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allah is not obliged to be fair about all the things he does here on earth these are the words of the boy soldier birahima in the final masterpiece by one of africa's most celebrated writers ahmadou kourouma when ten year old birahima's mother dies he leaves his native village in the ivory coast accompanied by the sorcerer and cook yacouba to search for his aunt mahan crossing the border into liberia they are seized by rebels and forced into military service birahima is given a kalashnikov minimal rations of food a small supply of dope and a tiny wage fighting in a chaotic civil war alongside many other boys birahima sees death torture dismemberment and madness but somehow manages to retain his own sanity raw and unforgettable despairing yet filled with laughter allah is not obliged reveals the ways in which children's innocence and youth are compromised by war

originally from the côte d'ivoire ahmadou kourouma spent much of his life working in the insurance industry and living in france and in political exile elsewhere in africa before returning to abidjan in 1993 his earlier novels are the suns of independence and monnnew carrol f coates is professor of french and comparative literature at binghamton university suny and has translated numerous books including jacques stephen alexis's general sun my brother virginia

the tragic story of djigui keita a fictional king of soba who is overwhelmed by the french colonial forces

research paper undergraduate from the year 2012 in the subject literature africa grade none course language and literature language english abstract this paper examines the character of fama the protagonist in the suns of independence of ahmadou kourouma as an exact replica of a foot soldier in contemporary ghanaian socioeconomic and political development in this regard it draws a parallelism between the character of fama and a foot soldier and makes recommendations for the way forward in order to sustain socioeconomic and democratic development consequently the study draws attention to issues relating to political fanaticism and their accompanying tragic disenchantment for unsuspecting self seeking citizens in emerging multiparty democratic states in developing countries such as ghana in the light of the inherent dangers in self seeking political activism as seen in the character of fama for that matter in that of foot soldiers the study recommends steps that will help sanitize political activities and democratic practice in ghana and africa as a whole

with her award winning debut novel purple hibiscus chimamanda ngozi adichie was heralded by the washington post book world as the 21st century daughter of chinua achebe now in her masterly haunting new novel she recreates a seminal moment in modern african history biafra's impassioned struggle to establish an independent republic in nigeria during the 1960s with the effortless grace of a natural storyteller adichie weaves together the lives of five characters caught up in the extraordinary tumult of the

decade fifteen year old ugwu is houseboy to odenigbo a university professor who sends him to school and in whose living room ugwu hears voices full of revolutionary zeal odenigbo's beautiful mistress olanna a sociology teacher is running away from her parents world of wealth and excess kainene her urbane twin is taking over their father's business and kainene's english lover richard forms a bridge between their two worlds as we follow these intertwined lives through a military coup the biafran secession and the subsequent war adichie brilliantly evokes the promise and intimately the devastating disappointments that marked this time and place epic ambitious and triumphantly realized half of a yellow sun is a more powerful dramatic and intensely emotional picture of modern africa than any we have had before

propelled by the same superb instinct for storytelling that made the kite runner a beloved classic the 1 new york times bestseller a thousand splendid suns is at once an incredible chronicle of thirty years of afghan history and a deeply moving story of family friendship faith and the salvation to be found in love just as good if not better than khaled hosseini's best selling first book the kite runner newsweek new york times readers pick 100 best books of the 21st century khaled hosseini returns with a beautiful riveting and haunting novel that confirms his place as one of the most important literary writers today born a generation apart and with very different ideas about love and family mariam and laila are two women brought jarringly together by war by loss and by fate as they endure the ever escalating dangers around them in their home as well as in the streets of kabul they come to form a bond that makes them both sisters and mother daughter to each other and that will ultimately alter the course not just of their own lives but of the next generation with heart wrenching power and suspense hosseini shows how a woman's love for her family can move her to shocking and heroic acts of self sacrifice and that in the end it is love or even the memory of love that is often the key to survival a stunning accomplishment a thousand splendid suns is a haunting heartbreaking compelling story of an unforgiving time an unlikely friendship and an indestructible love

