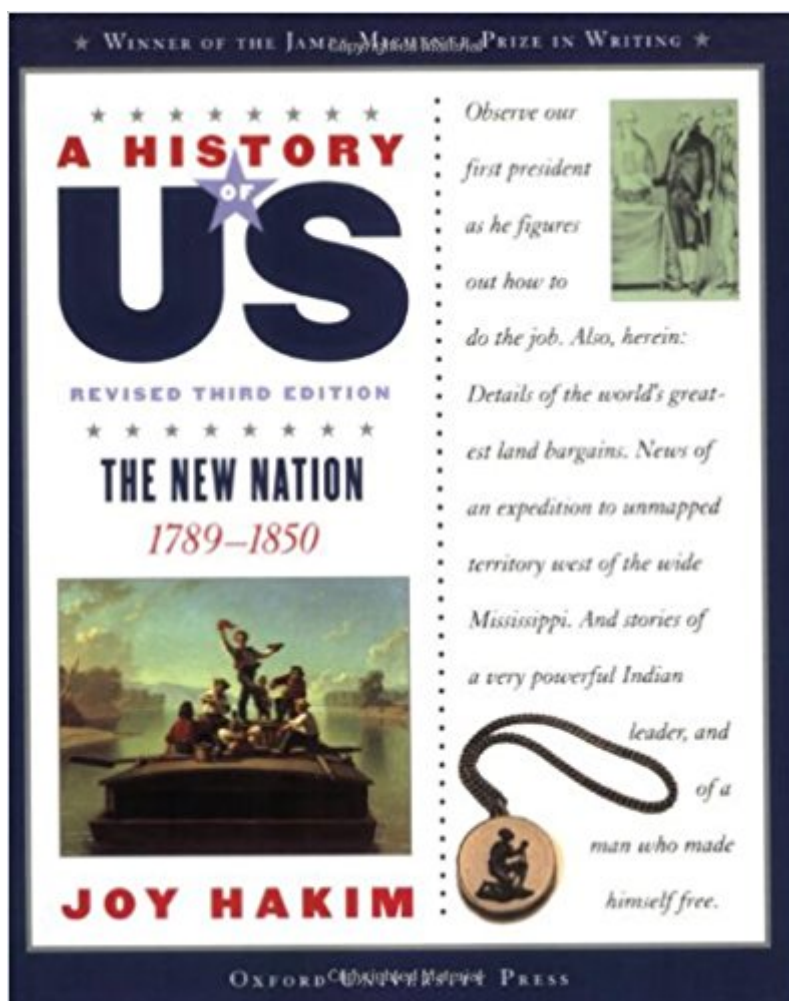


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# A History Of US: The New Nation: 1789-1850 A History Of US Book Four



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Joy Hakim, a former teacher, editor, and writer won the prestigious James Michener Prize for her series, A History of US, which has sold over 4 million copies nationwide. A graduate of Smith College and Goucher College she spent years teaching students from elementary school up to the college level. She also served as an Associate Editor at Norfolk's Virginian-Pilot, and was an Assistant Editor at McGraw-Hill's World News

Wonderful history books! I stumbled upon this series looking to supplement our existing homeschool curriculum--It quickly became our new curriculum! It's written in such an engaging narrative style and does a great job of not only explaining the important events, but the causes of them and reasons for them. It has made history come alive--I'm a history fan for the first time in my life--and it's my 4th and 6th graders' favorite subject. I think this book would work for around 3rd graders through at least middle school, if not high school. I can't begin to count all of the great discussions we've had sparked by these books. We've read 3 volumes and I just ordered the next. My only negative is that the kindle doesn't include all the side notes, as other reviews have mentioned. My kids have enjoyed reading on their tablets for a change, and it's so much more economical if everyone wants their own copy to read, but we are going back to the print for the next volume. I recommend it highly.

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, beginning with George Washington's inauguration and continuing into the 19th century, Hakim tells of Thomas Jefferson's purchase of the Louisiana Territory (bought from France for four cents an acre!), Lewis and Clark's daring expedition through the wilderness, the War of 1812 sometimes called the "Revolutionary War, Part II," Tecumseh's effort to form an Indian confederacy, the growth of Southern plantations, the beginning of the abolitionist movement, and the Trail of Tears. These dramatic events and more are woven into a "new nation" tale that just happens to be true.

Great book I will get all 11 of them every one should read them

These are very well-written books and have a contemporary approach to explaining history to young minds. If you are concerned about 'revisionist history', not to worry...these books are historically accurate. They are well laid out and have interesting side facts as well as illustrations and photos, maps, etc.

We used the series while homeschooling. It was not just a lot of dry facts to be memorized (like when I was in school). It told the story in an interesting way and put it into context. The list of other

resources was helpful, too.

We have been using this series for two years now for American history. It is a great background reader. It is colorful and a narrative and the chapters are short which makes for easy lesson planning. What we do is read through this series in the background and on top of that we do "projects" on major subjects. Right now we're doing a lapbook on the Constitution. Our next project (unit study) will be on slavery. I never get any complaints on having to read this book. In fact, my son usually forgets to stop and reads too far!

My daughter read most of this series in 8th grade as her home-school history text. She really enjoyed it. It sparked a deeper interest in history for her. I have just bought the first four books which we were missing so that my 7th and 9th graders can read the whole series in this next school year. I think these books tell the history in more of a story form and go into more detail than regular textbooks. That is what makes it so interesting for students.

I gave this book 5 stars because it totally engages my students. They understand the "story" part of history with the book, and are very enthusiastic about it. Although it leaves out many details, using it in conjunction with a classic textbook provides students with a rich learning experience.

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