

Asia, but we'll win it on the book jackets!

12. Ravitch and Finn, *What Do Our 17-Year-Olds Know?*, 49.

13. Frances FitzGerald, *America Revised* (New York: Vintage, 1980 [1979]), 93-97.

14. James Axtell, "Europeans, Indians, and the Age of Discovery in American History Textbooks," *American Historical Review* 92 (1987): 627. Essays such as Axtell's, which review college-level textbooks, rarely appear in history journals. Almost never are high school textbooks reviewed.

15. Sales figures are trade secrets, but publishers admit that *Triumph* is the bestseller, with approximately a quarter of the market. Together *The American Pageant*, *Land of Promise*, *A History of the Republic*, *American History, Life and Liberty*, and *The Challenge of Freedom* probably account for another 35 percent. The two inquiry textbooks have gone out of print, presumably due to low sales.

Chapter 1. Handicapped by History: The Process of Hero-making

1. James Baldwin, "A Talk to Teachers," *Saturday Review*, December 21, 1963, reprinted in Rick Simonson and Scott Walker, eds., *Multicultural Literacy* (St. Paul, Minn.: Graywolf Press, 1988), 9.

2. W. E. B. Du Bois, *Black Reconstruction* (Cleveland: World Meridian, 1964 [1935]), 722.

3. Charles V. Willie, quoted in David J. Garrow, *Bearing the Cross* (New York: William Morrow, 1986), 625.

4. The phrase refers, of course, to his father's wealth and Senate seat.

5. *Helen Keller* (New York: McGraw-Hill Films, 1969).

6. Helen Keller, "Onward, Comrades," address at the Rand School of Social Science, New York, December 31, 1920, reprinted in Philip S. Foner, ed., *Helen Keller: Her Socialist Years* (New York: International Publishers, 1967), 107.

7. Quoted in Jonathan Kozol, *The Night Is Dark and I Am Far from Home*

(New York: Simon and Schuster, 1990 [1975]), 101.

8. Foner, ed., *Helen Keller: Her Socialist Years*, 26.

9. Joseph P. Lash, *Helen and Teacher* (New York: Delacorte, 1980), 454; Dennis Wepman, *Helen Keller* (New York: Chelsea House, 1987), 69; Foner, ed., *Helen Keller: Her Socialist Years*, 17-18. The United States did not allow Flynn to receive the letter.

10. Jonathan Kozol brought this suppression to my attention in an address at the University of Wyoming in 1975.

Nazi leaders knew her radicalism: in 1933 they burned Keller's books because of their socialist content and banned her from their libraries. We overlook her socialist content, thus learning no more than the German public about her ideas. See Irving Wallace, David Wallechinsky, and Amy Wallace, *Significa* (New York: Dutton, 1983), 1-2.

11. N. Gordon Levin, Jr., *Woodrow Wilson and World Politics: America's Response to War and Revolution* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1968), 67. Everett M. Dirksen, "Use of U.S. Armed Forces in Foreign Countries," *Congressional Record*, June 23, 1969, 16840-43.

12. Robert J. Maddox, *The Unknown War with Russia* (San Rafael, Calif.: Presidio Press, 1977), 137.

13. Hans Schmidt, *The United States Occupation of Haiti, 1915-1934* (New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 1971), 86.

14. *Ibid.*, 66, 74.

15. Walter Karp, *The Politics of War* (New York: Harper and Row, 1979), 158-67.

16. Piero Gleijeses, "The Other Americas," *Washington Post Book World*, December 27, 1992, 5.

17. "Reports Unlawful Killing of Haitians by Our Marines," *New York Times*, October 14, 1920, 1ff. Also see Schmidt, *The United States Occupation of Haiti*.

18. *Addresses of President Wilson*. 66th Congress, Senate Document 120 (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1919), 133.