new york times bestseller national book critics circle award winner time's ten best nonfiction books of the decade one of the new york times's five best books of the 21st century a brilliant and stirring epic ms wilkerson does for the great migration what john steinbeck did for the okies in his fiction masterpiece the grapes of wrath she humanizes history giving it emotional and psychological depth john stauffer the wall street journal what she's done with these oral histories is stow memory in amber lynell george los angeles times winner the mark lynton history prize the anisfield wolf award for nonfiction the chicago tribune heartland prize the hurston wright award for nonfiction the hillman prize for book journalism naacp image award for best literary debut stephen ambrose oral history prize finalist the pen john kenneth galbraith award for nonfiction dayton literary peace prize one of the ten best books of the year the new york times usa today publishers weekly o the oprah magazine salon newsday the daily beast one of the best books of the year the new yorker the washington post the economist boston globe san francisco chronicle

chicago tribune entertainment weekly philadelphia inquirer the guardian the seattle times st louis post dispatch the christian science monitor in this beautifully written masterwork pulitzer prize winning author isabel wilkerson presents a definitive and dramatic account of one of the great untold stories of american history the great migration of six million black citizens who fled the south for the north and west in search of a better life from world war i to 1970 wilkerson tells this interwoven story through the lives of three unforgettable protagonists ida mae gladney a sharecropper s wife who in 1937 fled mississippi for chicago sharp and quick tempered george starling who in 1945 fled florida for harlem and robert foster a surgeon who left louisiana in 1953 in hopes of making it in california wilkerson brilliantly captures their first treacherous cross country journeys by car and train and their new lives in colonies in the new world the warmth of other suns is a bold remarkable and riveting work a superb account of an unrecognized immigration within our own land through the breadth of its narrative the beauty of the writing the depth of its research and the fullness of the people and lives portrayed herein this book is a modern classic

a young man seeks vengeance against the man who killed his parents in this action packed science fiction thriller series opener it is the distant future the world known as virga is a fullerene balloon three thousand kilometers in diameter filled with air water and aimlessly floating chunks of rock the humans who live in this vast environment must build their own fusion suns and towns that are in the shape of enormous wood and rope wheels that are spun for gravity young fit bitter and friendless hayden griffin is a very dangerous man he s come to the city of rush in the nation of slipstream with one thing in mind to take murderous revenge for the deaths of his parents six years ago his target is admiral chaison fanning head of the fleet of slipstream which conquered hayden s nation of aerie years ago and the fact that hayden s spent his adolescence living with pirates doesn t bode well for fanning s chances

rysard kapuscinski has been writing about the people of africa throughout his career in this study he sets out to create an account of post colonial africa seen as both a whole and as a location defying generalized explanations and avoiding the official routes palaces and big politics

mamo and lamamo are twin brothers living in the small nigerian village of keti where their domineering father controls their lives with high hopes the twins attempt to flee from home but only lamamo escapes successfully and is able to live their dream of becoming a soldier who meets beautiful women mamo the sickly awkward twin is doomed to remain in the village with his father gradually he comes out of his father s shadow and gains local fame as a historian and using plutarch s parallel lives as his model he embarks on the ambitious project of writing a true history of his people but when the rains fail and famine rages religious zealots incite the people to violence and lamamo returns to fight the enemy at home a novel of ardent loyalty encroaching modernity political desire and personal liberation measuring time is a

heart wrenching history of nigeria portrayed through the eyes of a single family

the alien hydrogues have been defeated driven back into the cores of their gas giant planets by an alliance of the earth defence forces the ancient ildiran empire the gypsy like roamer clans and gigantic living treeships the various factions try to recover but the deep seated wounds may prove fatal the hansa s brutal chairman basil wenceslas struggles to crush any resistance even as king peter breaks away to form his own new confederation among the green priests on theroc the roamer clans and an ever growing number of colonies who have declared their independence like jackals smelling wounded prey swarms of ancient black robots built by the lost insectoid klikiss race continue their depredations on helpless worlds with stolen earth battleships a race of terrifying fiery elementals the faeros has joined with an ildiran madman to declare war against all life and the original voracious klikiss race long thought to be extinct have returned intent on conquering their former worlds and willing to annihilate anyone who happens to be in the way

written by award winning african novelist mariama bâ and translated from the original french so long a letter has been recognized as one of africa s 100 best books of the 20th century the brief narrative written as an extended letter is a sequence of reminiscences some wistful some bitter recounted by recently widowed senegalese schoolteacher ramatoulaye fall addressed to a lifelong friend aissatou it is a record of ramatoulaye s emotional struggle for survival after her husband betrayed their marriage by taking a second wife this semi autobiographical account is a perceptive testimony to the plight of educated and articulate muslim women angered by the traditions that allow polygyny they inhabit a social milieu dominated by attitudes and values that deny them status equal to men ramatoulaye hopes for a world where the best of old customs and new freedom can be combined considered a classic of contemporary african women s literature so long a letter is a must read for anyone interested in african literature and the passage from colonialism to modernism in a muslim country winner of the prestigious noma award for publishing in africa

