

Neither of these stimulating works fully considers what sort of historical memory best serves the public. Bodnar's more tightly constructed and cogently written volume provides the superior introduction, while Kammen's offers greater anecdotal richness. Each suggests in its own fashion how ill-served is a society that acquires from its past only congratulatory and comforting images of patriotic traditions, heroic elites, and triumphant progress. Thus both books deserve a careful reading by all concerned with how Americans obtain their understanding of the past and how that might be improved.

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