

THE BRITISH EMPIRE IN 100 DATES

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1706. At number 216 Strand a merchant from Gloucestershire named Thomas Twining opens a small tearoom, destined to a glorious success. 1719. Daniel Defoe publishes “The Life and Strange Surprising Adventures of Robinson Crusoe”, almost a tribute to the emerging mercantile bourgeoisie. 1940. In his historic speech to the House of Commons on June 4th, Winston Churchill looks back at the miraculous rescue of the British Expeditionary Force from France and urges the compact union of the British people, the last bulwark of civilization against the dark Evil of Nazi Germany. These and many others are the dates through which Filippo Gattai Tacchi tells the thrilling story of the world’s greatest empire and its undisputed protagonists.

“If you think that a book of dates may be tedious and dry, then suspend your judgment and read this: you will surely change your mind!”

From the preface by Alberto Mario Banti

100 key dates from history that everyone should know.