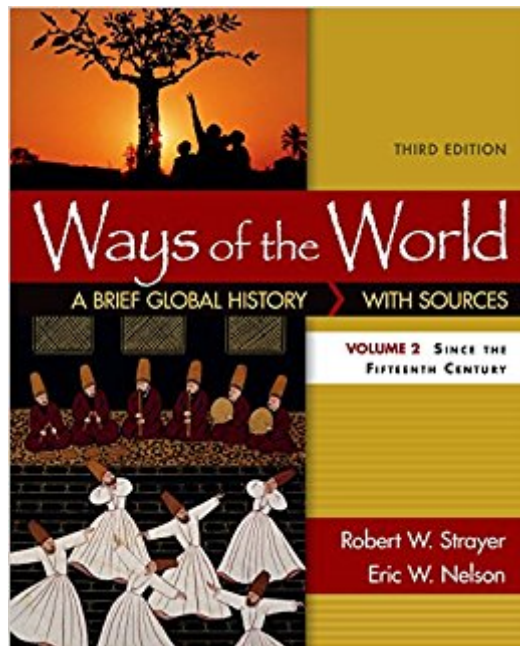


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This is from someone who enjoys history class. I do not enjoy the layout of this book. Sure it has a lot of nice pictures and maps but I feel like the paragraphs have too much information and it's not necessarily useful to know for tests etc. It is a struggle to try to get through one chapter. I have had other History classes that chose the Liberty book (Norton) and that was a much better fit because it offered a free Study Space site with chapter outlines, Quizzes, flashcards and much more. This book also has a site but is not accessible unless your instructor sets it up and with no guarantee that this particular book will be available.

A little dry, but written very clearly and has good extra stories at the back of the chapters!

The book was in good condition and we received it before we expected. Great!

Looks like it's fresh from the publisher brand new

It's really a good book.

Good book.

For school, not as good as other world history textbooks

This is a very serviceable survey of world history since 1500CE. Unlike multi-authored texts -- i.e. with 4 authors, 6 editions and scant literary merit -- Robert Strayer presents a unified perspective in readable, engaging style. The illustrations, maps and supporting material are excellent. While the outlook is rather liberal, the author presents a well-balanced range of views. He is more interested in discerning key developments and patterns of change instead of piling on details (thus "brief history"), but there's enough data to document the issues. Though the price has been climbing recently, it's still among the more affordable surveys of this kind. Students would appreciate an edition that covers just the years from c.1750; hopefully that would reduce costs as well as match the timespan of the majority of most two-semester world history surveys. One drawback to earlier editions was the lack of extensive primary source excerpts, but Strayer has now remedied this with additional, fascinating written materials. A very good supplement, especially for strengthening coverage of gender (already pretty strong here) is vol.2 of JK Conway ed, "Written By Herself." Strayer's works have quickly become favorites for world history courses. [Adapted from my review of the 2012 edition.]

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