Nature’s Mutiny: How the Ice Age of the Long Seventeenth Century Transformed the West and Shaped the Present

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We are delighted that this book has now been published in English translation.

review

In his new book, historian and polymath Philipp Blom turns his attention to a period that shaped early modern European history: the little ice age. From 1570 until 1700 Europe underwent severe climatic changes. What was the impact on society, art, science and culture? Blom employs contemporary accounts by eye witnesses – Marlowe, Montaigne and Shakespeare among them – to give the reader a vivid insight into what life was like in the seventeenth century, and explores the effects that social upheaval, initiated by climate change, had on European thinking. The result is thought-provoking and entertaining in equal measure.

Accompanied by high quality illustrations, *The Nightmare of Reason* effortlessly ties together intellectual and natural history and shows that the two are more closely interwoven than one might think. A thoroughly European book, Blom takes examples from all over Europe to create an impression of the changes sweeping the continent during this momentous time. A truly fascinating book for anyone interested in history, science and climate change.

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