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An enlightened
exploration of history to
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America The political
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and resentment have
crowded out any logical
debate. In this
investigative tracing of
our nation's divergent
roots, author Seth David
Radwell explains that only
reasoned analysis and
historical perspective can
act as salves for the
irrational political
discourse that is raging at
present. Two disparate
Americas have always
coexisted, and Radwell
discovered that the
surprising origin of these
dual Americas was not an
Enlightenment, but two
distinct Enlightenments
that have been fiercely
competing since the
founding of our country.
Radwell argues that it is
only by embracing
Enlightenment principles
that we can build a
civilized, progressive, and
tolerant society. American
Schism reveals • the roots

of the rifts in America
since its founding and
what is really dividing red
and blue America; • the
core issues that underlie
all of today's bickering; •
a detailed, effective plan
to move forward,
commencing what will be
a long process of repair
and reconciliation. Seth
David Radwell changes
the nature of the political
debate by fighting
unreason with reason,
allowing Americans to
firmly ground their
differing points of view in
rationality.

*The New American Way of
War* New Press, The
In this authoritative and
controversial study,
Russel F. Weigley traces
the emergence of a
characteristic American
way of war - in which the
object of military strategy
has come to mean total
destruction of the enemy,
first of his armed forces,
often of the whole fabric
of his society.

American Schism

Rowman & Littlefield
In 1955, the United States
Information Agency
published a lavishly
illustrated booklet called
My America. Assembled
ostensibly to document
"the basic elements of a
free dynamic society," the
booklet emphasized
cultural diversity, political
freedom, and social

mobility and made no
mention of McCarthyism
or the Cold War. Though
hyperbolic, My America
was, as Laura A. Belmonte
shows, merely one of
hundreds of pamphlets
from this era written and
distributed in an
organized attempt to
forge a collective defense
of the "American way of
life." Selling the American
Way examines the
context, content, and
reception of U.S.
propaganda during the
early Cold War.
Determined to protect
democratic capitalism and
undercut communism,
U.S. information experts
defined the national
interest not only in
geopolitical, economic,
and military terms.
Through radio shows,
films, and publications,
they also propagated a
carefully constructed
cultural narrative of
freedom, progress, and
abundance as a means of
protecting national
security. Not simply a
one-way look at
propaganda as it is
produced, the book is a
subtle investigation of
how U.S. propaganda was
received abroad and at
home and how criticism of
it by Congress and
successive presidential
administrations
contributed to its

modification.
All the Way to America: The Story of a Big Italian Family and a Little Shovel
 Georgetown University Press
 Explains the uniquely American cultural references that appear in American English for students and professionals to increase their written command of the language. Language is a window into the soul of a culture. The hardest part for newcomers who want to master American English is not learning the alphabet, grammar, or vocabulary — it's understanding the distinctive way Americans approach the world. This book shows readers how to do just that. The American Way of Writing guides readers through the nuances of American English, providing a toolkit for non-native speakers who come to the United States to study, as well as international business and legal professionals who have to work and communicate with Americans in a professional or business context. Understanding what makes Americans uniquely "American" is a challenging subject for anyone to master. Such characteristics are always in flux and a source of

constant debate. Steven D. Stark's comprehensive approach to American English in *The American Way of Writing* is suited to Americans and foreigners alike, offering a deeper understanding of the ties that bind rather than divide.

American Ways
 Createspace Independent Publishing Platform
 Arguing that the way Jesus leads and the way we follow are symbiotic, Peterson begins with a study of how the ways of those who came before Christ revealed and prepared the way of the Lord that became complete in Jesus. He then challenges the ways of the contemporary American church, showing in stark relief how what we have chosen to focus on--consumerism, celebrity, charisma, and so forth--obliterates what is unique in the Jesus way.

