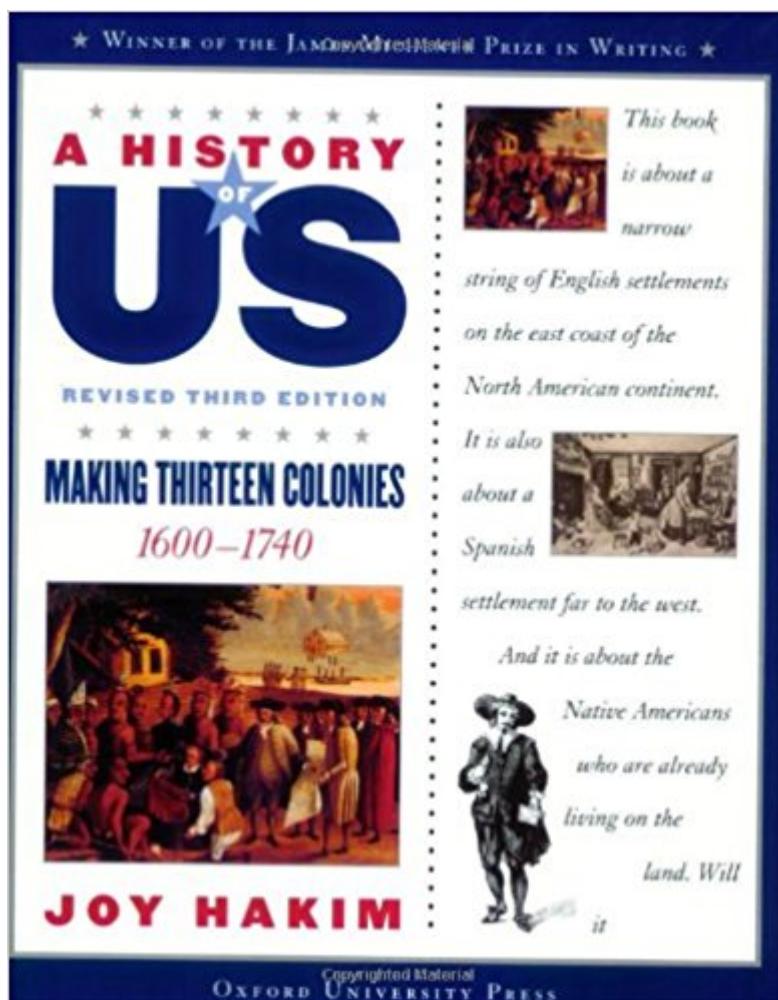


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# A History Of US: Making Thirteen Colonies: 1600-1740 A History Of US Book Two



## Synopsis

Recommended by the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy as an exemplary informational text. All kinds of people are coming to America. If you're European, you come in search of freedom or riches. If you're African, you come in chains. And what about the Indians, what is happening to them? Soon with the influx of so many people, thirteen unique colonies are born, each with its own story. Meet Pocahontas and John Smith in Jamestown. Join William Penn and the Quakers in Pennsylvania. Sit with the judges at the Salem witch trials. Hike over the mountains with Daniel Boone. And let Ben Franklin give you some salty advice in his Poor Richard's Almanac in this remarkable journey through the dynamic creation of what one day becomes the United States. **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*. Recommended by the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy as an exemplary informational text, *A History of US* weaves together exciting stories that bring American history to life. Hailed by reviewers, historians, educators, and parents for its exciting, thought-provoking narrative, the books have been recognized as a break-through tool in teaching history and critical reading skills to young people. In ten books that span from Prehistory to the 21st century, young people will never think of American history as boring again.

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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 the American continent, long isolated from the rest of the world, was rediscovered, this time by Europeans. Some came in search of freedom, some came with the hope of riches. They sometimes brought Africans, in chains. As to the Native Americans, they faced disease and competition from these newcomers. Read "*Making Thirteen*

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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.

I can't wait to crack this book open! The first book is awesome, with tons of interesting information. A recent chapter from Book One taught my 9-year-old and I that the word Missouri (as in the river and the state we live in) means "men in big canoes" and that Sierra Nevada means "mountain range". These books are chock-full of fun facts, fascinating pictures, and engaging history. Perfect for this homeschooling family!

My daughter found this more interesting than other history text books. She didn't love it, but she did like it. She liked the pictures that went with the text and the pronunciation guides for the names. We basically have used this as a jumping off point for more in depth studies using other materials.

Good

Joy Hakim's books are some of the finest history books I have ever read. The format is easy to read. There are lots of graphics and the attention to detail is superb. I have learned so much history on top of the slim layer that is taught in school and college. Excellent investment! Highly recommend!

Great book for homeschooling USA history. goes more in depth than typical educational books. It was referred to me by a former homeschooling teacher. I bought a used book and it was a little dog-eared and had some scribbling on pages but who cares! I would buy used books again and again.

I can't say enough great things about this series. If you want ACCURATE history (not the whole

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