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We are doomed to repeat history if we fail to learn from it, but how are we affected by the forces that are invisible to us? In *The Invisible History of the Human Race*, Christine Kenneally draws on cutting-edge research to reveal how both historical artifacts and DNA tell us where we come from and where we may be going. While some books explore our genetic inheritance and popular television shows celebrate ancestry, this is the first book to explore how everything from DNA to emotions to names and the stories that form our lives are all part of our human legacy. This book shows how trust is inherited in Africa, silence is passed down in Tasmania, and how the history of nations is written in our DNA. From fateful, ancient encounters to modern mass migrations and medical diagnoses, Kenneally explains how the forces that shaped the history of the world ultimately shape each human who inhabits it. *The Invisible History of the Human Race* is a deeply researched, carefully crafted, and provocative perspective on how our stories, psychology, and genetics affect our past and our future.

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评论

实际上是一本讲Genealogy的书，标题有误导人的嫌疑。读了30%，作者的文风和思维方式不对我的味，放弃。

扫了一遍。亚马逊上的三个2星评论差不多就是我的阅读感受：
1没有新鲜论点
2不够科学严谨
3啰里吧嗦。语言学家科普生物学还是有点力不从心？不过还是值得一读的好书！

二零一四年最好的一本书之一。关于基因、谱系。说物质是精神的基础，或说存在先于本质，其中的“物质”和“存在”并非纯一而是组合的，并变动不居，来路与出路的选择均遵循定律，而定律活在概率里。话题有趣，写得有趣，从宏观叙事、到个人家世，直至微观层次。

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书评

一位历史学家认为：“人们只想要那些有益于他们目前身份的家族历史，当历史丑陋时，他们就想把他抹杀”但是基因的强大在于，传承历史的记忆，不论好的和坏的。传承下来的东西，我们只能全盘接受
那么我们又怎样看待这样一个事实：从字面意义上说，人是从父母的原材料那里创造...

自己本身对基因充满好奇，非常渴望能够了解科学家破解的基因密码。如今基因的应用

也开始普及，比如关于疾病或者血缘史通过基因检测的流行。前一段时间阅读了悉达多·穆克吉的《基因传》，然我对基因的历史有了跟多的了解。甚至比尔盖茨类似说过下一个世界首富会出现在基因领...

由于工作原因，早些年做外贸的时候我经常逛外贸论坛。其中有一篇关于中国人在非洲做生意的帖子让我印象非常深刻，帖子很长，有部分埋没在评论的“楼层”中，我翻越了几百上千层，就是为了把故事追完。帖子说的是一个浙江商人去非洲的一个国家做生意，每次货物到港时，他都会雇佣...

基因记录着人类完整的历史：生老病死，疾病战争，饥荒与迁徙，基因史就是历史演化。
《基因中的人类简史》这本书并没有像普通的科普书那样索然无味。看的时候，完全把我的好奇心给勾勒回来了。这本书被纽约时报书评评为“年度百佳图书”通过解读人类基因史来讲述基因中可以看到...

跨学科研究是新的理论产生的重要方法，尤其是传统的文科与理科的交叉、边缘更是如此（文科、理科的划分是基于中国高考的体系，说实话，我一直觉得科学不分文理，这种人为的划分并没有多少科学的依据，并不意味着学好理科的人读不好文科，反之亦然）。试想诺贝尔等奖项获取并不...

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