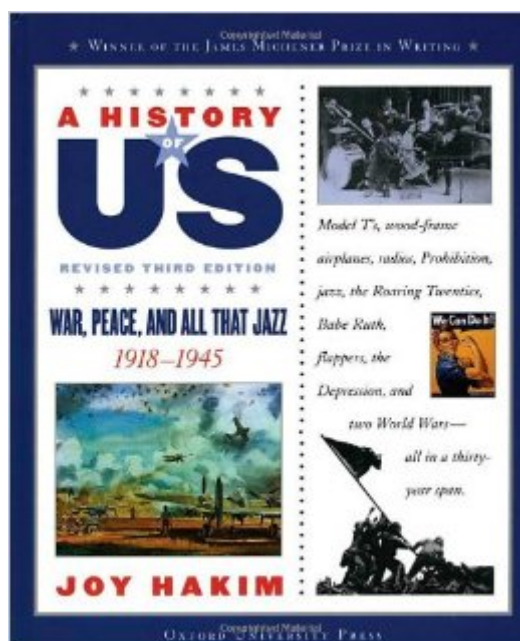


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# A History Of US: War, Peace, And All That Jazz: 1918-1945 A History Of US Book Nine



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

This book has 3 chapters on FDR's personal life and 1 on Eleanor's. It contains very few historical facts, and often goes on for pages and pages doing nothing but spouting the author's opinions. It even has an acrostic poem to 'describe' FDR that includes words like 'Likable.' Another example of this bias is a quote from page 41... "Coolidge was happy to play the tunes big business wanted to hear- and it was music to the fat cats' ears." Whether or not you share the opinions expressed in this book, they should not be presented to children as fact. That doesn't help them learn about history, it teaches them how to think. Here is a link to an analysis of another book by Hakim in the same series:[...]

I was introduced to Joy Hakim's series as an undergrad and have yet to find a more stimulating resource for teaching history to children. As a child, I (like many, I suspect) dreaded the dry, bare-bones, sketches of American history. Boy, do I wish I had had this book years ago! It brings vibrant life to the wonders of our country's past. This particular volume blooms with exciting stories such as those little-known facts of real life sports heros of the day - including an introduction to Babe Didrickson, a female dynamo that history has virtually ignored ... until now! Art, music, presidents, controversy, WWII, they're all here in juicy detail!

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.) From woman's suffrage to Babe Ruth's home runs, from Louis Armstrong's jazz to Franklin Delano Roosevelt's four presidential terms, from the finale of one world war to the dramatic close of the second, "War, Peace, And All That Jazz" presents the story of some of the most exciting years in U.S. history. With the end of World War I, many Americans decide to live it up, go to silent flicks, drive cars, and cheer their favorite baseball teams. When Depression strikes the good times dampen--jobs are hard to find, farmers are in trouble, and racism won't seem to go away. Along comes President F.D.R., who promises a New Deal, gives Americans hope, and then

sees the nation through the horrors and victories of World War II.

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.

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.

We are using this book alongside of the Tapestry of Grace curriculum. It is an excellent source for chronological history. Joy Hakim presents the information in a manner that is easily understood for my girls in lower grades as well as detailed enough for my high school age daughter. I highly recommend her entire series.

I have used this text in my 5th grade class for several years, and my students find it engaging. I teach English Language Arts and Social Studies, so this text helps students work on their informational reading skills as well as learn history. The author includes writing that can be defined as opinion; however, that adds to the richness of class discussions. They first identify the opinion, debate whether or not they agree, and see what evidence she uses to support her opinion. Additionally, some of the language is poetic; however, my students delight in identifying the idioms, metaphors, and hyperbole within the text by discussing how it adds to the meaning. She includes a variety of pictures (which I use to assure students that the reading isn't too long) and many personal accounts. Lastly, I use the articles to teach various note taking styles, and I often pair them with short videos or other articles so students can compare/contrast. Overall, this is an excellent text. I have several other volumes in this series, but for what I teach, I use this one the most.

We are using this with our 4th grade homeschool curriculum and I love Joy Hakim's books. They offer historical information that is on-level for many ages, yet not presented in a text book format. It is told somewhat in story form, which makes it interesting for my child. There are interesting pictures

throughout each chapter as well. Definitely worth the money.

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