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Jenkins (history and religious studies, Pennsylvania State Univ.) has written a short but fairly comprehensive "from the bottom up" history of the United States. He views this country as a distinctive society radically different from its European roots. Jenkins covers the major political, social, and economic developments but is especially notable in his treatment of the cultural and religious facets of American life and the role of groups sometimes considered "outsiders": racial minorities and political dissenters. He also discusses the American tradition of identifying and stigmatizing "dangerous outsiders" and the significance of this tradition for our cultural and political history. The writing is plain but straightforward. Recommended for public libraries with American history collections. ?Harry Frummerman, formerly with Hunter Coll., New York
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'The new chapter on Contemporary America will maintain the book's deserved reputation as a leading introductory text on the history of what is still the world's most powerful nation.' - Robert Cook, University of Sheffield, UK. 'An excellent update of a very good book.' - David Brodnax, Sr, Trinity Christian College, USA.

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