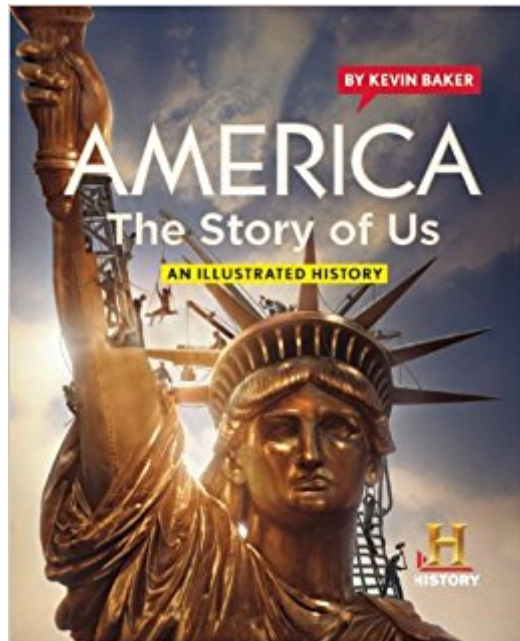




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Surprised by the quality of the book. Excellent deal for the money. Much more informative and

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I appreciated the summary of our colonial history, and it was well written and interesting. I have studied this topic a lot and still learned a couple new things. However, one of the features I was looking forward to using on my Fire was the enhanced books like this that include video, but none of the vids worked so that was disappointing. Honestly, I could find a more thorough history to just read if I was not hoping to use that feature. I thought the series would be good to share with the kids studying American History. Not sure if I will read the other 2 volumes though.

Unfortunately, yet again fails to let their product have the content first. I love my Kindle Fire, but the video only works on apple products. Come on , get it together.

Perhaps I was expecting too much, and maybe this formula isn't conducive to the more in depth coverage I was hoping for. It left off almost the entirety of the period between the initial Plymouth colonization and the revolutionary war. No mention at all of the French and Indian Wars that we were very much a part of. I haven't gone through it far enough to give an accurate assessment of the whole, but so far it seems to me to be the type of glossed over history so prevalent in school curriculums today. School kids get this "Shining City on the Hill" perspective without ever learning about the darker sides of our culture. If you aren't taught those things at a younger age, you will never learn to recognize them and correct them in the future. It is done in a nice format though. Just wish it were a little grittier.

I was looking for book of American History that would be easy to read . Score!!! I love it! Perfect choice of mine!

This is a great series that should ignite a desire for learning in adults and young adults alike. The story moved at a great pace and included some key points in America's history. I love history books/videos and thought this was a good overview of information, plenty to spark an interest to research and learn more. I have been impressed with many History Channel projects, including The Men Who Build America. Great stuff.

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