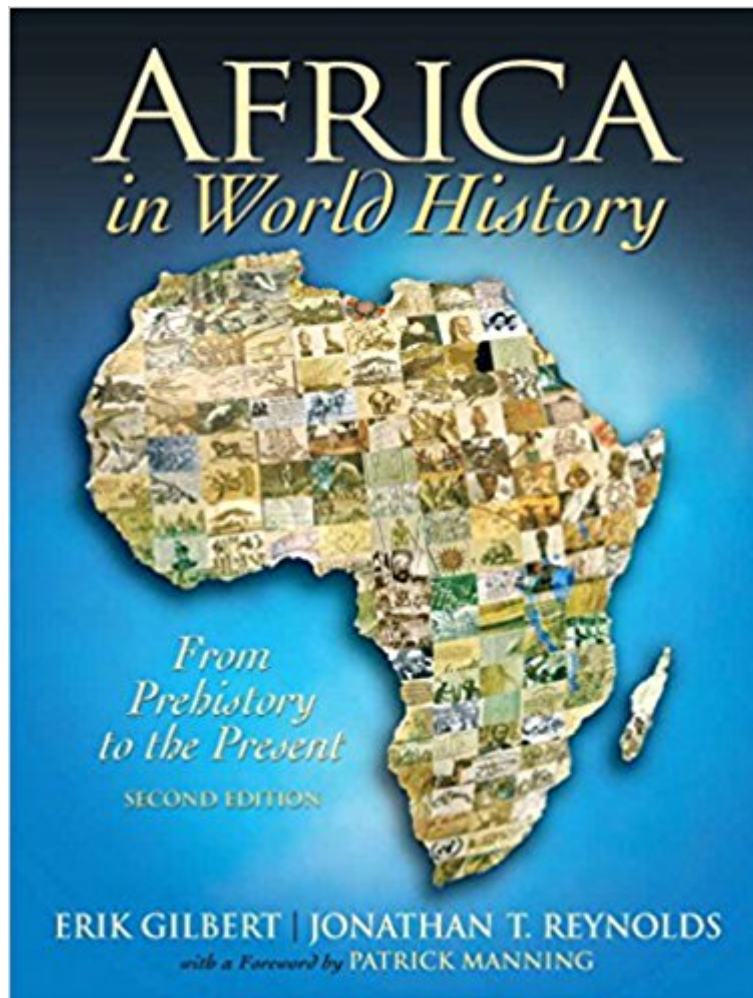


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I bought a whole heap of books for myself in preparation for teaching a unit on Africa. This was one of the three great finds. It is so well written that it's actually fun to read. I LOVE how the authors integrate where our information about the past in Africa comes from, and name controversies and debates within African Studies. They name the stereotypes about Africa and do a great job of clarifying and complicating them. I have learned so, so much from this book. I even used parts with my students. (The other great finds were Africa's Discovery of Europe for me and Through African Eyes for my students.)

This book was a masterpiece and a definite need to have in your African Studies Library. The author travels through exhaustive and thorough lengths to explain each chapter and subject matter, until the reader has no choice except to have a full grasp of the historical facts and data; political, economical and social environment and otherwise, taking place at each moment in space and time.

This work is a prestigious scholastic fountain of information which can be enjoyed by everyone from the African Studies student, journeyman and master teacher. The author does not hide or gloss over the facts, however is unbiased in his approach and perspective to enable the reader to obtain the vastness, but richness of the material. At the end of each chapter the author also provides a listing of additional materials and books for research in order to further ones knowledge base on the specific subject.

I found this to be a excellent introduction to African History. The authors present the complexity of African History very well and do so in a way that is respectful to Africans. I especially appreciated the attention to common mistakes about Africa.

It is nice in the sense that it gives introductory material to a person who doesn't know any african history. However it is written to the level of a freshman high school student (I bought this book for a junior college level class). This book does not give enough detail on some subjects and it gives too much detail on other subjects (such as the chapter on the development of African Languages). But it would be nice for any person to read if they want a basic introduction of African history and culture.

A required textbook for one of my college classes. This book is written really well, and I actually learned and retained the information. I think every student should have to read this textbook in order to have a better understanding of Africa's history. It was a very interesting and important book.

I began looking at the dramatic changes in Tanzania with several Middle School students when a parent suggested this book by Reynolds. It is certainly a good read. Our first exposure to the world's oldest political metaphor (body-state metaphor of Aesop's Fable BELLY and the MEMBERS) came through a friend in Cameroon, another influential ex-colony. The list goes on and it was hard for us to pick a favorite chapter. We will place this one next to our most popular non-textbook.

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