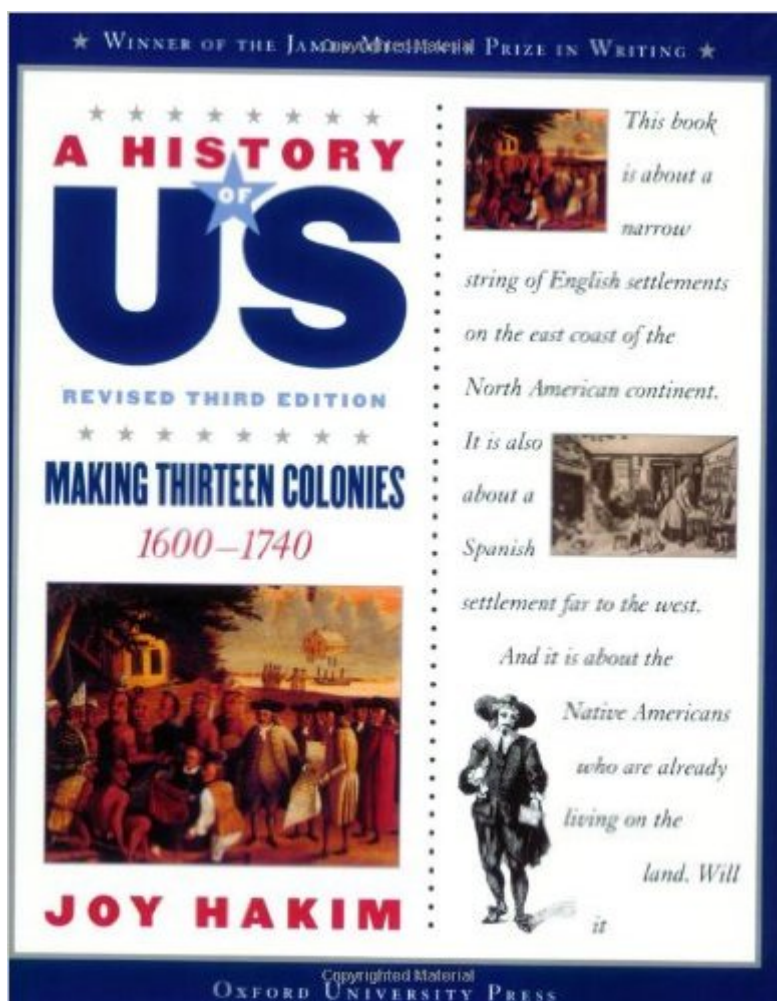


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Synopsis

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About the Series: Master storyteller Joy Hakim has excited millions of young minds with the great drama of American history in her award-winning series A History of US. Recommended by the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy as an exemplary informational text, A History of US weaves together exciting stories that bring American history to life. Hailed by reviewers, historians, educators, and parents for its exciting, thought-provoking narrative, the books have been recognized as a break-through tool in teaching history and critical reading skills to young people. In ten books that span from Prehistory to the 21st century, young people will never think of American history as boring again.

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Customer Reviews

This book is written in a very readable story format. Of course, the reason many history books are "boring" is because the author is trying hard to leave out bias and just report the facts. Joy Hakim makes no efforts toward neutrality. This book is coming from a strong relativistic Modern point of view. Christians are viewed as "self-righteous" and "dogmatic". In the last chapter she explains the science has solved many of societies ills because we no longer rely on a god to tell us right from wrong. In order to push her relativistic religion she changes historical facts that don't fit her paradigm. Here is a link that shows a few of her oversights: [...] I really wanted to like this book because it is laid out in a fun and interesting way. But I wouldn't hand it to my 10 year old without pre-reading it so we can talk about underlying biases and worldviews first.

I was very disappointed that all the pictures, captions and side notes in the original book were not included in the Kindle version. There should be some notification so that the purchaser is aware prior to purchase. I feel that my child is missing vital information by not having these included.

We've read two of the A History of US books now and love them. They 'make sense' to my 10 year old who has problems retaining information. She loves how the books integrate photos and small pieces of knowledge into the story as it unfolds.

My daughter found this more interesting than other history text books. She didn't love it, but she did like it. She liked the pictures that went with the text and the pronunciation guides for the names. We basically have used this as a jumping off point for more in depth studies using other materials.

These are great books! As a homeschooling parent it is difficult to find secular history books and these fit the bill! They do have some christian undertones in some parts but nothing like the christian history curriculum. My kids love these and love that it is written like a story instead of a dry history book. I highly recommend these to everyone whether you homeschool or not.

Breaking the textbook mold, "A History of US" contains none of the intimidation that comes with behemoth texts. It tells the tale of America in 10 user-friendly, small, illustrated books written in a personal tone, as if the author were a storyteller. (An 11th source book, with original documents, is

also available.) In this volume, Hakim relates how the American continent, long isolated from the rest of the world, was rediscovered, this time by Europeans. Some came in search of freedom, some came with the hope of riches. They sometimes brought Africans, in chains. As to the Native Americans, they faced disease and competition from these newcomers. Read "Making Thirteen Colonies" to learn more. Meet Pocahontas and John Smith in Jamestown. Join William Penn and the Quakers of Pennsylvania. Sit with the judges at the Salem witch trials. Hike over the mountains with Daniel Boone. And read what Ben Franklin has to say in "Poor Richard's Almanack". The dynamic interaction of all these diverse peoples created a new kind of nation, one based on the idea that all people deserve equal treatment.

I can't wait to crack this book open! The first book is awesome, with tons of interesting information. A recent chapter from Book One taught my 9-year-old and I that the word Missouri (as in the river and the state we live in) means "men in big canoes" and that Sierra Nevada means "mountain range". These books are chock-full of fun facts, fascinating pictures, and engaging history. Perfect for this homeschooling family!

A good first read for my fourth grader. I wish I started him on this sooner. Beware though that this book does not come with questions and answers. You have to buy a separate book for quiz questions with answers.

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