winner of the 2022 nobel prize in literature a new york times notable book annie ernaux s father died exactly two months after she passed her practical examination for a teaching certificate barely educated and valued since childhood strictly for his labor ernaux s father had grown into a hard practical man who showed his family little affection narrating his slow ascent towards material comfort ernaux s cold observation reveals the shame that haunted her father throughout his life she scrutinizes the importance he attributed to manners and language that came so unnaturally to him as he struggled to provide for his family with a grocery store and cafe in rural france over the course of the book ernaux grows up to become the uncompromising observer now familiar to the world while her father matures into old age with a staid appreciation for life as it is and for a daughter he cautiously even reluctantly admires a man s

place is the companion book to her critically acclaimed memoir about her mother a woman s story

1 new york times bestseller new york times readers pick 100 best books of the 21st century oprah s book club pick an instant american classic and almost certainly the keynote nonfiction book of the american century thus far dwight garner the new york times the pulitzer prize winning author of the warmth of other suns examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped america and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions 1 nonfiction book of the year time one of the best books of the year the washington post the new york times los angeles times boston globe o the oprah magazine npr bloomberg the christian science monitor new york post the new york public library fortune smithsonian magazine marie claire slate library journal kirkus reviews winner of the los angeles times book prize national book critics circle award finalist winner of the carl sandburg literary award dayton literary prize finalist pen john kenneth galbraith award for nonfiction finalist pen jean stein book award finalist kirkus prize finalist as we go about our daily lives caste is the wordless usher in a darkened theater flashlight cast down in the aisles guiding us to our assigned seats for a performance the hierarchy of caste is not about feelings or morality it is about power which groups have it and which do not beyond race class or other factors there is a powerful caste system that influences people s lives and behavior and the nation s fate linking the caste systems of america india and nazi germany isabel wilkerson explores eight pillars that underlie caste systems across civilizations including divine will bloodlines stigma and more using riveting stories about people including martin luther king jr baseball s satchel paige a single father and his toddler son wilkerson herself and many others she shows the ways that the insidious undertow of caste is experienced every day finally she points forward to ways america can move beyond the artificial and destructive separations of human divisions toward hope in our common humanity

ahmadou kourouma s remarkable novel is narrated by bingo a west african sora storyteller and king s fool over the course of five nights he tells the life story of koyaga president and dictator of the gulf coast orphaned at the age of seven koyaga grows up to be a terrible hunter he fights mythical beasts and is a shape shifter capable of changing himself into beasts and birds he fights in the french colonial armies in vietnam and algeria but on his return he mounts a coup and becomes ruler and dictator of the gulf coast for thirty years he runs a corrupt but clean state surviving repeated assassination attempts and gaining support and investment from abroad but when the first world decides it no longer want to support dictatorships and call for democracy he needs another ruse to maintain himself in power part magic part history part savage satire waiting for the wild beasts to vote is nothing less than a history of post colonial africa itself

traitor s sun continues the epic saga of darkover the award winning series by marion zimmer bradley her most brilliant and popular creation the darkover books take readers to a planet torn by rebellion and

struggling for freedom

the titanic war between the elemental alien hydrogues and faeros continues to sweep across the spiral arm extinguishing suns and destroying planets chairman wenceslas and king peter must now unify the human race with iron fisted policies in a final bid to stand together or face total annihilation but disparate civilizations are forging new alliances that threaten the old order the roamer and theron clans will not yield their independence and the new mage emperor jora h now faces a threat that no other ildiran leader has ever seen a civil war that could break apart the entire empire

at age 60 dr richard morgan wrote no wrinkles on the soul as he faced the unknowns of aging and felt the need for a book to help himself and others navigate its challenges especially the spiritual ones now 91 morgan still faces many unknowns and once again has written a book that describes how it feels to be old and encourages others in the same stage of life the years have taken a toll on my body he writes but my mind and spirit are still young light of setting suns contains stories of people age 90 and beyond who have remained vital and spiritually alive including the author's own experiences morgan shows how to discover wellness even in years of decline and how these years may be unexpectedly rich and meaningful this book shows readers that even at an advanced age they still have the opportunity to shine with the spirit

