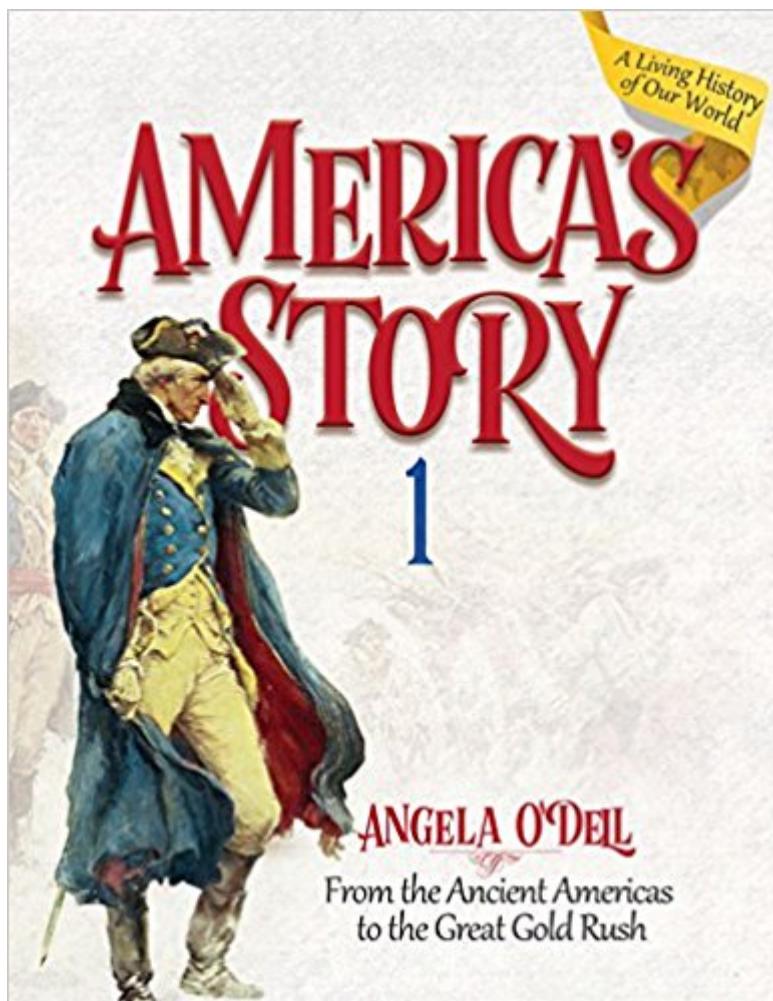


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A colorful Charlotte Mason-inspired journey through American history! History comes alive in the stories and adventures of explorers and pioneers who saw in America the chance to live a dream - to freely worship God, to have the chance to own land, and the search for wealth and opportunities. It is also the story of cultures that at times cooperated or clashed, as well as distant rulers and countries who saw a chance to expand their power through conflict or treaty. Volume One in this series for your elementary students includes: Beautiful historic illustrations, photographs, maps, and cultural connections Examples of history you can still see today all across this great land Important narratives of the people and places that stand for some of the most pivotal moments in America's development This vivid collection of history is as varied and vast as the lands that stretch from the original thirteen colonies to the gold fields of California. Discover the people who braved and tamed a wilderness to form communities and eventually states that dot the landscape of this great land we know today.

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Customer Reviews

As a homeschooling mom and author, ANGELA O'DELL embraces many aspects of the Charlotte Mason method, yet knows that modern children need an education that fits the needs of this generation. Based upon her foundational belief in a living God for a living education, she has worked to bring a curriculum that will reach deep into the heart of home-educated children and their

families. She has written over 20 books, including her history series. Angela's goal is to bring materials that teach and train hearts and minds to find the answers for our generation in the never changing truth of God and His Word.

Beautiful textbook on American History that doesn't feel like a textbook at all!! Perfect for homeschooling (or other). Easy to read and understand as if she is telling the history story to you..."I want to tell you real real story of.." and "As we watch, a small, well-dressed man steps.." the writing keeps you very interested. I will be reading this to my son and we will both enjoy it. Yet, a 4th grader would easily be able to read this on their own. On the back cover it says it is for grades 3-6th. On the inside of the back cover it says "3rd grade". America's Story 2 is "4th grade", America's Story 3 is for "5th grade". Remember these are merely suggestions and a parent can read these to multiple ages. Yet, all three books would be needed for a complete American history lesson. Now, I LOVE a book with lots of pictures, yet what a BONUS to have a book with so many beautiful COLOR pictures. This book is littered with gorgeous pictures throughout as well as maps. The "Narration Break" reminders, the "Thoughts to Remember", and "Ready to Explore?" in every chapter are great. Examples of these are: THOUGHTS TO REMEMBER ch 26- 1. "We learn in Chapter 26 that the Erie Canal is a 300+ mile, hand-dug canal that connects the Hudson River to Lake Erie. It was designed by De Witt Clinton." READY TO EXPLORE ch 27-1. "Why were people so anxious to get to California in the late 1840's?" NARRATION BREAK ch 27: "Talk about the journey so far. Why do you think gold made people act so crazy?" Here is just a note: the pages are very light grey in color, not stark white, I like them. There is a "Teachers Guide" that you can buy to accompany this book. I am not using it, I may look into it later for the other books. We have many, many different homeschooling curriculum books on our shelves (we have read SOTW..etc) and try to find a good fit for us so I can compare and now I can easily say I am a huge fan of Angela O'Dell's books. I highly recommend America's Story 1!

We are loving this history book! My 7th grader is reading a chapter a day, while my 3rd and 4th graders are doing a chapter a week. I have sat and read about 15 chapters to myself tonight and just love the conversational style and the way she draws you into these historical events. It is my favorite history program! And we have tried quite a few! It's simple to understand but in depth enough to really tell the story of our country. So great!

Beautiful book. Very nice to look at and a good read for American history.

Though I myself am not religious, I often use books with mention of God, church, or religion, in homeschooling my son. (For example, we love *Life of Fred*, and I am very much inspired by Charlotte Mason, and use living books whenever possible.) However, I have MAJOR issues when creationism REPLACES science. To deny evolution in this day and age seems absolutely ludicrous to me. Second page (pg. 6 in the book) shows a timeline of "history", with God creating the universe in 4000 B.C. Now, this did provide a nice opportunity for discussion with my 6 yr. old - he immediately asked "well, when do they believe dinosaurs lived? Do they believe they only lived for a thousand years or something?", along with a whole slew of questions about the solar system and pyramids and more. Though reminding him to be respectful of everyone's right to believe things that are contrary to what we believe (i.e., know; i.e. collected evidence...,) I honestly did not have the answers to his questions about how people can believe that the universe was created 6000 years ago. I give the book 2 stars only because I feel that I could've been smarter and checked the AUTHOR BIO - however, no mention of the overly religious nature of the book was given in the item description. I highly recommend that this be included in the description to avoid confusion for anyone looking for a good, living book on American history grounded in fact. Needless to say, I'm returning it.

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