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The Thirty Years' War (1997). He edited *The Times Atlas of World History* (1993), *The Times History of the World* (1995), and *The Times Compact Atlas of World History* (2008), among many others. His most recent book, *Global Crisis: War, Climate Change & Catastrophe in the Seventeenth Century*, about a climatically-induced crisis that created acute political, economic, intellectual, and social upheaval around the globe, causing the premature death of about one-third of the world's population, was published in 2013. Parker is the recipient of the 2012 Heineken Prize for History awarded by the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences.

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