in the tears of the black man award winning author alain mabanckou explores what it means to be black in the world today mabanckou confronts the long and entangled history of africa france and the united states as it has been shaped by slavery colonialism and their legacy today without ignoring the injustices and prejudice still facing blacks he distances himself from resentment and victimhood arguing that focusing too intensely on the crimes of the past is limiting instead it is time to ask now what embracing the challenges faced by ethnic minority communities today the tears of the black man looks to the future choosing to believe that the history of africa has yet to be written and seeking a path toward affirmation and reconciliation

defining a nation is set at simla in the foothills of the himalayas where the british viceroy has invited leaders of various religious and political constituencies to work out the future of britain's largest colony will the british transfer power to the indian national congress which claims to speak for all indians or will a separate muslim state pakistan be carved out of india to be ruled by muslims as the muslim league proposes and what will happen to the vulnerable minorities such as the sikhs and untouchables or the hundreds of princely states as british authority wanes tensions among hindus muslims and sikhs smolder and increasingly flare into violent riots that threaten to ignite all india towering above it all is the frail but formidable figure of gandhi whom some revere as an apostle of nonviolence and others regard as a conniving hindu politician students struggle to reconcile religious identity with nation building perhaps the most intractable and important issue of the modern world texts include the literature of hindu revival

chatterjee tagore and tilak the koran and the literature of islamic nationalism iqbal and the writings of ambedkar nehru jinnah and gandhi

in the months leading up to independence in delhi jawaharlal nehru and vallabhbhai patel are engaged in deliberations with british viceroy dickie mountbatten over the fate of the country in lahore sepoy malik returns home from the great war hoping to win his sweetheart tara s hand in marriage only to find divide and rule holding sway and love friendships and familial bonds being tested set in parallel threads across these two cities lahore is a behind the scenes look into the negotiations and the political skulduggery that gave india its freedom the price for which was batwara as the men make the decisions and wield the swords the women bear the brunt of the carnage that tears through india in the sticky hot months of its cruellest summer ever backed by astute research the partition trilogy captures the frenzy of indian independence the partition and the accession of the states and takes readers back to a time of great upheaval and churn

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a modern classic from the booker shortlisted author of this mournable body the groundbreaking first novel in tsitsi dangarembga s award winning trilogy nervous conditions won the commonwealth writers prize and has been hailed as one of the 20th century s most significant works of african literature the new york times two decades before zimbabwe would win independence and ended white minority rule thirteen year old tambudzai sigauke embarks on her education on her shoulders rest the economic hopes of her parents siblings and extended family and within her burns the desire for independence she yearns to be free of the constraints of her rural village and thinks she s found her way out when her wealthy uncle offers to sponsor her schooling but she soon learns that the education she receives at his mission school comes with a price

in this compelling history of the men and ideas that radically changed the course of world history lawrence james investigates and analyses how within a hundred years europeans persuaded and coerced africa into becoming a subordinate part of the modern world his narrative is laced with the experiences of participants and onlookers and introduces the men and women who for better or worse stamped their wills on africa the continent was a magnet for the high minded the philanthropic the unscrupulous and the insane visionary pro consuls rubbed shoulders with missionaries explorers soldiers adventurers engineers big game hunters entrepreneurs and physicians between 1830 and 1945 britain france belgium germany portugal italy and the united states exported their languages laws culture religions scientific and technical knowledge and economic systems to africa the colonial powers imposed administrations designed to bring stability and peace to a continent that seemed to lack both the justification for

occupation was emancipation from slavery and the common assumption that late nineteenth century europe was the summit of civilisation by 1945 a transformed continent was preparing to take charge of its own affairs a process of decolonisation that took a mere twenty or so years yet there remained areas where european influence was limited liberia abyssinia through inertia and a desire for a quiet time africa s new masters left much undisturbed and so this magnificent history also pauses to ask what did not happen and why

never before in the entire history of the american theater has so much of the truth of black people s lives been seen on the stage observed james baldwin shortly before a raisin in the sun opened on broadway in 1959 this edition presents the fully restored uncut version of hansberry s landmark work with an introduction by robert nemiroff lorraine hansberry s award winning drama about the hopes and aspirations of a struggling working class family living on the south side of chicago connected profoundly with the psyche of black america and changed american theater forever the play s title comes from a line in langston hughes s poem harlem which warns that a dream deferred might dry up like a raisin in the sun the events of every passing year add resonance to a raisin in the sun said the new york times it is as if history is conspiring to make the play a classic

