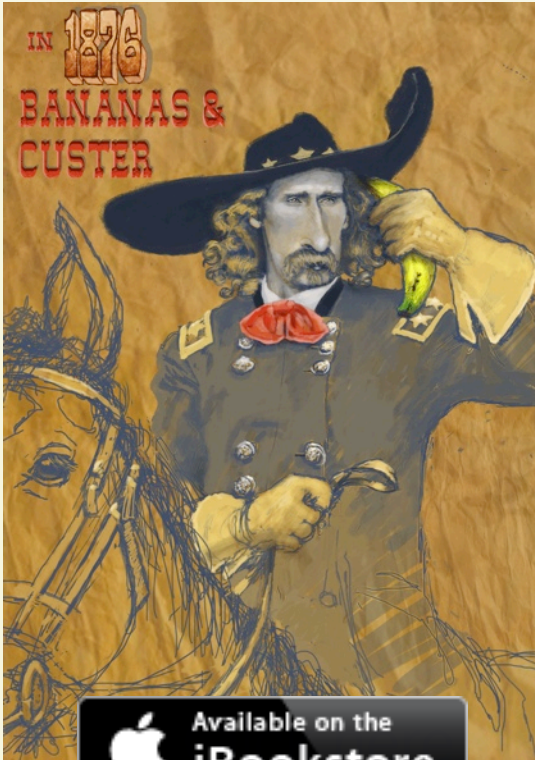


IN 1876: BANANAS & CUSTER



Title: **In 1876: Bananas & Custer**

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Genre: Non-Fiction >> History Fact

Topic: History around the world in one year: 1876

Style: Presented as a diary with daily entries


Days: 366 days in 1876 (yes, it was a leap year)

Stories: 756 - an average of about 2 stories per day

Images: 1,000 + including paintings of the time and illustrations from contemporary newspapers and magazines

Themes running through the book:

