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Long May She Wave: A Graphic History Of The American Flag



Synopsis

From one of the world's leading graphic designers comes a stunning tribute to America's most enduring icon—the Stars and Stripes. The Revolutionary Congress resolved in 1777 that "the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white, that the Union be 13 white stars in a blue field representing a new constellation." Since that time, the American flag has been raised high in wartime triumph and peacetime celebration; burned in fervent protest; sewn lovingly onto quilts, caps, pillows, and bags; appropriated by the commercial sphere to sell goods as varied as cigars, and designer clothing, and rock-and-roll albums; and faithfully honored every 4th of July to celebrate America's independence. This collection of more than 3,000 Stars and Stripes artifacts ranges from Civil War-era banners and Native American braided moccasins to an early 20th-century "friendship" kimono and original flag art by several of the world's leading designers. In its deluxe format with over 500 illustrations, *LONG MAY SHE WAVE* gives wide berth to the flag in all its manifestations, and the result is a stunning visual history of America's most treasured symbol. Full-color throughout, with over 500 illustrations in a deluxe 11 x 14-inch volume—*LONG MAY SHE WAVE* is the perfect gift for folk-art appreciators, history buffs, and collectors. Features the 3,000-piece exhibit that was displayed at the American Institute of Graphic Arts and the San Jose Museum of Art in 2000. From toy soldiers to collectable spoons, cigar blankets to historic flags—the breadth of the collection is unrivaled. For a list of appearances by this author, check out our Calendar of Events.

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Customer Reviews

Over the last 224 years, the Stars and Stripes has been through endless permutations and representations. *Long May She Wave: A Graphic History of the American Flag* presents 500 color illustrations of Old Glory, depicted on pencils, fans, Christmas ornaments, penknives, compacts, belt buckles and in modern art. Kit Hinrichs's 3,000-piece flag collection, photographed here by Terry Heffernan, forms the basis of the book (written with Delphine Hirasuna) and includes Hinrichs's great-great-great-aunt's 1865 banner. The introduction by Museum of American Folk Art director Gerard Wertkin provides historical context (Why do flags adorn public schools? When did the practice of a stripe for each state become unwieldy?) for the mesmerizing graphics. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

The American Flag consists of color photographs of flags flying at various places in the United States. Although it is nice to peruse, the photographs are not documented in any way, and packaging a polyester 3' x 5' flag with the book adds to its gimmicky feel. *Long May She Wave* is recommended for public libraries and should appeal to flag enthusiasts, historians, and collectors. The American Flag Book and Gift Set is not recommended for library purchase. Jennifer Mayer, Univ. of Wyoming Libs., Laramie Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Very of the flag of the United States. Book arrived in condition as described since it was not a new book. Interesting history of the flag of the United States. Book was not new, but in condition described. Great pictorial history. Am sure it will be enjoyed and appreciated by extended family as well.

Gave as a gift for a friend who just became a US citizen. He loved the beautiful photographs and the unique perspective and designs.

This is a coffee table book, very oversized. I am very disappointed in this book. The pictures are great but few and no to little information is given on the pictures or the subject. The variety is small and the pictures take up whole pages and often two pages for one picture which is fine but not as interesting as you would expect. A better book is "The Stars and Stripes" by Boleslaw and Mastai as it is a larger collection and more varied.

A unique book. Shipped promptly. Thank-you. JWP

Great work, great US flag collection!

I liked it, but had to return it, as it had a partial page torn out.

Very pleased with book and service!

Great book on the history of the American Flag. Good book to thumb through.

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