finalist for the pulitzer prize and the national book critics circle award a new york times notable book winner of the texas book award and the oklahoma book award this new york times bestseller and stunning historical account of the forty year battle between comanche indians and white settlers for control of the american west is nothing short of a revelation will leave dust and blood on your jeans the new york times book review empire of the summer moon spans two astonishing stories the first traces the rise and fall of the comanches the most powerful indian tribe in american history the second entails one of the most remarkable narratives ever to come out of the old west the epic saga of the pioneer woman cynthia ann parker and her mixed blood son quanah who became the last and greatest chief of the comanches although readers may be more familiar with the tribal names apache and sioux it was in fact the legendary fighting ability of the comanches that determined when the american west opened up comanche boys became adept bareback riders by age six full comanche braves were considered the best horsemen who ever rode they were so masterful at war and so skillful with their arrows and lances that they stopped the northern drive of colonial spain from mexico and halted the french expansion westward from louisiana white settlers arriving in texas from the eastern united states were surprised to find the frontier being rolled backward by comanches incensed by the invasion of their tribal lands the war with the comanches lasted four decades in effect holding up the development of the new american nation gwynne s exhilarating account delivers a sweeping narrative that encompasses spanish colonialism the civil war the destruction of the buffalo herds and the arrival of the railroads and the amazing story of cynthia ann parker and her son quanah a historical feast for anyone interested in how the united states came into being hailed by

critics s c gwynne s account of these events is meticulously researched intellectually provocative and above all thrillingly told empire of the summer moon announces him as a major new writer of american history

ahmadou kourouma s award winning novel the suns of independence is one of the great classics of francophone african literature capturing the dreams and struggles of a newly independent nation fama is the last of an ancient line of dumbuya princes who before the europeans came reigned undisputed over the malinke tribe yet even after independence fama is forced to beg for his place amongst the bureaucratic elite meanwhile his wife salimata is desperately attempting to save the dumbuya legacy from extinction beyond the gripping political intrigue ahmadou kourouma weaves together an in depth tapestry of malinke culture blending the everyday experience of 1960s postcolonial life with age old myths and traditions perhaps the most remarkable african novelist writing in french guardian

a comprehensive synthesis of the ideal of freedom in african culture from a pan african perspective after independence

new york times bestseller named one of the best books of the year by npr bookpage and shelf awareness paula mclain is considered the new star of historical fiction and for good reason fans of the paris wife will be captivated by circling the sun which is both beautifully written and utterly engrossing ann patchett country living this powerful novel transports readers to the breathtaking world of out of africa 1920s kenya and reveals the extraordinary adventures of beryl markham a woman before her time brought to kenya from england by pioneering parents dreaming of a new life on an african farm beryl is raised unconventionally developing a fierce will and a love of all things wild but after everything she knows and trusts dissolves headstrong young beryl is flung into a string of disastrous relationships then becomes caught up in a passionate love triangle with the irresistible safari hunter denys finch hatton and the writer baroness karen blixen brave and audacious and contradictory beryl will risk everything to have denys s love but it s ultimately her own heart she must conquer to embrace her true calling and her destiny to fly praise for circling the sun in mclain s confident hands beryl markham crackles to life and we readers truly understand what made a woman so far ahead of her time believe she had the power to soar jodi picoult author of leaving time enchanting a worthy heir to isak dinesen like africa as it s so gorgeously depicted here this novel will never let you go the boston globe famed aviator beryl markham is a novelist s dream a wonderful portrait of a complex woman who lived defiantly on her own terms people book of the week circling the sun soars newsday captivating an irresistible novel the seattle times like its high flying subject circling the sun is audacious and glamorous and hard not to be drawn in by beryl markham may have married more than once but she was nobody s wife entertainment weekly an eloquent evocation of beryl s daring life o the oprah magazine

sensuous and transporting filled with the colours tastes and fragrances of life in 17th century isfahan

amirrezvani clearly knows and loves the ways of old iran and brings them to life with the cadences of a skilled story spinner geraldine brooks the blood of flowers is a mesmerizing historical novel about a young iranian woman whose destiny changes on the sudden death of her father forced to leave their village the woman and her mother travel to the beautiful city of isfahan where they are taken in by an uncle a wealthy carpet designer and his unsympathetic wife when an ill considered action results in the heroine s fall from grace she is forced into an extraordinary secret marriage spirited and rebellious she wants to be free to live a life her own choosing if she can find a way the most wonderful book fascinating totally original and utterly gripping esther freud the prose positively glows on the page and the characterisation is similarly acute notably of the wonderfully drawn heroine as a journey into a society that will be alien to most readers this is a remarkable achievement barry forshaw

