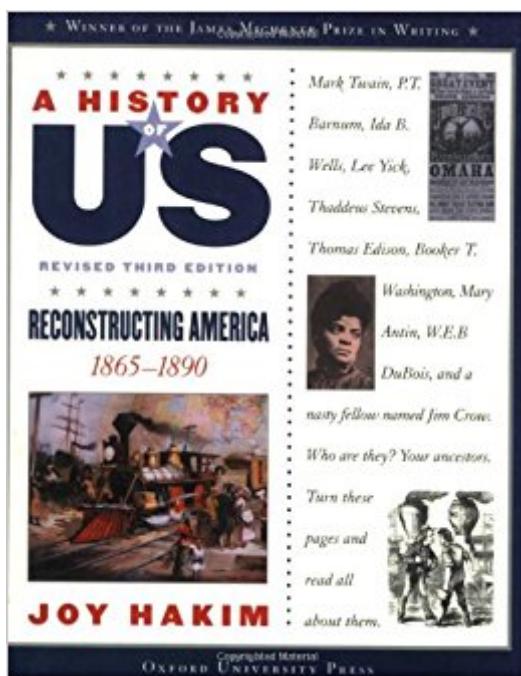


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Joy Hakim, a former teacher, editor, and writer won the prestigious James Michener Prize for her series, *A History of US*, which has sold over 4 million copies nationwide. A graduate of Smith College and Goucher College she spent years teaching students 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 looks at life after the Civil War in the newly re-United States. Railroad tycoons are roaring across the country. New cities are springing up, and a new and

different American West comes into being: a land of farmers, ranchers, miners, and city dwellers. Immigration is changing the mix of Americans; mostly the newcomers work hard and achieve. Some rare individuals make their mark: P.T.Barnum entertains. Rascally Boss Tweed steals from his constituents. Thomas Edison lights the world. Carry Nation wields a hatchet in her battle against alcoholism. And Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois have different ideas on how the newly freed African Americans should behave.

This is the best U.S. History program I have found for the Elementary and Middle school age especially. Joy Hakim presents history in an accurate light - with more than one opinion on events. Most history books present a one sided picture of history without ever explaining that there are several possibilities for the details of many events that we are not sure of. Joy Hakim presents different viewpoints and (shocking!) encourages the kids to think! Scary for some educators, I'm sure. However, for those who wish to encourage kids to think and ponder and love history, this is the series to use. She also includes many excerpts from actual historical documents (a diary excerpt from one of Columbus' men, for example). There are teaching guides you can purchase which have some ideas for extra activities although they are not necessary for using the program with ease. The books do that on their own.

I'm an old man, and this book is for middle school students, but I loved it. It is a nice summary of a period in US history that many people don't know much about. It is written in an interesting format, and is a nice summary of that period.

This book is from a series of books written by Joy Hakim. The entire series is very well written. I used the books to teach my children eighth grade history. The books are in depth and accurate, and they share a lot of interesting side notes to keep the reader's attention. There are also pictures, maps, and copies of original documents though out each book in the series. I highly recommend the use of this book for sixth grade and up.

I recently purchased a couple of the Joy Hakim, "A History of Us" textbooks to help my 8th grader study for an Academic Decathlon. My daughter learned so much and enjoyed them so much that I ordered several more, which she is gobbling up. She says they read like a novel and make history very interesting and easy to remember. I will be ordering the rest of the series. P.S. My daughter won the Academic Decathlon. Thanks Ms. Hakim!!!

I loved it, as I love all of the Joy Hakim history books. She makes history "come alive" to me.

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