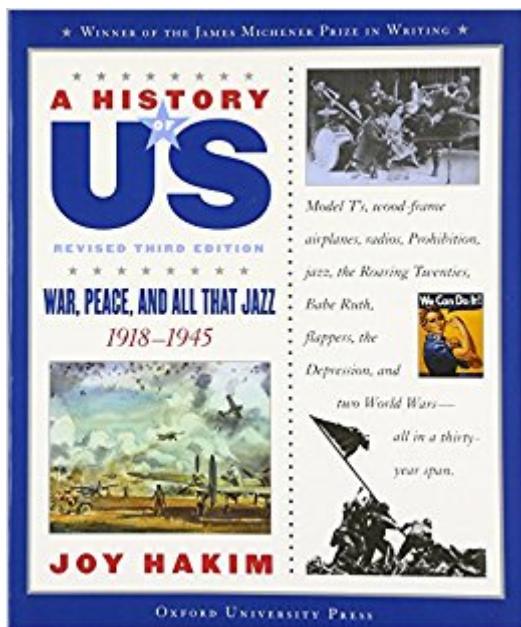


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Joy Hakim, a former teacher, editor, and writer won the prestigious James Michener Prize for her series, *A History of US*, which has sold over 4 million copies nationwide. A graduate of Smith College and Goucher College she spent years teaching students 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*.

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The book is not anything like the concise versions by Joy Hakim, that the brick and mortar schools use. This book is very thin and skimpy. My teens are in late middle school/ high school and it looks written for elementary students. However, I haven't bought the whole set, because I wanted to see for myself first. I like Joy's style of telling a story and agree with most of her opinions on things. If you don't like history being told like a story with author's opinions and you don't mind a shorter version of the concise series, then this book is for you.

Good

We love this series of books. They contain interesting, often off the beaten trail history which is enjoyable to read and the plus side is, you are learning something you probably have not read in any other history book. We use them as a supplement to our High School US History curriculum.

Excellent publication

Strangely written book. I understand it's meant for kids but even then, history is history. I expected the language to be lighter than standard history books, but this is way over the top. Too fruity and poetic in writing style. Author deviates from the flow to focus on strange highlights that are not so important from a historical perspective, and then rushes through some that I would think were more important. Very strange book, not recommended.

I am giving this book 5 stars. I would give it 10 if I could. The history is very easy to read to children and keeps their attention. I am going to buy the series. Great value for a used book. Was in very good condition and shipping was very fast.

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