a globe trotting journalist describes the people he met and the events he witnessed over the years he interviewed such newsmakers as mother teresa bullfighter el cordobes and caryl chessman on death row and among the events he covered was the hijacking of a cruise ship by the author of is paris burning

the bottom billion is an elegant and impassioned synthesis from one of the world s leading experts on africa and poverty it was hailed as the best non fiction book so far this year by nicholas kristoff of the new york times

this book continues a conversation initiated by renowned intellectuals and writers worldwide and crossculturally who have claimed ownership of what were previously considered colonial or vehicular languages the essays use as their reference significant works of written and oral literature theater and media the theories presented in this book are some of the most important within the field of ethnic studies today and include perspectives from linguistic and literary theory as well as from feminist and disability theories this book looks at notions of race gender class and ethnicity and how these are expressed or not by language and it demonstrates the latest trends in ethnic studies without dismissing the original theories that shaped the field as the first study to concentrate on how speakers of indigenous and or local languages significantly appropriate a dominant language as their own as a means of decolonizing communication and reinforcing cross border commonalities on all levels of political and economic power this is an important book for those in the fields of comparative literature ethnic studies linguistics especially sociolinguistics women s and gender studies african and african american studies asian studies french and francophone studies caribbean studies english disability studies cultural studies middle eastern studies and postcolonial studies

a sixth doctor novel with peri brown interstellar tyrant glavis judd has usurped the royal family of the world kingdom esselven with intergalactic freelance reporter dexel dynes close behind him faithfully advising the universe of judd s humanitarian liberations however judd s ambitions for complete conquest

are thwarted as the royal family have escaped the planet just before his arrival taking with them in their genetic make up the keys to vital archives and systems essential to esselven's governance in another time and place the doctor and peri have landed in an exquisitely kept ornamental garden peopled by strange playful creatures and wild roaming scavengers this it turns out is the esselvanian royal retreat a small planetoid where the monarch could relax and recuperate it is also where judd strongly suspects they have escaped to now determined to avenge his humiliation on esselven judd attacks the planetoid only to find that in the year it had taken him to track the family down things have moved on much quicker than he could have imagined

at the turn of the century a time when women had few choices bess steed garner inherits a legacy not only of wealth but of determination and desire making her truly a woman of independent means from the early 1900s through the 1960s we accompany bess as she endures life's trials and triumphs with unfailing courage and indomitable spirit the sacrifices love sometimes requires of the heart the flaws and rewards of marriage the often tested bond between mother and child and the will to defy a society that demands conformity told in letters we follow the remarkable life of bess steed garner from her childhood in 1899 to her death in 1977

a haunting evocative tale that left me both richly satisfied and deeply unsettled yet another tanabe triumph captivating suspenseful and full of surprises fiona davis national bestselling author of the masterpiece a faraway land a family's dynasty a trail of secrets that could shatter their glamorous lifestyle on a humid afternoon in 1933 american jessie lesage steps off a boat from paris and onto the shores of vietnam accompanying her french husband victor an heir to the michelin rubber fortune she's certain that their new life is full of promise for while the rest of the world is sinking into economic depression indochine is gold for the michelins jessie knows that the vast plantations near saigon are the key to the family's prosperity and though they have recently been marred in scandal she needs them to succeed for her husband's sake and to ensure that the life she left behind in america stays buried in the past jessie dives into the glamorous colonial world where money is king and morals are brushed aside and meets marcelle de fabry a spellbinding expat with a wealthy indochinese lover the silk tycoon khoi nguyen descending on jessie's world like a hurricane marcelle proves to be an exuberant guide to colonial life but hidden beneath her vivacious exterior is a fierce desire to put the colony back in the hands of its people starting with the michelin plantations it doesn't take long for the sun-drenched days and champagne-soaked nights to catch up with jessie with an increasingly fractured mind her affection for indochine falters and as a fiery political struggle builds around her jessie begins to wonder what's real in a friendship that she suspects may be nothing but a house of cards motivated by love driven by ambition and seeking self-preservation at all costs jessie and marcelle each toe the line between friend and foe ethics and excess cast against the stylish backdrop of 1920s paris and 1930s indochine in a time and place defined by contrasts and

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Decoding the Height: Unveiling the Secrets of 180cm to Feet

Ever wondered how tall a 180cm person is in feet? Imagine standing beside a basketball player, a tall tree, or even a particularly impressive bookcase. Height is a fascinating concept, expressed differently across cultures and systems of measurement. This seemingly simple conversion—from the metric system's centimeters to the imperial system's feet—opens a door to understanding the relationship between these two common measurement scales. This article will journey through the process of converting 180cm to feet, exploring the underlying mathematics, practical applications, and answering common questions to solidify your understanding.

