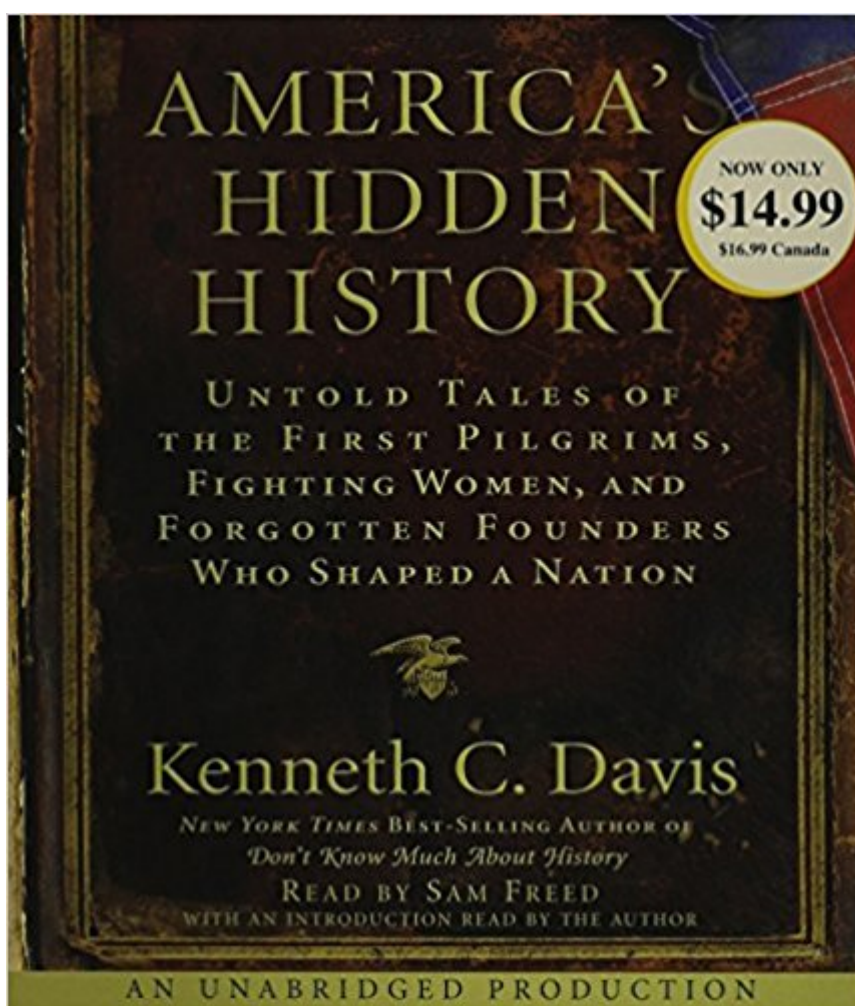


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Synopsis

Kenneth C. Davis presents a collection of extraordinary stories, each detailing an overlooked episode that shaped the nation's destiny and character. Davis's dramatic narratives set the record straight, busting myths and bringing to light little-known but fascinating facts from a time when the nation's fate hung in the balance. Spanning a period from the Spanish arrival in America to George Washington's inauguration in 1789, *AMERICA'S HIDDEN HISTORY* explores these episodes, among others: The story of the first real Pilgrims in America, who were wine-making French Huguenots, not dour English Separatists • The coming-of-age story of Queen Isabella, who suggested that Columbus pack the moving mess hall of pigs, which may have spread disease to many Native Americans • The long, bloody relationship between the Puritans and Indians that runs counter to the idyllic scene of the Thanksgiving feast • The little-known story of George Washington as a headstrong young soldier who committed a war crime, signed a confession, and started a war! Full of color, intrigue, and human interest, *AMERICA'S HIDDEN HISTORY* proves why Davis is truly America's teacher.