The American Way of Strategy
 Routledge
 Telling the full story of the American Way of Life (or more simply the American Way) in the United States over the course of the last century reveals key insights that add to our understanding of American culture. Lawrence R. Samuel argues that since the term was popularized in the

1930s, the American Way has served as the primary guiding mythology or national ethos of the United States. More than that, however, this work shows that the American Way has represented many things to many people, making the mythology a useful device for anyone wishing to promote a particular agenda that serves his or her interests. A consumerist lifestyle supported by a system based in free enterprise has been the ideological backbone of the American Way, but the term has been attached to everything from farming to baseball to barbecue. There really is no single, identifiable American Way and never has been—it becomes clear after tracing its history—making it a kind of Zelig of belief systems. If our underlying philosophy or set of values is amorphous and nebulous, then so is our national identity and character, Samuel concludes, implying that the meaning of America is elastic and accommodating to many interpretations. This unique thesis sets off this work from other books and helps establish it as a seminal resource within

the fields of American history and American studies.

American Cuisine: And How It Got This Way

Liveright Publishing

This unique book paints a revealing picture of America and its people for those foreigners who will benefit from a better understanding of America. It will also inform Americans who want to learn more about the U.S. and how it compares to other countries around the world. World traveler and teacher Lance Johnson studies cultural differences and the difficulties foreigners have understanding crazy America, as some call it. Foreigners might come to the U.S. to work for American employers, to open branch offices or factories for their homeland employers, to start their own businesses, or go to school. Others might work for American organizations in their homelands or have American teachers there. An understanding of American culture and language will contribute to their success. As the title suggests, this book is for "foreigners."

Dictionaries say they are people who are not citizens of a country. For

this book they are defined as anyone who is not sufficiently familiar with American culture to achieve success. This includes the multitudes of foreign-born, naturalized citizens who have lived in the U.S. for years and still struggle with the ways and the language. A foreigner could also be a first-generation American whose immigrant parents did not fully expose their children to American culture and they now pay the price in mainstream U.S. There are lots of other examples, too.

FORMAT Each of the 26 chapters' brush strokes contributes to the final painting of what America is all about. For ease of understanding, the chapters are grouped into four sections. (The sections are available as individual books as well.)

*Section I - America's Heritage. This defines the historical background of why America and its people became who and what they are today.

*Section II - America's Culture. This section describes everyday life in America, ranging from customs and etiquette, to what's on the minds of Americans, to education.

Practical advice is provided for the one million foreign applicants

who seek and gain admission to U.S. colleges and universities each year. Pointers are provided on the cultural differences students should expect, and how to get the most from their education. *Section III - America's Business. This explains the complex business environment, operations, and people-related customs and why the U.S. is an economic juggernaut. Information is provided for starting a business of your own in the U.S. as well as how to increase the chances of your getting hired by an American firm in the U.S. or abroad. *Section IV - America's Language. These chapters discuss practical ways to improve English grammar, speech, writing, communication skills, and reducing accents. Common English grammar and speech errors made by foreigners are identified and simple tips are provided for overcoming them. ENDORSEMENTS "I congratulate you on writing this timely work. This will promote better mutual understanding between America and Asia." - Tommy Koh, Singapore Ambassador to the U.N. and U.S. "Your book covers a broad range of topics that I am

sure many...will find very useful." - Clark T. Randt, Jr., U.S. Ambassador to China. "I greatly appreciate your efforts in sharing with other people your opinion and experience on the exchanges between different peoples and cultures. It is so important for us to better understand each other while striving to build a better world for all." - Zhou Wenzhong, China Ambassador to U.S. " I found this book refreshingly different from the general run of books in this genre." - Mohammad Vazeeruddin, India journalist. "The A to Z chapters are nicely written and...the language is simple and lucid." - Jay Gajjar, India language professor. "I love this book's generous use of helpful hints. I highly recommend it for anyone who wants to learn more about America like I did." - Sarah Kim, Korean American business owner. *The American Way of Life* Happy about In *The American Way of Strategy*, Lind argues that the goal of U.S. foreign policy has always been the preservation of the American way of life--embodied in civilian government, checks and balances, a commercial

economy, and individual freedom. Lind describes how successive American statesmen--from George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Alexander Hamilton to Franklin Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower, and Ronald Reagan--have pursued an American way of strategy that minimizes the dangers of empire and anarchy by two means: liberal internationalism and realism. At its best, the American way of strategy is a well-thought-out and practical guide designed to preserve a peaceful and demilitarized world by preventing an international system dominated by imperial and militarist states and its disruption by anarchy. When American leaders have followed this path, they have led our nation from success to success, and when they have deviated from it, the results have been disastrous. Framed in an engaging historical narrative, the book makes an important contribution to contemporary debates. *The American Way of Strategy* is certain to change the way that Americans understand U.S. foreign policy. *The Strange American Way* Rowman & Littlefield In his analytical narrative,

Mr. Daniels examines the condition of immigrants, as well as African Americans and Native Americans; with attention to legislation, judicial decisions, mob violence, and the responses of minorities, from 1890 - 1924.

