



It's About Time: How Long History Took

By Mike Flanagan

Andrews McMeel Publishing. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, It's About Time: How Long History Took, Mike Flanagan, Sparked by the fateful 73-second Challenger voyage, "It's About Time" began as a newspaper feature chronicling key moments in history and the length of time each took to occur. This fascinating book, complete with photographs, puts scores of historical events to the clock, including the four score and seven years ago Gettysburg Address--which lasted just two minutes in 1863. It took 43 seconds for the atomic bomb to be dropped on Hiroshima. History was forever altered in less than a minute. In contrast, it took 355 years, 10 months, and five days to end African slavery in the Americas. These moments in history are among the nearly 200 recounted in this turn-back-the-clock look at time--and the part it played in history. Unlike most books that present events in chronological order, "It's About Time" ranks key historical moments by duration--from the shortest to the longest. * 1/400th of a second--photographing the flag-raising on Iwo Jima (1945) * Two hours, 32 seconds--Neil Armstrong's walk on the moon (1969) * Four days--stock market crash (1929) * 14 years, 28 days--the carving of Mount Rushmore (1927-41)...



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