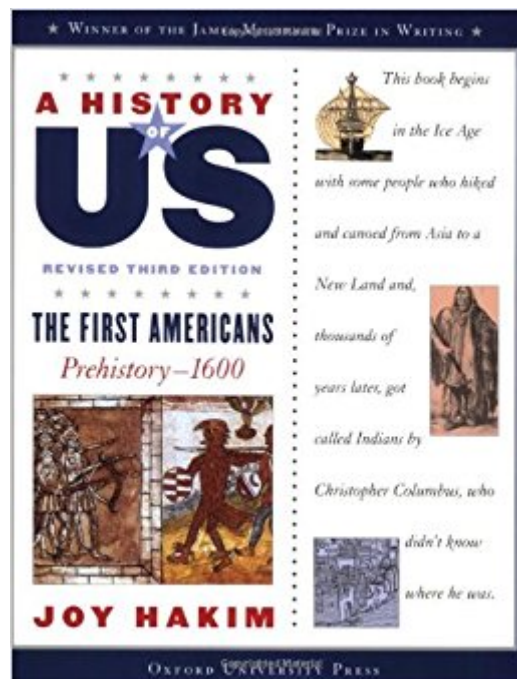




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# A History Of US: The First Americans: Prehistory-1600 A History Of US Book One



## Synopsis

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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 details how thousands of years ago, long before Christopher Columbus set sail, wandering tribes of hunters made their way from Asia across the Bering land bridge to North America. They don't know it, but they've discovered a New World. "The First Americans" tells the story of Native Americans from Alaska to Patagonia, as well as explorers like Leif Eriksson, Columbus, Cortes, and others.

Great book I will get all 11 of them this is something every young person should read

Although this book seems to be primarily written for an elementary student, adults and teens can appreciate the authors way of weaving American history into a tale. After all this is not your normal US history text book. Want to kick start the love of history into a young person this might be the book for you.

Good

FINALLY! Honest history! I love it. It's not biased, it's beautifully written and illustrated, and my son loves it so much he reads at least a chapter a day with no complaints. If you want your children to know the truth about the first US peoples, the different homosepian species that have gone extinct (largely taught ignorantly as our same species -'neanderthal') going back to the Ice Age, that Christopher Columbus was not the first to sail to the US and in fact did so on accident, and so many other awesome fascinating truths that are either left out or skewed for the public system's 'in a box'

texts, buy this series. He'll be reading at least 4 of the 10-book series this year.

As a long-time home schooling mom who \*loves\* history (and understands the importance of having a good grasp of such) the History of US series has proven invaluable to our family . This is a very readable text, broken down into easy to grasp segments and interesting facts. My 8 year old is reading this text, as is our 11th grader-and both enjoying and learning from it. Actually, I must admit to getting lost in the text on more than one occasion myself! While not written from the christian perspective important to many, this can easily be overlooked and \*discussed\*-supremely important anyway! Full of wonderful pictures, thought provoking questions, fun facts, and delving fairly deep into the issues of the day, I highly recommend the whole series as a foundational part of any home schooler's history program, or just as wonderful reading for the lifetime learner adult!

I tried to swipe but it always moved one page per five finger swipes.

The way it's written, as if the author is speaking directly to the reader, draws the reader into the subject, which I real like especially for young students. It's like a genesis for the North American continent. There are lots of drawings and pictures with good captions, which stirs up interest and research curiosity. The spaceship/timemachine idea was a bit on the corny side so I just skipped over that part.

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