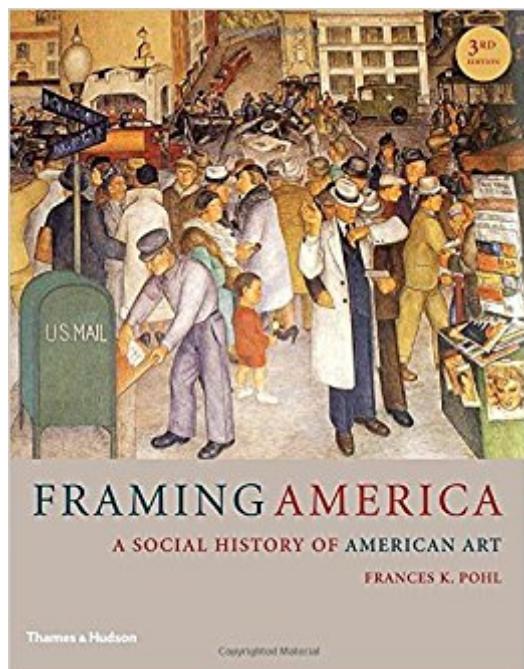


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Examines how cultural encounters of all kinds—between ethnic, religious, and regional groups; the natural world and technological developments; and individual and political ambitions—have shaped American history. - Kristin Schwain, University of Missouri, Columbia

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courses in nineteenth- and twentieth-century North American art. Her work has focused on the art of the United States, in particular the work of Ben Shahn, about whom she has written two books, and the relationship between the visual arts and working-class culture. Professor Pohl has taught in the United States for many years, but her Canadian origins give her a unique continental perspective on American art.

I teach an Art in the Americas course that ranges from the time of Western contact (Cortez's invasion of Mexico) through the end of the 20th century. This is the course text I use. The book closely connects art of all kinds (paintings, sculpture, architecture, other created items that are lumped under the term "material culture") with social and cultural history of the Americas. The focus is broader in the earlier chapters but narrows to the U.S. in the later chapters. The illustrations are large, pretty true to actual colors and plentiful - thus the higher price. The text is clearly written, chronologically organized and detailed. Covering 500 years of art and its plentiful illustrations, it is a large book. The paper used is heavy, calendared (glossy) stock so the book is heavy as well. The shipping weight is 5 pounds. But worth the cost and the wear and tear on your backpack. The price charged on is sometimes as little as half what college bookstores charge so I recommend getting it here rather than on campus.

Definitive. The book is huge and expensive -- but great pictures which, of course, increases the cost. There are other books on the history of American art, most dealing with more specific issues, but this one is the best I've read on general themes. Artists and art movements are discussed in terms of the social and cultural climate of the time -- quite valuable. There is also extensive coverage of Mexican and Native American art, both as independent genres but also as they affected and were affected by more mainstream currents. Frankly I skipped over a lot of this because it has limited interest for me, but it's there should my cultural biases get overcome. Also covers domestic art (e.g. quilts, sampler, etc.) as well as furniture, photography and architecture -- again skip-able if one wants to make headway in this gigantic book. This is not bedtime reading, but given the scope and complexity, it is quite readable.

This textbook was required for my upper-division general education requirement and it was a very useful and informative textbook. I actually enjoyed reading the assigned readings and interpreting the various pieces of art in it. Highly recommend for any professor considering this for an art history course or any art student!

This is required reading for my Art History class. At over 550 pages my initial reaction was a groan..I am delighted that my dread was unfounded. It presents the connections between works of artists and the society in which they are created. While it is a college textbook, it has a wealth of information on the art movements in America, and is a realatively easy read. Rich in illustration and color plates even those only moderately interested in art should find something of value without reading anything more than captions.

Wow! Another incredible book published by Thames and Hudson! I love their art compendiums. Here, the author gives us a Canadian viewpoint on US history that is erudite and fascinating. Huge detailed book yet quite refreshing to read. I'm using it in a History of American Art from a Multicultural Perspective class. Lots of history and beautifully detailed artworks, including timelines. The printing is superb (Singapore). I highly recommend it! Great reading and a wonderful addition to your home library.

It's a textbook. What can I say. Actually it was really good, just long in places and took a while to read. Otherwise good. It arrived in a timely manner. I am just waiting for my return info, it was a rental. Great idea . I wish I could find my textbook to rent.

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