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Cathedrals in Britain. by Ben Johnson. From the world-famous St Paul's in London to the charming 12th century St David's Cathedral in Wales, simply scroll down to see our interactive map of the Christian cathedrals in Britain. Although we have attempted to be as thorough as possible, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have a cathedral that we have not included on the map. What is a Cathedral? A cathedral is not just a large church. The word 'cathedral' comes from the Latin word cathedra meaning 'seat' or 'chair', and refers to the presence of the bishop's or archbishop's chair or throne. You don't have to be religious to believe that Britain's cathedrals are the country's greatest buildings, from the great medieval cathedrals to the Baroque brilliance of St Paul's. Above: Canterbury Cathedral. The stained glass alone deserves a library of books (although, if you want a crash course, you could visit York Minster, to see perhaps the richest collection of wonderful examples from the 12th to the 15th centuries. The new cathedrals included many of the great medieval churches, such as St Albans, which became a cathedral in 1878; some former parish churches upgraded to cathedrals in the new industrial cities, as in Manchester (1847), and some entirely new cathedrals, as at Liverpool and Guildford in the 20th century. The cathedrals in our gazetteer are primarily medieval. Most were intentionally built as cathedrals, though there are several that were originally monastic churches (e.g. Bath Abbey) or parish churches (e.g. Southwark Cathedral) that were later raised to cathedral status after the Reformation, as the population expanded and settlement patterns changed. What is a cathedral? Technically, a cathedral is the 'seat', or home church of a bishop. The term originated with the Latin word 'cathedra', which was a throne, a literal 'seat' for a bishop. Some of the original me The 100 Greatest British Politics Books The 100 Best European History Books The 100 Greatest Irish History Books. Historians have so far made few attempts to assess directly the costs and benefits of Britain's investment in empire. This book presents answers to some of the key questions about the economics of imperialism: how large was the flow of finance to the empire? How great were the