

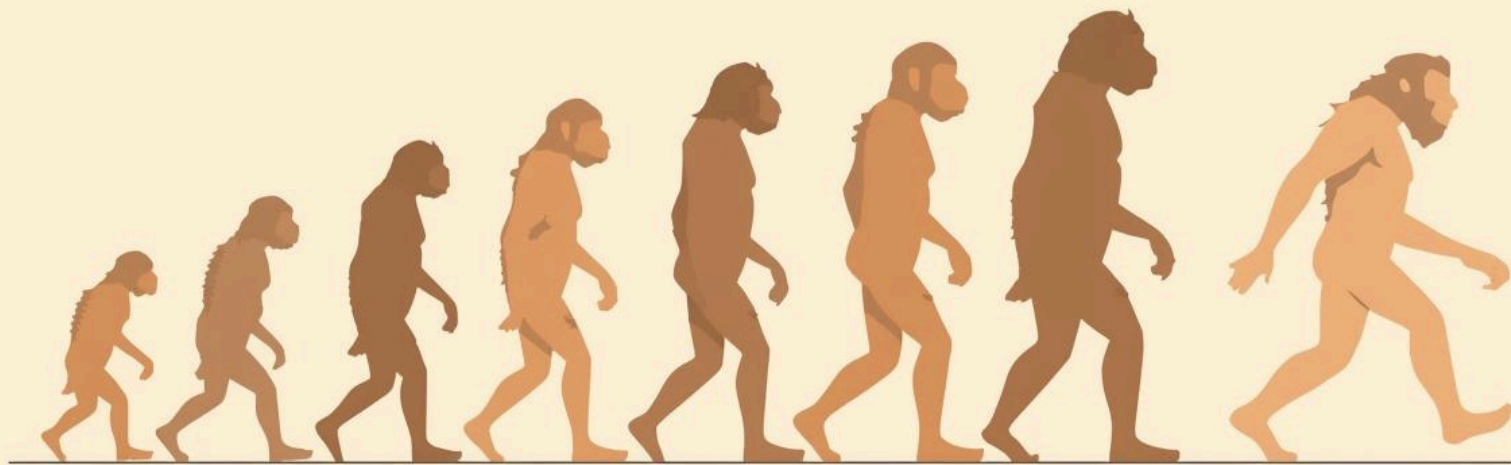
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Presentation on Sapiens

# Sapiens: A Brief History

## HUMANS

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# About the Book

## Key details of the publication history

### The Basics

- Hebrew original: 2011
- English translation: 2014
- A worldwide publishing phenomenon

### The Reach

- A #1 bestseller globally
- Read by millions of people
- Available in over 60 languages

### Why it Matters

- Connects all of human history
- Makes you see the world differently
- Sparks debate about our future
- Reads like an exciting novel

# About Yuval Noah Harari



## Historian

An expert in understanding human history.



## Educator

Influences students with engaging teaching methods.



## Thinker

Provides insights into complex societal issues.



# The Author's Key Goals



## Ask Big Questions

- To question everything we think we know
- To challenge the idea of "**progress**"



## Use a scientific lens

- To explain our history using biology
- To see humans as part of nature



## Find our Superpower

- To discover what makes us **unique**
- To explain how we became so dominant

# Core Content

## The First Two Revolutions

### Cognitive Revolution

- The birth of imagination
- Teamwork in huge numbers
- Creating the first cultures
- The secret to our takeover

### Agricultural Revolution

- The big shift to farming
- A huge population boom
- The start of towns & cities
- A harder life for most people

# Core Content

Connecting the World & The Modern Era

## Unification of Humankind

- The first wave of globalization
- Connecting the world's cultures
- Driven by: Money, Empires, Religion
- From many separate worlds to one

## Scientific Revolution

- Admitting "we don't know"
- An explosion of new power
- The alliance of science, money & empire
- Trying to overcome death itself

# Core Content

## The Central Argument of Sapiens

### Cooperation

- Based on shared stories & myths
- Allows strangers to trust each other
- Builds a common identity
- Enables massive teamwork

### Money: A key “fiction”

- Powered by fictions like money
- A universal system of value
- Allows for complex trade
- The driver of the global economy

### The Political Framework

- Built on ideas like nations & laws
- Organizes millions of people
- Creates order and authority
- The blueprint for modern society



# Review

## Praise and Criticism of the Book

### Praise

- Totally changes your perspective
- Its power to spark new thinking
- Connecting science and history

### Criticism

- Simplifying complex events
- Broad generalizations
- Losing nuance for a cleaner story





# Final Thoughts & Opinion

- A book of big, uncomfortable questions
- Challenges the modern myth of progress
- Forces us to ask: are we really happier?
- A mirror held up to our species' journey
- The danger of "**irresponsible gods**"
- Asks the ultimate question: "**What do we want to want?**"



Thank you....