American Exceptionalism Routledge

With an ambitious sweep over two hundred years, Paul Freedman's lavishly illustrated history shows that there actually is an American cuisine. For centuries, skeptical foreigners—and even millions of Americans—have believed there was no such thing as American cuisine. In recent decades, hamburgers, hot dogs, and pizza have been thought to define the nation's palate. Not so, says food historian Paul Freedman, who demonstrates that there is an exuberant and diverse, if not always coherent, American cuisine that reflects the history of the nation itself. Combining historical rigor and culinary passion, Freedman underscores three recurrent themes—regionality, standardization, and variety—that shape a completely novel history of the United States. From

the colonial period until after the Civil War, there was a patchwork of regional cooking styles that produced local standouts, such as gumbo from southern Louisiana, or clam chowder from New England. Later, this kind of regional identity was manipulated for historical effect, as in Southern cookbooks that mythologized gracious “plantation hospitality,” rendering invisible the African Americans who originated much of the region’s food. As the industrial revolution produced rapid changes in every sphere of life, the American palate dramatically shifted from local to processed. A new urban class clamored for convenient, modern meals and the freshness of regional cuisine disappeared, replaced by packaged and standardized products—such as canned peas, baloney, sliced white bread, and jarred baby food. By the early twentieth century, the era of homogenized American food was in full swing. Bolstered by nutrition “experts,” marketing consultants, and advertising executives, food companies convinced consumers that industrial food tasted fine

and, more importantly, was convenient and nutritious. No group was more susceptible to the blandishments of advertisers than women, who were made feel that their husbands might stray if not satisfied with the meals provided at home. On the other hand, men wanted women to be svelte, sporty companions, not kitchen drudges. The solution companies offered was time-saving recipes using modern processed helpers. Men supposedly liked hearty food, while women were portrayed as fond of fussy, “dainty,” colorful, but tasteless dishes—tuna salad sandwiches, multicolored Jell-O, or artificial crab toppings. The 1970s saw the zenith of processed-food hegemony, but also the beginning of a food revolution in California. What became known as New American cuisine rejected the blandness of standardized food in favor of the actual taste and pleasure that seasonal, locally grown products provided. The result was a farm-to-table trend that continues to dominate. “A book to be savored” (Stephen Aron), *American Cuisine* is also a repository of anecdotes that will delight food

lovers: how dry cereal was created by William Kellogg for people with digestive and low-energy problems; that chicken Parmesan, the beloved Italian favorite, is actually an American invention; and that Florida Key lime pie goes back only to the 1940s and was based on a recipe developed by Borden’s condensed milk. More emphatically, Freedman shows that American cuisine would be nowhere without the constant influx of immigrants, who have popularized everything from tacos to sushi rolls. “Impeccably researched, intellectually satisfying, and hugely readable” (Simon Majumdar), *American Cuisine* is a landmark work that sheds astonishing light on a history most of us thought we never had.

The American Way of Death Revisited Simon and Schuster

A journalist traces her 2009 immersion into the national food system to explore how working-class Americans can afford to eat as they should, describing how she worked as a farm laborer, Wal-Mart grocery clerk, and Applebee’s expediter while living within the means of each job.

