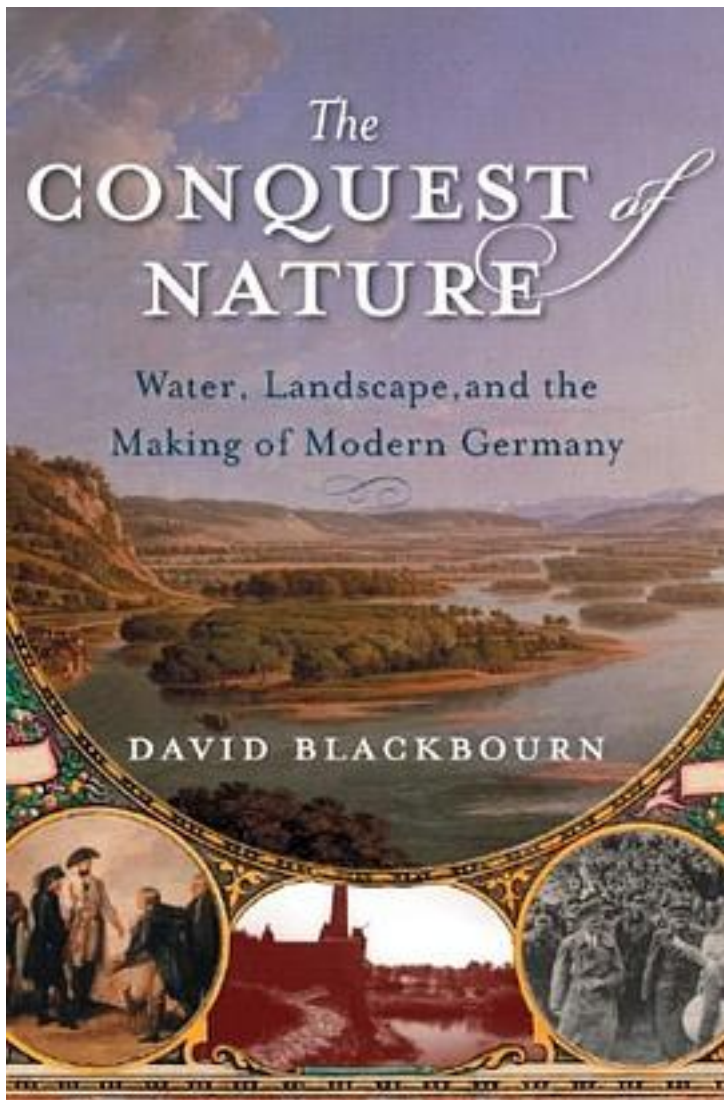


# The Conquest of Nature



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This brilliant new book explores how, over the last 250 years, the German people have shaped their natural environment and how the landscapes they created took a powerful hold on the German imagination. It investigates how the most fundamental element - water - was 'conquered' by draining fens and marshes, straightening the courses of rivers, building high dams and exploiting hydro-electric power. The book begins in the 1740s with Frederick the Great of Prussia, who regarded the reclamation of marshland as 'conquests from barbarism'. We meet Johann Gottfried Tulla, 'the man who tamed the wild Rhine' in the nineteenth century. We learn about the construction of the Prussian port of Wilhelmshaven on the Jade Bay, later to become a symbol of the new Germany's naval ambitions. We witness the colonisation of the moors and the triumph of the steamship. We encounter Otto Intze, 'master dambuilder' of the years around 1900

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将德国如何通过改造自然景观来操纵历史娓娓道来，以翔实的史料支撑

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太长了，砖头书。断代为十八世纪后半叶至今。如何改造地形/景观，为什么改造，谁决定的，后果是什么……将水环境史结合到现代德国的形成……这么厚并且图例翔实，在德国近现代水文史领域应该短期内无法被超越了

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## 书评

就在柏林墙坍塌后不久，撒切尔夫人紧急召见她的智囊与外交政策顾问，来自牛津大学的现代史讲席教授诺曼·斯通，询问英国应该如何应对即将来临的两德合并，对不列颠的欧洲利益影响与考验。要知道，除了大西洋彼岸的老布什，几乎所有的西欧领导人内心都对德意志民族的强大与再度...

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大卫·布莱克本（David Blackbourn）是英语世界闻名遐迩的德国史学者，生于英国，在剑桥大学接受专业训练。1992年，布莱克本迁居美国，先后在哈佛大学、范德比尔特大学担任教职。布莱克本的著作包括《威廉二世时期的德国阶级、宗教和地方政策》（Class, Religion, and Local Po...

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从亚当夏娃偷食禁果开始，人类就失去了最初、也许是最完美的家园“伊甸园”，被驱逐到了人间。虽然现在可以把它称作人间，从前却不是什么与人为善的地方，这里的一切都肆意地野蛮生长，我们又把它称之为自然。自然不是人类天然的家园。由伊甸园仙境跌落到这未经开发蛮荒之地， ...

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