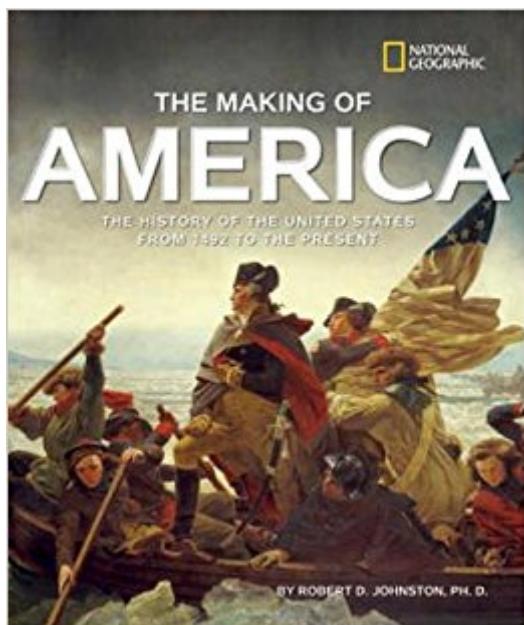


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Grade 5-8-This book stands in stark and wonderful contrast to the dry textbook approach to learning about history, and is exactly the type of book an informed teacher would want. Divided into eight 20- to 25-page chapters, the beautifully illustrated and fluidly written narrative manages to encapsulate the seminal events in American history from Columbus through the attack on the World Trade Center, including not only accurate facts but also evenhanded debates on major issues. Each chapter begins with a spread showing eight pictures representing major events during the period covered, an introductory paragraph raising framing questions, and a reproduction of the American flag as it looked in the epoch under consideration. The text itself takes issues and events in greater detail, is refreshingly devoid of sidebars, and is enhanced with full-color photographs and reproductions. Each chapter contains two profiles—and they alone are invaluable and brilliantly chosen to throw issues of the time period into high relief. For example, "War, Prosperity, and Social

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Updated from its 2002 edition with a revised final chapter and minor changes elsewhere, this energetically written and profusely illustrated history remains one of the top-drawer single-volume accounts of the founding and growth of the U.S. for middle-grade students. The previous edition ended with 9/11; here, into the same page count Johnston fits Hurricane Katrina, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Barack Obama's election, and other major events. He also exchanges the original's "Great Debate" essay (each chapter contains a relevant one) on the domestic war on terrorism for one about federal intervention in the economy, and among other changes to the back matter replaces the Pledge of Allegiance and "Star-Spangled Banner" with the Seneca Falls Convention's Declaration of Sentiments. Despite signs of hasty proofreading (the date of the Seneca Falls Declaration is given as 1948, not 1848, and the author thanks David Brinkley for the new introduction), this tweaked reissue is recommended as a more portable alternative to Joy Hakim's 10-volume *A History of US* (2003) or for replacement, as needed. Grades 5-8.
--John Peters

I first heard about the book as it was mentioned on the back of a Little Debbie brownie box. Thankful I did not order it that way, figured I could find it somewhere else at a lower price and did. History was my major at the U. of Iowa, so I did want to see what was in the book. Good to see what was in there since I had last studied in college and graduated, like Oklahoma city bombing, 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, and Obama. All of those deserved mention. But some notable omissions! No mention of French Huguenots, who moved to America for religious freedom, and America was founded on this principle! Also mention of an assassination that sparked World War One, but not who- Archduke Franz Ferdinand. If you say what, then also say WHO. Mention of one but not both Wright Brothers, and no mention of Wild West figures like Jesse James or Wyatt Earp. Charles Lindbergh, also left

out. As a Minnesota resident I liked seeing a picture of the St. Paul Gophers, a baseball team. But I wouldn't have this book as a text for a K-12 or college class.

Great book to have around the house or if you are taking an American history class a lot of information as a history buff like me it is a great way for me to refresh my knowledge and so I can help my kids with school work

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this book is well worth it a great book I have learned few things from it my daughter in law home schools am going to see that she gets a copy of this amazing book well written

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