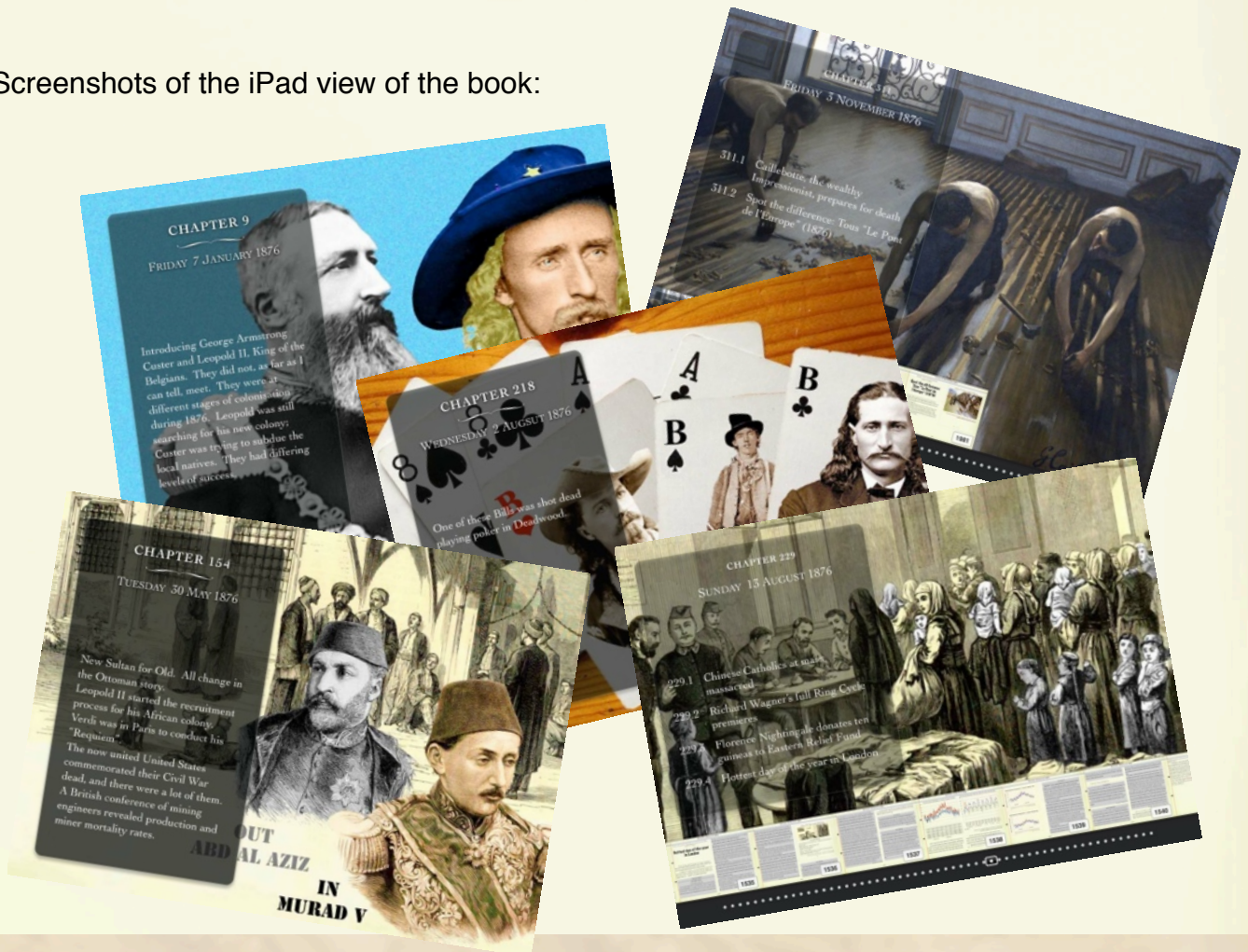
- The old world of bows and arrows, or samurai and swords, fighting against almost inevitable progress;
- White man's "Manifest Destiny" and treatment of "inferior" races ;
- Cowboys and Indians - Custer, Sitting Bull, Jesse James, Wild Bill Hickok;
- The instability of the United States, a step away from reopening their Civil War - it was still black Vs white, North Vs South - leading to fraud in elections;
- The casual use of war and violence to remove obstacles - in the Balkans including dreadful civilian massacres and around colonial territories;
- Women were already fighting for democratic rights and tried to be heard above the male noise of disinterest in the subject;
- Crime & punishment - hanging and guillotining reduced second offences;
- Accidents & wrecks - transport by rail and sea was fraught and sometimes fatal;
- Fashion - this was the year of the bustle - and **poppy red**
- The Arts - the Impressionists held their 2nd exhibition; Tchaikovsky finished "Swan Lake" and wrote what would turn into the "1812 overture"; Mark Twain published "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and Lev Tolstoy serialised "Anna Karenina". The less said about Herman Melville's "Clarel" the better
- The Sciences - Alec Bell (nobody called him Alexander Graham Bell except maybe his mum) and Tom Watson started the information age with their telephone, Robert Koch identified germs in anthrax, Darwin started writing his memoirs, and Einstein's parents got married.
- China and Japan were deciding whether to come out of their shells - they would decide what happened to Korea
 - and bananas

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Screenshots of the iPad view of the book:



Robert Cormican

has had this book in mind since 1977 when he read the novel "Marathon Man" by William Goldman. You may have seen the film with Dustin Hoffman - is it safe? 1875 appears in the novel as the year of Custer getting creamed and the first phone call, but that was really 1876. The juxtaposition of the old beating the new was enough to provoke a few questions about the era and this book. Rob is also called Robert, Bob, Bobby, Bobbity and Bert. His son is keen on facts and being right; his daughter prefers art and singing. Neither of them are likely to read the book for some years. They live in London with their mother while Rob lives in Leeds with his sister.

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