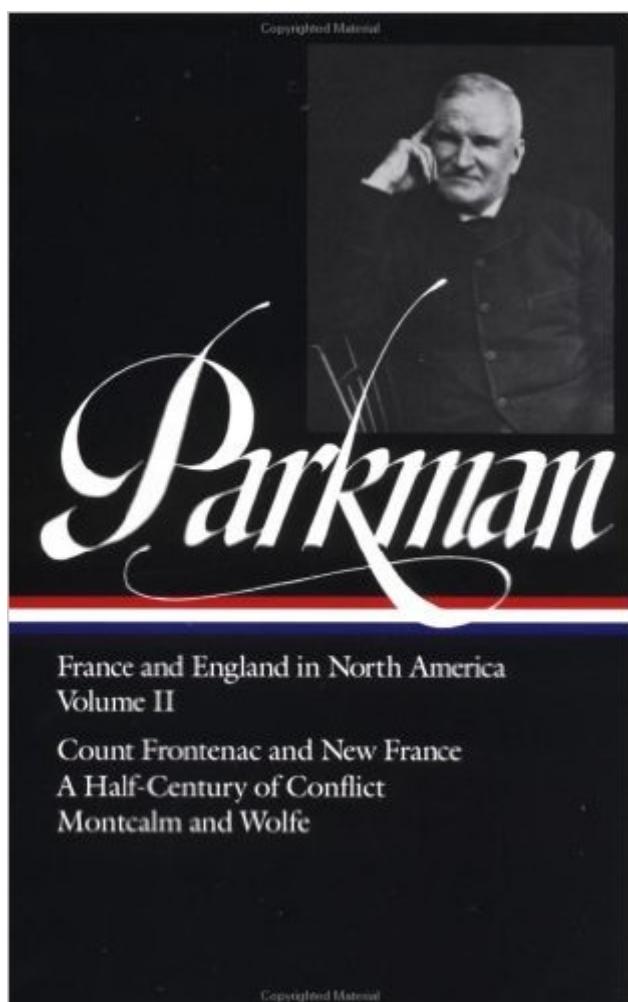


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Customer Reviews

I have sought to expand my understanding of American history . No better author than Parkman for the early centuries . He spent years among many of the tribes he writes about , extensively read the writings of the earliest French explorers and settlers involved . Parkman's still stands as the most in depth and at the same time , most exciting histories of the North American peoples. He obviously respects the Native Americans but does not gloss over their character nor sets them on a pedestal . These histories of his are not P.C. inspired , but seeks to tell the truth and realities of mans interaction and often clashes , with men of totally different cultures. All his histories are about these early Americans are so exciting you can smell the smoke of campfires and hear the great speeches of Native American speakers and the foresight of the men , the French and English and American settlers who led in these early years . A truly eye opening book .

Written in the days when people could tell the truth, Parkman describes the American Indian, especially his geographic predicament of being trapped between two competing empires. It

reminded me of small countries in between the USA and the old USSR. The Indians' weak link was their dependence on the Europeans' guns, knives, and alcohol. Some were lured by the Jesuits, who converted them to Christianity to use them to fight the people to the South, while the people of New York used the Iroquois to protect NY against the people of New France. Ver-r-r-r-r-y educational. Parkman writes very well--although simply, not like Gibbon--and always refers to original sources, and illustrates fully the personalities of the important people. It's vital that the reader have access to google to learn all the old geographic names.

Parkman's writing is comprehensive, intelligent, and almost overwhelming at times. The topics are so broad that it sometimes takes me a while to wrap my head around what, exactly, the author is saying, but that challenge is usually a lot of fun!

I read because of reading the book and film Black Robe which sourced from reports Catholic priests sent to France to their sponsoring Bishops. Also learned how the King of France populated Canada with young women to be the breeding stock for the Canadian soldiers and settlers. Parkman tells a great bit of history of north America.

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