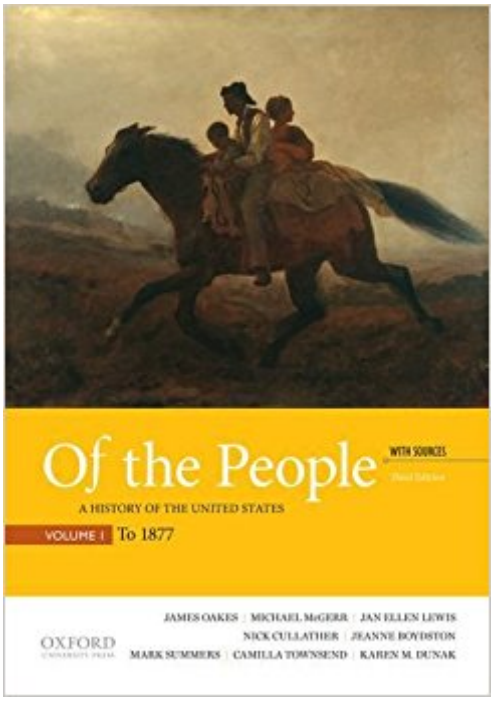
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I’m a doctoral student and TA for a history class using this. We all agree--including the instructor--that this is not very good. We hoped this would be better than some very good, though dated, alternatives like Liberty, Equality, and Power or Foner’s book, but we were a little surprised how dated this narrative could be at times. We also hoped the included sources would make things easier than posting sources on the web server, but the sources the authors picked were not the best or were truncated in all the wrong places. The narrative itself is decent if uneven--some parts are fresh, some parts are embarrassingly dated. Some key themes are insufficiently covered. Apparently, older editions of this book were better but the new revisions seem to be for the worse. The most glaringly odd new addition is the "Struggles for Democracy" blurbs it has going throughout, which really do disservice to the students by applying an odd narrative to certain events. The term seems to be liberally applied whenever any instance of negotiation or subaltern agency is detected (French traders and the Middle Ground, for example, is considered a "struggle for democracy"). It’s okay, but there are better textbooks out there.

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