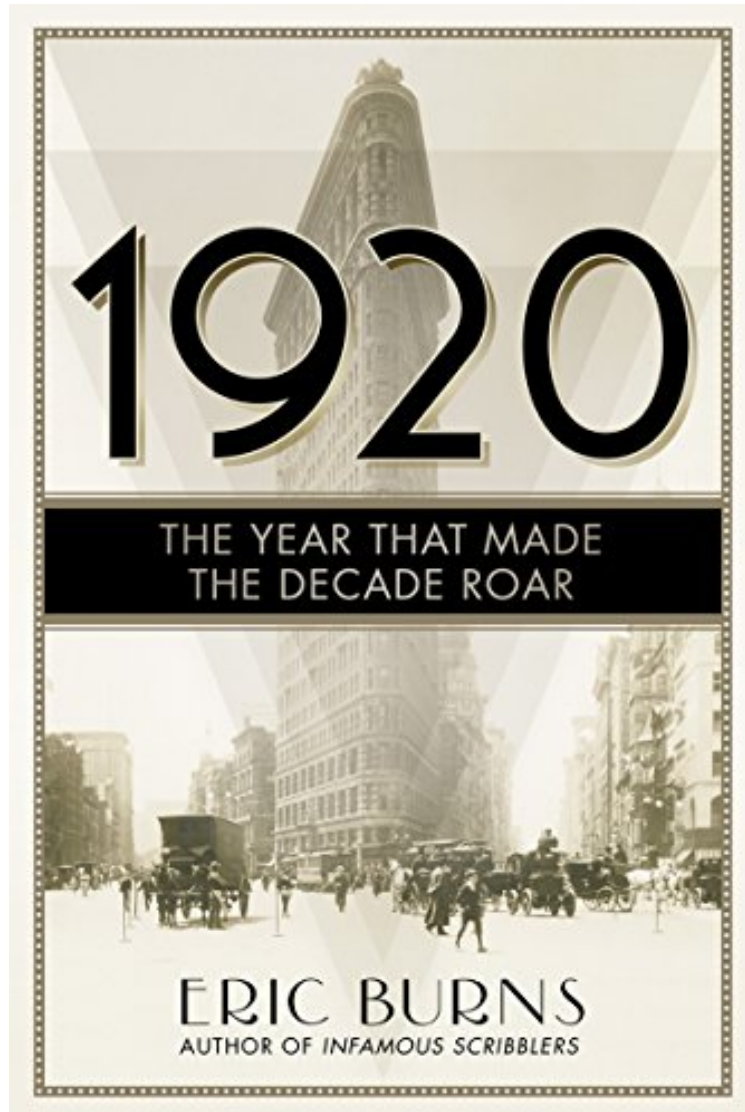


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One of the most dynamic eras in American history the 1920s began with this watershed year that would set the tone for the century to follow. "The Roaring Twenties is the only decade in American history with a widely applied nickname, and our collective fascination with this era continues. But how did this surge of innovation and cultural milestones

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