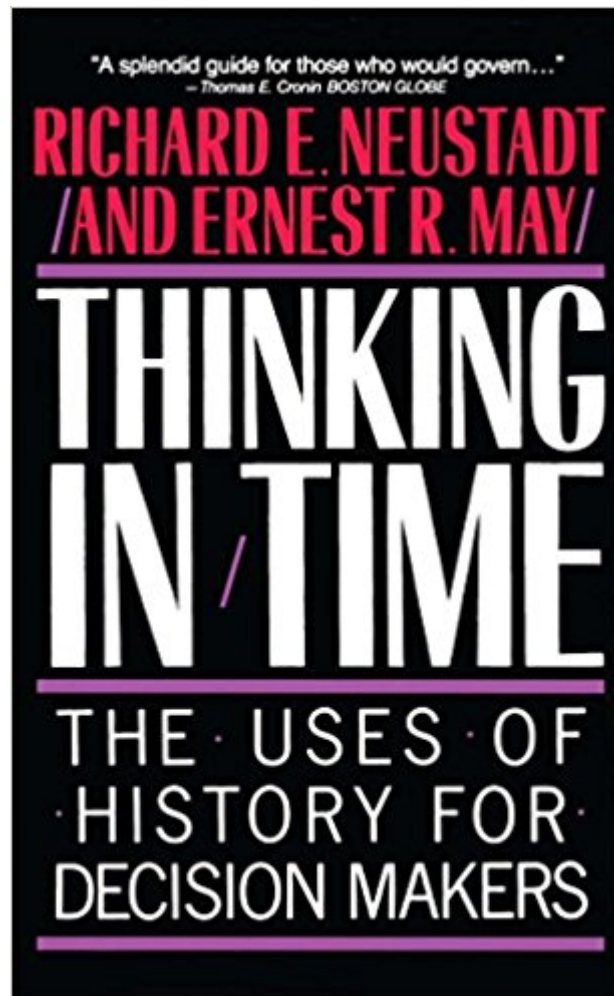




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This book discusses various methods and frameworks for better use of history in the decision making process. Although the targeted group is officeholders, many of the tips are suitable for ordinary citizens. Making comparison with the past, finding similarities and differences and analyzing the source of information are three valuable skills thoroughly delivered in the book. Written in 1986, this work is a bit outdated in my opinion in terms of case studies. Some parts are abstract and takes time to understand.

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This is a great read with many thought provoking details and orientations. I highly recommend this read by two noted Historians !!!!

A very useful account of real world samples of time critical decisions strategies. Worth a careful look.

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