

## *Contents*

*Preface ix*

*Acknowledgments xi*

1 Introduction: The Sixteen-Page Economic History of the World 1

### **PART I The Malthusian Trap: Economic Life to 1800**

- 2 The Logic of the Malthusian Economy 19
- 3 Living Standards 40
- 4 Fertility 71
- 5 Life Expectancy 91
- 6 Malthus and Darwin: Survival of the Richest 112
- 7 Technological Advance 133
- 8 Institutions and Growth 145
- 9 The Emergence of Modern Man 166

### **PART II The Industrial Revolution**

- 10 Modern Growth: The Wealth of Nations 193
- 11 The Puzzle of the Industrial Revolution 208
- 12 The Industrial Revolution in England 230
- 13 Why England? Why Not China, India, or Japan? 259
- 14 Social Consequences 272

**PART III    The Great Divergence**

15	World Growth since 1800	303
16	The Proximate Sources of Divergence	328
17	Why Isn't the Whole World Developed?	352
18	Conclusion: Strange New World	371
	<i>Technical Appendix</i>	379
	<i>References</i>	383
	<i>Index</i>	409
	<i>Figure Credits</i>	419