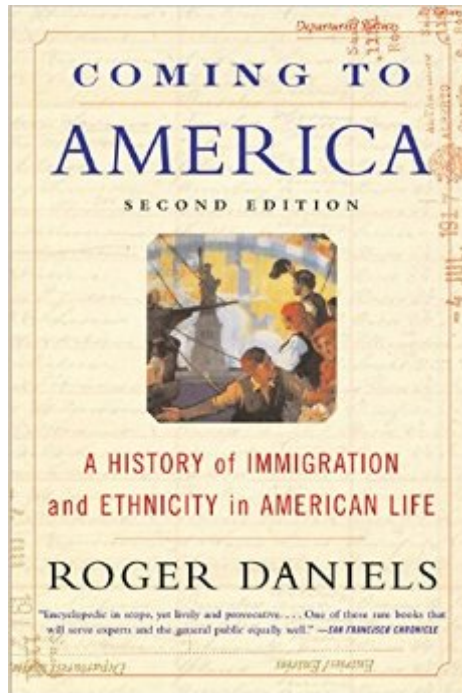


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Coming To America: A History Of Immigration And Ethnicity In American Life



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With a timely new chapter on immigration in the current age of globalization, a new Preface, and new appendixes with the most recent statistics, this revised edition is an engrossing study of immigration to the United States from the colonial era to the present.

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Customer Reviews

Roger Daniels second edition of "Coming to America" is masterful. There is no other book, I believe, that is more authoritative by way of explaining immigration to the United States during the final third of the twentieth century. And for those interested in exploring the story extending back to the European settlement of North America since the seventeenth century, "Coming to America" is also the place to begin. Daniels narrates this history, in all of its pain, complexity, and brilliance, with a thorough-going understanding of its twists and turns. This book merits its place on the shelf of often-consulted staples in every American's home library.

This is an extremely useful book for anyone who has an interest in the impact on immigrants upon U.S. history. This book gives capsule histories of most groups of immigrants to the United States. It also provides a very useful theoretical understanding of the reasons for immigration. Though it is particularly useful in its examination of the pre-colonial and colonial periods, it also (unlike many texts) includes a significant history of the pan-Caribbean slave trade, and the impact on the country as a whole of twenty percent of the population (at one time) being Africans or the children of

Africans. I wish I had read it years ago, as I found my own family, immigrants from Krefeld, Germany, discussed here!
Coming to America (Second Edition): A History of Immigration and Ethnicity in American Life

An excellent history of immigration in America. It reads like a text book, but the book is very informative. It enlightens the reader to how, why, and whom immigrated to the US throughout all of our history. Since most of our American heritage has is a result of immigration, it's interesting to understand the background of why they took this enormous risk and adventure to come to a new land, many times without even knowing anyone at their final destination. I believe that this is part of what differentiates Americans; we come from a stock of risk takers, and are willing to take action rather than accept dismal circumstances.

The title says it. Book discusses who came to America, when, why, and who and what they became when here. It discusses some of the prejudices, generalizations about people, inclinations, preferences and explains stuff from the potato famine to how the Cajuns came into being. Discusses each group in each chapter, so you can easily track for example, the Irish or the Germans. There is some interesting parallels here from history. During the potato famine Robert Peel said the English should not assist the poor, that they were starving because they needed to work harder. That "blame the poor" philosophy still exists today in our American right wing. That "if you help them you weaken them" attitude that Hoover had during the depression is still spouted by right wing talking heads today. Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it, as they say. That attitude contributed to 1.5 million DEAD (one sixth of Ireland) and the immigration to the US of 1.5 million more fleeing the poverty and hunger.

This is a very informative account of different waves of immigration to the United States. It sets the record straight on various aspects of immigration, such as by dispelling the notion that all immigrants of the 19th century were eager to assimilate into American society. It also examines the ambivalence Americans have historically had about immigrants, and the long-held concerns that immigrants from new origins were changing (and degrading) the character of the country. The writing style is very accessible too. This is a great book!

Great one volume narrative of most of the major ethnic groups in U.S. immigration history

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