19. Jean Lacouture, *Ho Chi Minh* (New York: Random House, 1968), 24, 265.

20. Rayford W. Logan, *The Betrayal of the Negro* (New York: Collier, 1965 [1954]), 360-70; Nancy J. Weiss, "Wilson Draws the Color Line," in Arthur Mann, ed., *The Progressive Era* (Hinsdale, Ill.: Dryden, 1975), 144; Harvey Wasserman, *America Born and Reborn* (New York: Macmillan, 1983), 131; Kathleen Wolgemuth, "Woodrow Wilson and Federal Segregation," *Journal of Negro History* 44 (1959): 158-73; and Morton Sosna, "The South in the Saddle," *Wisconsin Magazine of History* 54 (Fall 1970): 30-49.

21. Colored Advisory Committee of the Republican National Committee, "Address to the Colored Voters," October 6, 1916, reprinted in Herbert Aptheker, ed., *A Documentary History of the Negro People in the United States, 1910-1932* (Secaucus, N.J.: Citadel, 1973), 140.

22. Wyn C. Wade, *The Fiery Cross* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1987), 115-51.

23. *Ibid.*, 135-37.

24. *Ibid.*, 138.

25. Lerone Bennett, Jr., *Before the Mayflower* (Baltimore: Penguin, 1966 [1962]), 292-94. Bennett counts twenty-six major race riots in 1919 alone, including riots in Omaha; Knoxville; Longview, Texas; Chicago; Phillips County, Arkansas; and Washington, D.C. Also see Herbert Shapiro, *White Violence and Black Response* (Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 1988), 123-54.

26. See Studs Terkel, "Interview," *Modern Maturity* 36, no. 2 (April 1993): 76.

27. *Addresses of President Wilson*, 108-09.

28. William Bruce Wheeler and Susan D. Becker, *Discovering the American Past*, vol. 2 (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1990), 127.

29. Ronald Schaffer, *Americans in the Great War* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1991), quoted in Garry Willis,

"The Presbyterian Nietzsche," *New York Review of Books*, January 16, 1992, 6.

30. Karp, *The Politics of War*, 326-28; Charles D. Ameringer, *U.S. Foreign Intelligence* (Lexington, Mass.: D.C. Heath, 1990), 109. Ironically, after the war Wilson agreed with Debs on the power of economic interests: "Is there any man here . . . who does not know that the seed of war in the modern world is industrial and commercial rivalry?" (Speech in Saint Louis, September 5, 1919; *Addresses of President Wilson*, 41.)

31. Ameringer, *U.S. Foreign Intelligence*, 109.

32. *Ibid.* Ameringer points out that Wilson's attacks on civil liberties had become a political liability and Attorney General Palmer a pathetic joke by the fall of 1920.

33. Michael H. Frisch, *A Shared Authority* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1990), 39-47.

34. In Arthur M. Schlesinger's 1962 poll of seventy-five "leading historians," Wilson came in fourth, ahead of Thomas Jefferson (Kenneth S. Davis, "Not So Common Man," *New York Review of Books*, December 4, 1986, 29). Eight hundred and forty-six professors of American history rated Wilson sixth, after FDR and the four gentlemen already on Mount Rushmore (Robert K. Murray and Tim Blessing, "The Presidential Performance Study," *Journal of American History* 70 [December 1983]: 535-55). See also George Hornby, ed., *Great Americana Scrap Book* (New York: Crown, 1985), 121.

35. Thomas A. Bailey, *Probing America's Past*, vol. 2 (Lexington, Mass.: D.C. Heath, 1973), 575.

36. Michael Kammen, *Mystic Chords of Memory* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1991), 701.

37. Quoted in Marjory Kline, "Social Influences in Textbook Publishing," in *Educational Forum* 48, no. 2 (1984): 230.

38. Bessie Pierce, *Public Opinion and the Teaching of History in the United States* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1926), 332.

39. Helen Keller, *Midstream: My Later Life* (New York: Greenwood, 1968 [1929]), 156.

40. Levin, *Woodrow Wilson and World Politics*, 1. Since Wilson's was the only Democratic administration in the first third of the twentieth century, it was natural that many of Franklin Roosevelt's statesmen, including FDR himself, had received their foreign policy experience under Wilson.