America Was Hard to

Find Rowman & Littlefield
 In the wake of an affair, the lives of an astronaut and a radical are forever altered by the political fault lines of the 1960s, setting off a series of events ricocheting from anti-Vietnam activism to the Apollo program to the AIDS crisis, in this sprawling multigenerational novel *Ecuador, 1969: An American expatriate*, Fay Fern, sits in the corner of a restaurant, she and her young son Wright turned away from the television where Vincent Kahn becomes the first man to walk on the moon. Years earlier, Fay and Vincent meet at a pilots' bar in the Mojave Desert. Both seemed poised for reinvention—the married test pilot, Vincent, as an astronaut; the spurned child of privilege, Fay, as an activist. Their casual affair ends quickly, but its consequences linger. Though their lives split, their senses of purpose deepen in tandem, each becoming heroes to different sides of the political spectrum of the 1960s and 70s: Vincent an icon with no plan beyond the mission for which he has single-mindedly trained, Fay a leader of a violent leftist group whose anti-Vietnam

actions make her one of the FBI's most wanted. With her last public appearance, a demonstration that frames the Apollo program as a vehicle for distracting the American public from its country's atrocities, Fay leaves Wright to contend with her legacy, his own growing apathy, and the misdeeds of both his mother and his country. An immense, vivid reimagining of the Cold War era, *America Was Hard to Find* traces the fallout of the cultural revolution that divided the country and explores the meaning of individual lives in times of upheaval. It also confirms Kathleen Alcott's reputation as a fearless and vital voice in fiction. *Kamala's Way* University of Arkansas Press Challenging several longstanding notions about the American way of war, this book examines US strategic and operational practice from 1775 to 2014. It surveys all major US wars from the War of Independence to the campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as most smaller US conflicts to determine what patterns, if any, existed in American uses of force.

Contrary to many popular sentiments, Echevarria finds that the American way of war is not astrategic, apolitical, or defined by the use of overwhelming force. Instead, the American way of war was driven more by political considerations than military ones, and the amount of force employed was rarely overwhelming or decisive. As a scholar of Clausewitz, Echevarria borrows explicitly from the Prussian to describe the American way of war not only as an extension of US policy by other means, but also the continuation of US politics by those means. The book's focus on strategic and operational practice closes the gap between critiques of American strategic thinking and analyses of US campaigns. Echevarria discovers that most conceptions of American strategic culture fail to hold up to scrutiny, and that US operational practice has been closer to military science than to military art. Providing a fresh look at how America's leaders have used military force historically and what that may mean for the future, this book should be of interest to military

practitioners and policymakers, students and scholars of military history and security studies, and general readers interested in military history and the future of military power. *What Foreigners Need To Know About America From A To Z* Simon and Schuster

Since the September 11th, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, traditional American foreign policy has proven inadequate to 21st Century challenges of Islamic terrorism and globalization. In this ground-breaking analysis, author James Kurth explains that the roots of America's current foreign policy crisis lie in contradictions of an American empire which attempted to transform traditional American national interests promoted by Presidents like Teddy Roosevelt and FDR into a new American-led global order that has unsuccessfully attempted to promote supposedly universal, rather than uniquely American, ideals. Kurth dates the creation of the American empire to the morning of September 2nd, 1945, when General Douglas MacArthur, at the head of the representatives of the

Allied Forces, received the surrender of the representatives of the Empire of Japan. And so, the book begins, on its front cover, with a depiction of the moment when the American Empire, and the "American Century," were born...

The American Way of War Carbondale : Southern Illinois University Press

Althen (former foreign student adviser, U. of Iowa) gives advice to foreign visitors to the U.S. that is intended to help them understand the motivations, attitudes, communication styles, and actions of Americans. Emphasizing the interpretation of observed behavior, he covers ways of reasoning and American ideas about politics, family life, education, religion, the media, social relationships, racial and ethnic diversity, male-female relationships, sports and recreation, driving, shopping, personal hygiene, and organizational and public behavior. Over-generalization is an understandable danger in such a work as this, but Althen does make an effort to emphasize that there are variations

among Americans, while he concentrates on the similarities. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

