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Amy Ankrah says

it was okay, nothing to stand up and cheer about.... it is a history book that i had for my class last semester... like i said OKAY....

Anna says

A good introduction to the first civilizations and their political, economical and family structures. My version was split into two volumes. The first one covered Prehistoric Europe to the rise of Christianity. The second which I am currently reading covers the Rise of Islam through 1715. I love the narrative and the maps provided in the book. The writing is down to earth and doesn't shy away from the horrible things humans do to each other. Each chapter ends with further resources and most of them provide additional history or information that is really well thought out and useful.

Jennifer says

Great history read!!!!!!

Whitaker says

A really great book

Dixieborn says

My college uses this book for one of its History classes and I enjoy the time frame that it covers. However I found the book to be hard to "grasp" at times and had to reread it. Some words were not explained so I had to Google to find the meaning; this took time away from a very intense 8 week session. Also, Kishlansky has a tendency to jump from one subject to the next without warning, thought they are connected; he gives no reason for the initial jump. It can be very confusing.

Robert Buettner says

An old college text I had to read and kept around for some unknown reason.

Iliana says

Finally.

Bayad Ali says

Very informative on the history of the west starting from Mesopotamia and onward...

Laura Jones says

Reading for a college history class and I have to say that this book has a LOT of holes! When you have to google islamic terms because the book doesn't tell you what they are, come on guy. Americans are typically stick to what they know, and I was raised christian, how would I know what a caliph is? Kishlansky has a tendency to jump from one subject to next without warning, thought they are connected, he gives no reason for the initial jump. It can be very confusing. His writing is very dry and boring. I have more fun reading russian novels than this....
