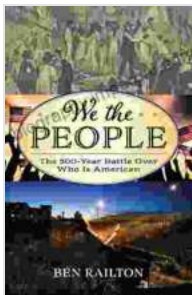


The 500-Year Battle Over Who Is American: American Ways

For five centuries, the United States has grappled with the question of who is American. This book tells the story of that struggle, from the earliest days of European colonization to the present day. It is a story of exclusion and inclusion, of prejudice and progress. But it is also a story of hope, as Americans have fought to create a more just and inclusive society.



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The first Europeans to arrive in North America were met by a diverse population of Native Americans. These native peoples had their own cultures, languages, and traditions. But the Europeans quickly began to impose their own ways of life on the native population. They took their land, enslaved their people, and forced them to adopt Christianity.

As more and more Europeans arrived in North America, the question of who was American became increasingly complex. The colonists brought

with them their own ideas about race, ethnicity, and religion. They also brought with them their own prejudices and fears. These prejudices and fears shaped the way that Americans treated each other for centuries to come.

In the 18th century, the United States was founded on the principle of equality. But this principle was not always applied equally to all Americans. White men were considered to be the true Americans, while women, African Americans, and Native Americans were seen as inferior. This inequality was reflected in the laws and institutions of the United States.

In the 19th century, the United States experienced a wave of immigration from Europe. This immigration brought new challenges to the question of who was American. Many of the new immigrants were not white, and they did not speak English. They were often met with prejudice and discrimination from the established American population.

In the 20th century, the United States became a more diverse nation than ever before. This diversity was due in part to the continued immigration from Europe, as well as to the migration of African Americans from the South to the North. The civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s helped to break down some of the barriers that had divided Americans for so long. But the question of who is American continues to be a source of debate and controversy in the United States today.

This book tells the story of the 500-year battle over who is American. It is a story that is still unfolding, and it is a story that all Americans need to know.

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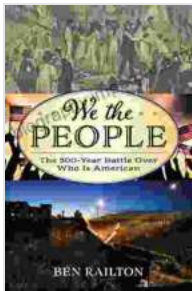
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