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From the author of the number 1 global bestseller Sapiens

The Top Ten Sunday Times Bestseller

Sapiens showed us where we came from. Homo Deus shows us where we're going.

War is obsolete. You are more likely to commit suicide than be killed in conflict.

Famine is disappearing. You are at more risk of obesity than starvation.

Death is just a technical problem. Equality is out – but immortality is in.

What does our future hold?

Yuval Noah Harari, author of the bestselling phenomenon *Sapiens* envisions a not-too-distant world in which we face a new set of challenges. *Homo Deus* explores the projects, dreams and nightmares that will shape the twenty-first century – from overcoming death to creating artificial life. It asks the fundamental questions: Where do we go from here? And how will we protect this fragile world from our own destructive powers?

'Homo Deus will shock you. It will entertain you. Above all, it will make you think in ways you had not thought before' Daniel Kahneman, author of *Thinking Fast, and Slow* Pressestimmen "An exhilarating book that takes the reader deep into questions of identity, consciousness and intelligence... Harari is a naturally gifted explainer, invariably ready with a telling anecdote or memorable analogy. As a result, it's tempting to see him less as historian than as some kind of all-purpose sage." (Andrew Anthony *Observer*)

"Sets out with enviable (and alarming) lucidity the massive challenges now facing our species as genetic technologies, AI and robotics alter forever our relationships with one another and with other species. It's even more readable, even more important, than his excellent Sapiens." (Kazuo Ishiguro Guardian Books of the Year)

"I think the mark of a great book is that it not only alters the way you see the world after you've read it, it also casts the past in a different light. In *Homo Deus*, Yuval Noah Harari shows us where mankind is headed in an absolutely clear-sighted & accessible manner. I don't normally ask for autographs but I got a bit starstruck & asked him to sign my copy of his book after we'd had a conversation for my show on BBC 6Music. His inscription reads: 'The future is in your hands' - a good thing to remember when such great changes are afoot." (Jarvis Cocker *Mail on Sunday*)

"Spellbinding... This is a very intelligent book, full of sharp insights and mordant wit... It is a quirky and cool book, with a sliver of ice at its heart... It is hard to imagine anyone could read this book without getting an occasional, vertiginous thrill." (David Runciman *Guardian*)

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"It is thrilling to watch such a talented author trample so freely across so many disciplines... Harrari's skill

lies in the way he tilts the prism in all these fields and looks at the world in different ways, providing fresh angles on what we thought we knew... the result is scintillating" (John Thornhill *Financial Times*)

"Like all great epics, *Sapiens* demanded a sequel. *Homo Deus*, in which that likely apocalyptic future is imagined in spooling detail, is that book. It is a **highly seductive scenario planner for the numerous ways** in which we might overreach ourselves." (Tim Adams *Observer*)

"*Homo Deus* is **a sweeping, apocalyptic history of the human race,** which reads more like a TED-talk on acid." (Norman Lewis *Spiked*)

"Harari is an intellectual magpie who has plucked theories and data from many disciplines - including philosophy, theology, computer science and biology - to produce a brilliantly original, thought-provoking and important study of where mankind is heading." (Saul David *Evening Standard*)

"What elevates Harari above many chroniclers of our age is his exceptional clarity and focus." (Josh Glancy Sunday Times)

"Like its predecessor, which sold in its millions, *Homo Deus* will have a world audience. Taking over where *Sapiens* left off, it looks forward to where history, ethics and gargantuan biotech investment might lead us - to the end, Harari thinks, of death, suffering and the very idea of being human." (James McConnachie *Sunday Times Culture*)

"A remarkable book, full of insights and thoughtful reinterpretations of what we thought we knew about ourselves and our history... One measure of Harari's achievement is that one has to look a long way back – to 1934, in fact, the year when Lewis Mumford's *Technics and Civilization* was published – for a book with comparable ambition and scope." (John Naughton *Guardian*)

"Harari is an exceptional writer, who seems to have been specially chosen by the muses as a conduit for the zeitgeist... Fascinating reading." (Stephen Cave *Times Literary Supplement*)

"This **provocative** book analyses our present state – and **makes startling predictions about the future**." (*Mail on Sunday*)

"Sapiens was a paean to humanity's powers of collective imagination...with darker notes on how these mega-stories might direct our new, transformative, information and biological technologies. "Is there anything more dangerous than dissatisfied and irresponsible gods who don't know what they want?" was Harari's closing line. Homo Deus tries to answer that question, with all the pedagogic and encyclopaedic brilliance of its predecessor." (New Scientist)

"An often thought-provoking and always elegantly written book." (Steven Poole Spectator)

"Brilliant, mind-expanding...explores where Homo Sapiens might go from here, via his signature blend of science, history, philosophy and every discipline in between." (*Bookseller*)

"His reasoning is laid out with a lucidity that makes it a joy to read." (UK Press Syndication)

"Yuval Noah Harari is **the most entertaining and thought-provoking writer of non-fiction** at the moment. In *Homo Deus* he covers broad terrain, touching on everything from Zen Buddhism to the Second World War to how bats read the frequency of echoes, to explore the largest most difficult and sometimes

frightening subject of all: our own future. As with Sapiens you finish the book feeling much wiser, but not having noticed any hard work along the way. I loved this book." (Matt Haig) Werbetext Sapiens showed us where we came from. Homo Deus shows us where we're going.

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