

# AGE OF EXTREMES

The Short Twentieth Century  
1914-1991



*'Magnificent'*  
Independent

*'Dazzling'*  
Financial Times

*'A masterpiece'*  
Guardian

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