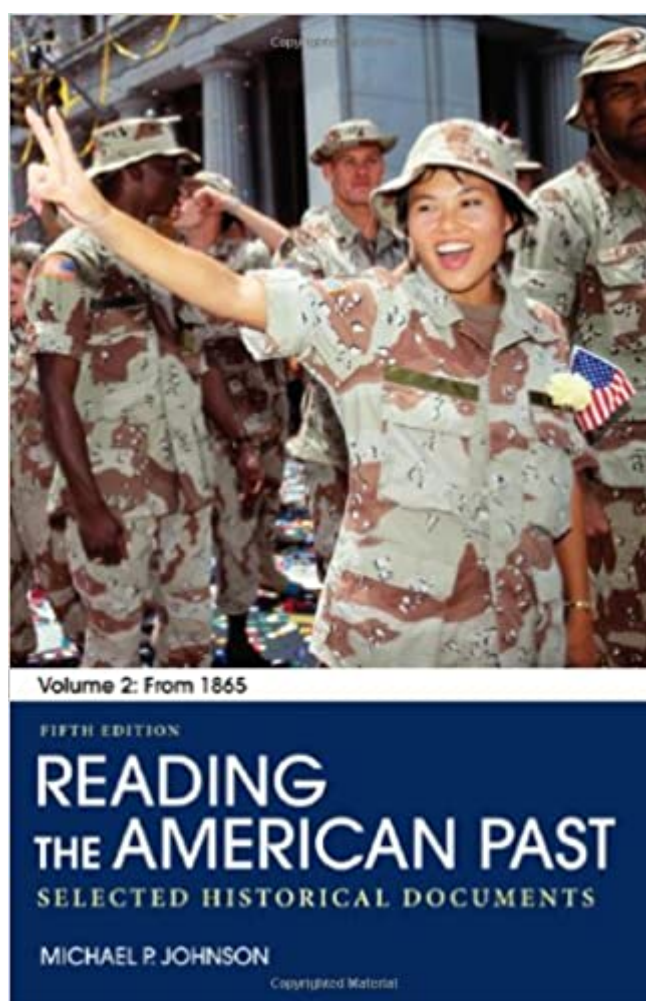


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Great companion book. I use it in my history classes and can't say enough about it. This is a good book to help you look into the past and see what people said in their own words. NOT a comprehensive history book but a good companion to help you along in you're studies.

Needed this book per a requirement. Enjoyed the text and author

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