What Foreigners Need to Know about America from A to Z Oxford University Press

When we talk about patriotism in America, we tend to mean one form: the version captured in shared celebrations like the national anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance. But as Ben Railton argues, that celebratory patriotism is just one of four distinct forms: celebratory, the communal expression of an idealized America; mythic, the creation of national myths that exclude certain communities; active, acts of service and sacrifice for the nation; and critical, arguments for how the nation has fallen short of its ideals that seek to move us toward that more perfect union. In *Of Thee I Sing*, Railton defines those four forms of American patriotism, using the four verses of "America the Beautiful" as examples of each type, and traces them across our histories. Doing so allows us to reframe seemingly familiar histories such as the Revolution, the Civil War,

and the Greatest Generation, as well as texts such as the national anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance. And it helps us rediscover forgotten histories and figures, from Revolutionary War Loyalists and the World War I Espionage and Sedition Acts to active patriots like Civil War nurse Susie King Taylor and the suffragist Silent Sentinels to critical patriotic authors like William Apress and James Baldwin. Tracing the contested history of American patriotism also helps us better understand many of our 21st century debates: from Donald Trump's divisive deployment of celebratory and mythic forms of patriotism to the backlash to the critical patriotisms expressed by Colin Kaepernick and the 1619 Project. Only by engaging with the multiple forms of American patriotism, past and present, can we begin to move forward toward a more perfect union that we all can celebrate.

Inventing the "American Way" University of Pennsylvania Press

The idea that America is exceptional, whether because of its founding creed, natural abundance, or Protestant origins, has

been the subject of fierce debate going back to the founding. Rather than argue for one side or the other, Volker Depkat explores the diverse ways in which Americans have described their country as exceptional. Describing how narratives of exceptionalism have never been a purely American affair, Depkat shows how, for example, European, African, and Asian immigrants projected their own dreams and nightmares onto the American screen, contributing to the intellectual construction of America. In fact, the different groups living in America have described American exceptionalism in such differing terms that there hardly ever was a shared understanding as to what these exceptional experiences were and how to interpret them. What has unified the disparate exceptionalist narratives, Depkat explains, is their insistence on America's universalist and future-oriented way of life. In engaging and lucid prose, Depkat offers general readers and students of American history an invaluable lens through which they can evaluate for themselves the merits of the many ways in

which Americans have understood their country as exceptional.

The American Way of Writing Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing

The Foreigners' Perspective presents a unique chance to ponder - and laugh - about ordinary, everyday aspects of the American Way of Life. With a touch of humor, it turns a spotlight on things that are quintessentially American, as seen through the eyes of people from around the world. This is a beautifully illustrated and witty must-read for anyone interested in a fresh take on the American way of life, for people visiting or moving to the States, as well as for anyone who happens to be in contact with a wide diversity of people. And honestly, who isn't these days? Packed with thought-provoking information, the Foreigners' Perspective is much more than simply another eye-catching coffee-table book. It represents an invaluable resource for different audiences:

- Guidebook for travelers, expats and immigrants giving much-needed insight into formal and informal facets of daily life in America.
- Icebreaker for light-

hearted discussions about cultural differences and unconscious bias. • Onboarding material for companies aiming to advance employee engagement and promote diversity and inclusion. • Reference book for ESL teachers, intercultural trainers and consultants. • Source book for U.S. readers desiring to better understand how their customs may be perceived by outsiders and newcomers. • Giveaway for anybody working with a foreign clientele (e.g. realtors, consultants). This book offers a lot to anyone interested in learning more about the profound impact culture has on common aspects of daily life. After all, before moving to a foreign country who would ever imagine that differences in doorknobs, window styles or refrigerators could be sources of surprise or even irritation?

Reconsidering the American Way of War

Rowman & Littlefield
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The Jesus Way Praeger
This essential guide sheds light on the unique American psyche and national character, now in

a third edition. Whether you're a businessperson beginning to work in the United States or a foreign student visiting for a semester, this new edition of *American Ways* will help you navigate America's diverse and changing culture. From the deep-seated attitudes that mark the American character to customs and everyday activities, *American Ways* explores the tapestry of the country's life, providing invaluable information on cultural values, politics, education, religion, and relationships. In this revised edition, Gary Althen and Janet Bennett have added material that reflects some of the important changes that have occurred over the last decade. This edition features new material on American politics, reflecting the impact of the Bush administration as well as the election of the nation's first black president, and an updated chapter on the effects of social networking sites on meeting people and creating friendships.