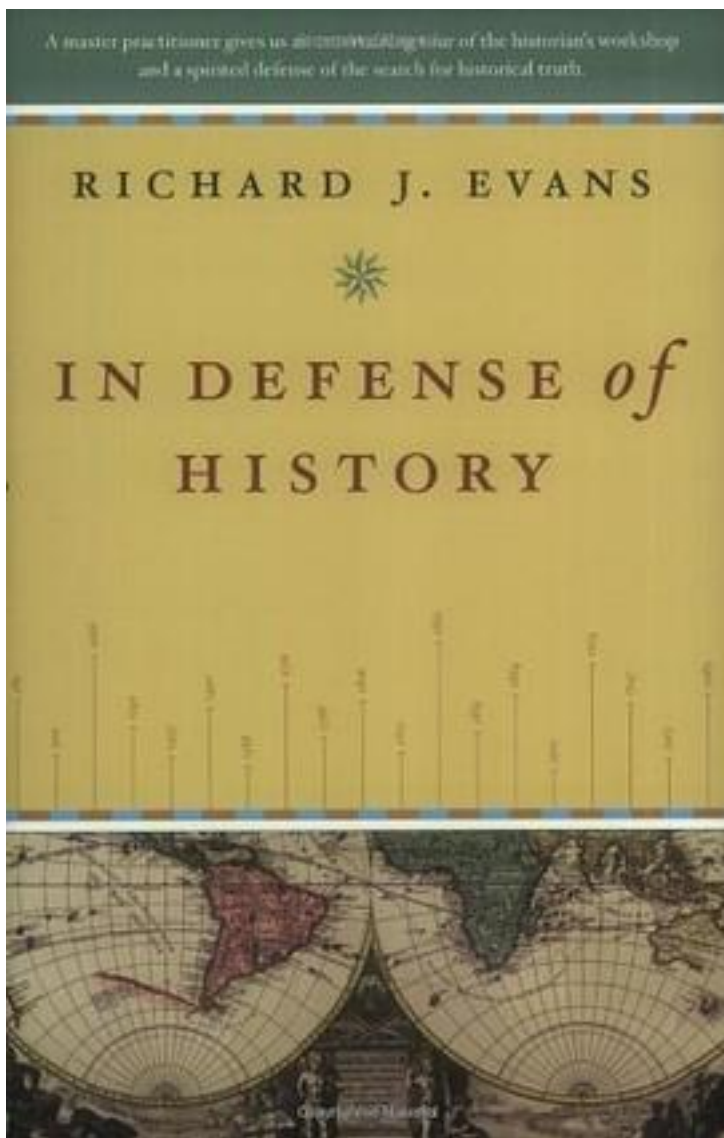


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It is my profession, and my belief. "it really happened, and we really can, if we are very scrupulous and careful and self-critical, find out how it happened and reach some tenable though always less than final conclusions about what it all meant."

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书评

Evans是个喜欢文字仗的人，这本书就是他挑起江湖恩怨的力作
几个不错的章节，第四，第五，我觉得挠到痒处了，其他几处，不是卡尔就是艾尔顿，不是怀特，就是Telling the truth，还有詹金斯啊，卡瓦拉啊，这种高密度的引用，误读且不算（肯定有的），Evans妄想把两派势力一桶糰...

晕晕乎乎地看完了，不得不承认，历史学本身又是非常高深的。
到头来不知道自己有什么体会，大概就是，历史的客观事实是可以得到的（虽然并不全面，但材料的限制足以让史学家构筑基本轮廓）；材料对比及解释是有必要的，而且从各个角度都是有必要的；历史学家的根本任务在于解释...

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