41. Quoted in Kozol, *The Night Is Dark and I Am Far from Home*, 101.

42. Kammen, *Mystic Chords of Memory*, 639.

43. See also Arthur Levine, *When Dreams and Heroes Died* (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1980), and Frisch, *A Shared Authority*.

44. Quoted in Claudia Bushman, "America Discovers Columbus" (Costa Mesa, Calif.: American Studies Association Annual Meeting, 1992), 9.

Chapter 2. 1493: The True Importance of Christopher Columbus

1. Kirkpatrick Sale, *The Conquest of Paradise* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1990), 5.

2. Samuel D. Marble, *Before Columbus* (Cranbury, N.J.: Barnes, 1989), 25.

3. Bartolomé de las Casas, *History of the Indies*, translated by Andrée M. Collard (New York: Harper and Row, 1971), 289.

4. David Quinn, *England and the Discovery of America, 1481-1620* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1974), 5-105; Robert Blow, *Abroad in America* (New York: Continuum, 1990), 17; Jack Forbes, *Black Africans and Native Americans* (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1988), 20.

5. Angus Calder, *Revolutionary Empire* (New York: Dutton, 1981), 5.

6. A. H. Lybyer, "The Ottoman Turks and the Routes of Oriental Trade," *English Historical Review*, 30, no. 120 (October 1915): 577-88. Turkey may have shut out Portuguese and Spanish merchants from the trade for a time, however, owing to warfare between Turkey and Spain/Portugal.

7. *Ibid.*

8. William H. McNeill, *The Age of Gunpowder Empires* (Washington, D.C.: American Historical Association, 1989).

9. Some textbooks use the term *Native Americans*, some use *American Indians*, and some use both. Since about 1975, some Native Americans have rejected the term *American Indian*. Others, including the American Indian Movement, have chosen to stick with it. Because Native people use both terms, so will I.

10. Letter to the king and queen of Spain, July 1503, in *Select Letters of Christopher Columbus*, translated and edited by R. H. Major (New York: Corinth, 1961 [1847]), 196.

11. Columbus renamed the island now occupied by Haiti and the Dominican Republic "Hispaniola," Little Spain. I call the island *Haiti* because, as a term, *Hispaniola* is less well known by the public than *Haiti*, and because *Haiti* was the aboriginal term, although confusion remains as to whether *Haiti* referred to the entire island or the highlands. See Las Casas, *History of the Indies*, 44.

12. Michele de Cuneo, 1495 letter referring to January 20, 1494, quoted in Sale, *Conquest of Paradise*, 143.

13. The Requirement has been widely reprinted. This translation is from "500 Years of Indigenous and Popular Resistance Campaign" (n.p.: Guatemala Committee for Peasant Unity, 1990).

14. Alfred W. Crosby, *Ecological Imperialism: The Biological Expansion of Europe, 900-1900* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1976), 71-93.

15. bell hooks makes this point in "Columbus: Gone but Not Forgotten," *Z*, December, 1992, 26.

16. Sale, *The Conquest of Paradise*, 71-72.

17. Constance Irwin, *Fair Gods and Stone Faces* (New York: St. Martin's, 1963), 193-211, 217, 241; Cyrus Gordon, *Before Columbus* (New York: Crown, 1971), 119-25; Geoffrey Ashe et al., *The Quest for America* (London: Pall Mall, 1971), 78-79.

18. Richard Eaton, *Islamic History as Global History* (Washington, D.C.: American Historical Association, 1990), 17; on *caravel*, Smithsonian Institution "Seeds of Change" exhibit (Washington, D.C.: National Museum of Natural History, 1991).

19. *The American Adventure* points out "the magnetic compass had come from China," and "from the Arabs came an instrument called the astrolabe." Otherwise, all twelve textbooks present the Portuguese achievements as unprecedented.

