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Classic, Romantic, and Modern - Jacques Barzun - 1961
Drawing from the works of influential figures in art and literature, the author traces the development of romanticism from classicism and the emergence of the modern ego.

The Culture We Deserve - Jacques Barzun - 1989-05
The essence of culture is interpenetration. From any part of it the searching eye will discover connections with another part seemingly remote. If from my descriptions the reader finds this wide-angled view sharpened or expanded, my purpose in publishing these pages will have been served.

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100 Statements about from Dawn to Decadence - Ethan Garling - 2013-01
In this book, we have hand-picked the most sophisticated, unanticipated, absorbing (if not at times crackpot!), original and musings book reviews of “From Dawn to Decadence: 500 Years of Western Cultural Life 1500 to the Present.” Don’t say we didn’t warn you: these reviews are known to shock
battles are ridiculous: had the Greeks lost at the Battle of Marathon, we probably would never have heard of Plato. The Matter of Rome and Aristotle's affair with guns and steel. How the West Won displays Rodney Stark's gifts for lively narrative history and making the latest scholarship accessible to all readers. This bold, insightful book will force you to rethink your understanding of the West and the birth of modernity—and to recognize that Western civilization really has set itself apart from other cultures.

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