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good book

John says

Good overview of the economic systems that were present and their transformation of life in America as well as how the systems evolved themselves. Written as a college overview text that provides a starting point for further study but yet ties together the economic and industrial life and pressures that were part of the formation of American experience. This reader found the final chapter out of place for a history being that it was a discussion of possible futures based on some limited selection of present information. I suggest that one just not bother with the final chapter for one reason in the discussion of US car quality being poor was blamed on labor with no mention of poor design, lack of investment in tooling, and management lack of understanding of quality. Maybe the current 4th edition has improved this chapter. To conclude on a positive note, the book includes an extensive listing of further readings for each chapter.

Thomas says

Great book for basic understanding of the economic history of america. It helped put events and dates into clear context.