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back to life some of the most fascinating figures of America's founding decades. (Ron Powers, co-author of *Flags of Our Fathers*) "With his witty and irreverent view of this country's Colonial and revolutionary past, [Davis] ably shows that the success or failure of isolated events can have national and international consequences. May we expect a sequel to this delightful effort?" (Library Journal) "Once again Ken Davis proves that what you don't know can be shocking. Do yourself a favor. Read this book." (Richard M. Cohen, author of *Strong at the Broken Places*) PRAISE FOR AMERICA'S HIDDEN HISTORY: "[M]errily removes the whitewash from an often-bland concept of the past, peeling people from their statues with tales of how some of the most famous Americans of whom you never heard shaped our nation." (Associated Press) "Davis's engaging treatment is spicy but judicious—the book is far superior to standard high-school treatments, and a valuable reference for students young and old." (Publishers Weekly) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Kenneth C. Davis is the New York Times bestselling author of *A Nation Rising*; *America's Hidden History*; and *Don't Know Much About History*, which sold more than 1.6 million copies, and gave rise to his phenomenal *Don't Know Much About* series for adults and children. He blogs regularly at www.dontknowmuch.com.

These are stories about six separate and interesting events in American history. They are not major events, but they certainly fill in some of the cracks and give us a different perspective on the history taught in American schools. Each chapter starts out with a timeline relevant to the story and helps place story in perspective; each chapter ends with a section called "Aftermath" which summarizes the consequences of the events in the chapter. "Isabella's Pigs" tell us a little about Columbus's expedition and a lot about related Spanish activity in the New World. "Hannah's Escape" is the story of Hannah Dustin (probably unfamiliar to most people outside New England) and more about Anne Hutchinson and the Pequot war. "Washington's Confession" gives an interesting view of George Washington as a young officer and a possible war crime he may have committed as well as his later role in the American Revolution. "Warren's Toga" has some interesting information about Joseph Warren and some of the personalities at the beginning of the American Revolution. Some of it is anecdotal but fascinating. "Arnold's Boot" has good, solid biographical information on Benedict Arnold. You may not think the same of Arnold after you read this chapter. "Lafayette's Sword" is concerned with Shay's Rebellion and its aftermath and describes the disaffection Americans had

with the new government after the Revolution (and with good reason). All in all, a nice read but certainly nothing that will be earth shaking. I think it might open some people's eyes (especially the chapter on Benedict Arnold) and it certainly will round out a lot of things that you think you knew about early American history.

When searching for historical honesty, documented fact always trumps historical fiction -- although in today's world, perhaps "trump" is an ill-chosen verb. And so, in this book we cross America's Historical line -- from Traditional Patriotic American Historical Propaganda, to some of America's many Real (and buried) Blemished Historical Facts. Use this book as a springboard for further research into our Great American Story.

American History has been rewritten as propaganda. This book is refreshing and interesting to read. It explores history that is ignored or suppressed. Jim Lewis was vp candidate for the Libertarian Party in 1984. Jim worked for a bookbinding company. They restored old books. If that seems strange, remember, the books had good information. But, it would have been ridiculously expensive - with the technology available in 1900's - to preserve the information any other way than repairing the book. One of Jim's favorite past times was finding old history books (sometimes they were current event books when written) to explore how the events reported changed over the years. There's an appropriate song title, "History Ain't What It Used To Be." If you want to explore a U.S. History that ain't what it is today, you will enjoy this book. Jim cowrote "Liberty Reclaimed" by James Lewis (Author), Jim Perron (Author).

This book made the Founding Fathers into the normal men that they were. They had a hard time paying their bills. Between taxes and keeping their businesses going, they had a hard time not going to debtors' prison. The harsh winters and some of the Indians didn't help either.

A nice read full of interesting details. A nice mixture of background stories, quotes and concise history telling. Was a fairly quick read. Covered both the recognized names of history with others not so familiar. Gave a nice context of the "times" being written about.

I was unable to put this book down. It was more than a great read. I found it as informative as a documentary and as well written as a novel.

A lot of stuff you didn't know and didn't know you really wanted to know. A great read.

Congratulations to Mr. Davis !

This is a well written book and I highly recommend that everyone should get this book and learn our American history. I learn more about my country in this book than I did while I was going to school.

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