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He has published fourteen books. His first, *Paper and Iron: Hamburg Business and German Politics in the Era of Inflation 1897-1927*, was short-listed for the Longman-History Today Book of the Year award, while the collection of essays he edited, *Virtual History: Alternatives and Counterfactuals*, was a UK bestseller. In 1998 he published *The Pity of War: Explaining World War One* and *The World's Banker: The History of the House of Rothschild* to international critical acclaim. The latter won the Wadsworth Prize for Business History and was also shortlisted for the Jewish Quarterly/Wingate Literary Award and the American National Jewish Book Award. In 2001, after a year as a Houblon-Norman Fellow at the Bank of England, he published *The Cash Nexus: Money and Power in the Modern World, 1700-2000*. His other books include *Empire: The Rise and Demise of the British World Order and the Lessons for Global Power*; *Colossus: The Rise and Fall of the American Empire*; *The War of the World: Twentieth-Century Conflict and the Descent of the West*; and *The Ascent of Money: A Financial History of the World*, which won the *Handelszeitung* Economics Book Prize. In 2011 he published *Civilization: The West and the Rest*.

An accomplished biographer, Ferguson is also the author of *High Financier: The Lives and Time of Siegmund Warburg* (2010) and is currently writing a life of Henry Kissinger. His most recent book is *The Great Degeneration: How Institutions Decay and Economies Die*.

His many prizes and awards include the Benjamin Franklin Prize for Public Service (2010), the Hayek Prize for Lifetime Achievement (2012) and the Ludwig Erhard Prize for Economic Journalism (2013).