20. Stephen C. Jett, "Diffusion vs. Independent Development," in Carroll Riley et al., eds., *Man Across the Sea* (Austin: University of Texas Press, 1971), 7.

21. An entry-level list of sources for these alleged predecessors of Columbus begins with the enormous bibliography by John L. Sorenson and Martin H. Raish, *Pre-Columbian Contact with the Americas across the Oceans* (Provo, Utah: Research Press, 1990), hereafter "Sorenson and Raish." See also:

For Indonesia: Stephen C. Jett, "The Development and Distribution of the Blowgun," *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* (Davis: University of California, December 1970). Similar manufacture of paper: Paul Tolstoy, "Paper Route," *Natural History*, June 1991, 6-14; and *Feats and Wisdom of the Ancients* (Alexandria, Va.: Time-Life, 1990), 122. Also see Carroll Riley et al., eds., *Man Across the Sea*, especially the article by Jett, and Sorenson and Raish, entries H255, M109, and S57.

For Japanese: Betty J. Meggers, "Did Japanese Fishermen Really Reach Ecuador 5000 Years Ago?," *Early Man* 2 (1980): 15-19, and Ashe et al., *The Quest for America*, 239-59. Also see *Feats and Wisdom of the Ancients*, 124.

For Crees, Navajos, and Inuits: William Fitzhugh, "Crossroads of Continents: Review and Prospect," in Fitzhugh and V. Chaussonet, eds., *Proceedings of the Crossroads Symposium* (Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institution Press, 1988). See also Ian Stevenson, *Twenty Cases Suggestive of*

*Reincarnation* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 1974), 218-19.

For Chinese: Joseph Needham and Lu Gwei-Djen, *Trans-Pacific Echoes and Resonances* (Singapore: World Scientific, 1985). Also see *Feats and Wisdom of the Ancients*, 121; Stevenson, *Twenty Cases Suggestive of Reincarnation*, 218-19; Irwin, *Fair Gods and Stone Faces*, 249-51; Paul Shao, *The Origins of Ancient American Culture* (Ames: Iowa State University Press, 1983); and Sorenson and Raish, entries L228, 231, 238-41 et al.

For Afro-Phoenicians: Alexander von Wuthenau, *The Art of Terracotta Pottery in Pre-Columbian Central and South America* (New York: Crown, 1970), and *Unexpected Faces in Ancient America* (New York: Crown, 1975). Also see Ivan Van Sertima, *They Came Before Columbus* (New York: Random House, 1976); Thor Heyerdahl, "The Bearded Gods Speak," in Ashe et al., *The Quest for America*, 199-238; *Feats and Wisdom of the Ancients*, 123; Irwin, *Fair Gods and Stone Faces*, 67-71, 89-96, 122-45, 176-86; J. A. Rogers, *100 Amazing Facts about the Negro* (St. Petersburg, Fla.: Helga Rogers, 1970), 21-22; and Sorenson and Raish, entries J13-17, G71 et al. Kenneth Feder attacks Van Sertima's evidence in *Frauds, Myths, and Mysteries* (Mountain View, Calif.: Mayfield, 1990), 75-77.

For Celts: Barry Fell, *America B.C.* (New York: Quadrangle, 1976), and *Saga America* (New York: Times Books, 1980).

For Irish: Ashe et al., *The Quest for America*, 24-48. Ashe concludes that the evidence for Irish voyages is weak.

For Norse: Erik Wahlgren, *The Vikings and America* (New York: Thames and Hudson, 1986).

For West Africans: Marble, *Before Columbus*, 22-25. See also Van Sertima, *They Came Before Columbus*; Arthur E. Morgan, *Nowhere Was Somewhere* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1946), 198; Michael Anderson Bradley, *Dawn Voyage* (Toronto: Summer Hill Press, 1987); Pathe Diagne, "Du Centenaire de la Decouverte du Nouveau Monde par