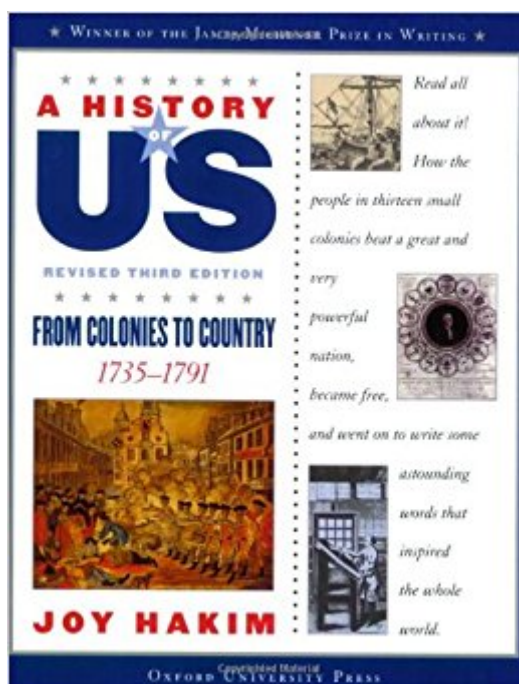


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A History Of US: From Colonies To Country: 1735-1791 A History Of US Book Three



Synopsis

Recommended by the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy as an exemplary informational text. How did compliant colonials with strong ties to Europe get the notion to become an independent nation? Perhaps the seeds of liberty were planted in the 1735 historic courtroom battle for the freedom of the press. Or maybe the French and Indian War did it, when colonists were called "Americans" for the first time by the English, and the great English army proved itself not so formidable after all. But for sure when King George III started levying some heavy handed taxes on the colonies, the break from the motherland was imminent. With such enthralling characters as George Washington, Sam Adams, Patrick Henry, Eliza Pinckney, and Alexander Hamilton throughout, *From Colonies to Country* is an amazing story of a nation making transformation. 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*.

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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*.

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 it really didn't make sense for a nation far across the ocean to control the fate of people living on the American continent. Many realized that, but Tom Paine put it into words. This volume, perhaps the key book in the whole "*History of US*" series, tells

the story of the American Revolution. Lots of nations have had revolutions, but few have handled the rebuilding process as well. A group of "founders" realized that it wouldn't be easy for people to run their own government, so they designed a remarkable constitution. Nothing like it had ever been written before. Its ideas would change the whole world. In "From Colonies To Country" you will find other stories that may surprise you. Read about two Spanish explorers who set out on July 4, 1776 on a journey that covered an enormous expanse of western land, or read about a rich landowner and fur merchant whose wife was Native American.

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.

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

Very educational. Not fun, but a good read

Good

Joy Hakim is a prayer-answerer! She's written a set of books that tell the stories behind the history in a reader-friendly way and manages to infuse humor as well. I use this book in my 5th grade classroom to supplement our studies of colonial times; the kids love to hear those interesting, little-known facts that are sprinkled throughout the chapters. I feel like the kids can really relate to the people and events because of the way the author addresses her readers. I highly, highly recommend this book whether you are a teacher, a parent, a student, or just interested in the story of US.

The entire collection of A History of US is amazingly detailed and chock-full of photos and to keep a young person interested in the story of our country. As with the other books in the series the chapters are fairly short and loaded with facts children find intriguing. From Colonies to Country is especially useful to me as a teaching tool because it covers the critical years of the founding of the nation. My 10-year old daughter loves to sit and share bits of information with me from the pictures and side notes in each chapter. She learns best when she's most involved and this set keeps her interest.

Man, we love this book series. We used it to supplement the reading from my son's history class. These books dive deeper than the standard curriculum, and do so in an engaging and conversational way that we enjoyed. Definitely recommend.

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