I. Understanding the Metric and Imperial Systems

Before diving into the conversion, let's briefly understand the two systems involved. The metric system, primarily used globally, is based on powers of 10, making conversions relatively straightforward. Its fundamental unit of length is the meter (m), with centimeters (cm) representing one-hundredth of a meter ($1\text{cm} = 0.01\text{m}$). The imperial system, predominantly used in the United States, uses units like feet, inches, yards, and miles. One foot (ft) contains 12 inches (in), and the relationship between these units and metric units isn't as clean, requiring conversion factors. This historical system evolved organically, lacking the consistent decimal logic of the metric system.

II. The Conversion Process: 180cm to Feet

The key to converting 180cm to feet lies in the conversion factor: 1 inch is approximately equal to 2.54 centimeters. Therefore, to convert centimeters to inches, we divide the number of centimeters by 2.54.

1. Convert Centimeters to Inches: $180\text{ cm} / 2.54\text{ cm/inch} \approx 70.87\text{ inches}$
2. Convert Inches to Feet: Since there are 12 inches in a foot, we divide the number of inches by 12: $70.87\text{ inches} / 12\text{ inches/foot} \approx 5.91\text{ feet}$

Therefore, 180 centimeters is approximately equal to 5 feet and 11 inches. The slight decimal remainder highlights the inherent imprecision when converting between these systems; rounding is often necessary.

III. Practical Applications: Why This Conversion Matters

Knowing how to convert 180cm to feet has numerous practical applications: International Sports: In sports with global participation, understanding both metric and imperial measurements is crucial. A basketball player's height listed as 180cm needs to be easily understood in feet and inches by audiences in countries using the imperial system. Construction and Engineering: International collaborations in construction and engineering projects require seamless conversion between metric and imperial units to ensure accuracy and prevent errors. Misunderstandings due to incorrect conversions can have serious consequences. Online Shopping: Many international online retailers use both metric and imperial units for sizing information. Converting between the two helps consumers ensure they order the correct size clothing, shoes, or other products. Medical and Healthcare: Patient records often contain height measurements in either metric or imperial units. Converting between the two is essential for accurate medical record keeping and international collaboration. Travel and Tourism: Understanding both systems is helpful when traveling internationally, for instance, interpreting height restrictions or understanding signage in different countries.

IV. Beyond the Conversion: Precision and Rounding

It's important to acknowledge that the conversion of 180cm to feet isn't perfectly exact. The approximation of 2.54 cm per inch introduces a small margin of error. The degree of precision needed depends on the application. For general purposes, rounding to the nearest inch is sufficient. In situations demanding higher accuracy, more significant figures should be maintained during the calculation.

V. Reflective Summary

Converting 180 centimeters to feet involves a two-step process: converting centimeters to inches using the conversion factor of 2.54 cm/inch, and then converting inches to feet by dividing by 12. This conversion is crucial for bridging the gap between the metric and imperial systems, enabling seamless communication and collaboration in various fields, from sports and engineering to online shopping and healthcare. Understanding the process and the limitations of the approximation is key to using the converted value appropriately.

VI. FAQs

1. Is 2.54 cm/inch an exact conversion? No, it's an approximation. The exact conversion is defined as 1 inch = 2.54 cm. 2. Why do we need to convert between systems? Different countries and industries use different systems. Conversion ensures clear communication and avoids misunderstandings. 3. Can I use an online converter instead of calculating manually? Yes, many online converters are readily available for quick conversions. 4. What if I need to convert a different height (e.g., 175 cm)? Follow the same two-step process: divide by 2.54 to get inches, then divide by 12 to get feet and inches. 5. Is there a formula to directly convert centimeters to feet? Yes, you can combine the steps: centimeters / (2.54 12) = feet. This gives you the height in feet directly.

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