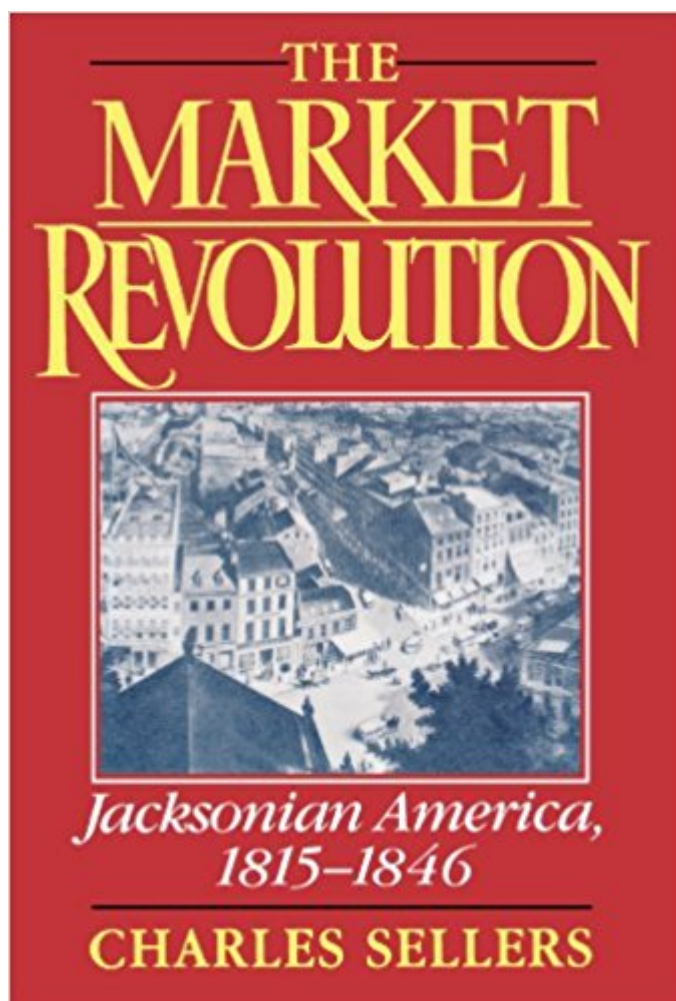


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Synopsis

The central theme of this study of American life in the early 19th century is the establishment of capitalism. The author argues that, following the Industrial Revolution, two distinct societies were created in the USA: rich and poor, proprietors and labourers, city dwellers and farmers.

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The product itself is fine I just wouldn't recommend this book unless you're a serious history buff. I love history but this was a bit dry. I had a hard time focusing and understanding the author.

While some parts of this book seem a little heavy handed politically for my tastes, it's lucidly and entertainingly written and provides an excellent overview of the important points of 19th Century American history. I could see myself assigning it to students in a 100-level course if I were a teacher.

I had to have this as an optional text for a class. It was easy to read, easy to research, and gave me a fantastic understanding of the changes in the American economy of the era!

In this book, Sellers relates capitalism to historic trends within the United States. Although at time a bit heavy-handed, Sellers makes some important points. One weakness with the Market Revolution is sometimes the line between exchange economies and commercialism is crossed. As Steven Hahn warns, there is a distinct difference. In the eagerness to relate history and economy, Sellers blurs this line. Overall, this is an interesting and valuable book that provides enlightening insights into economic trends within the US.

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