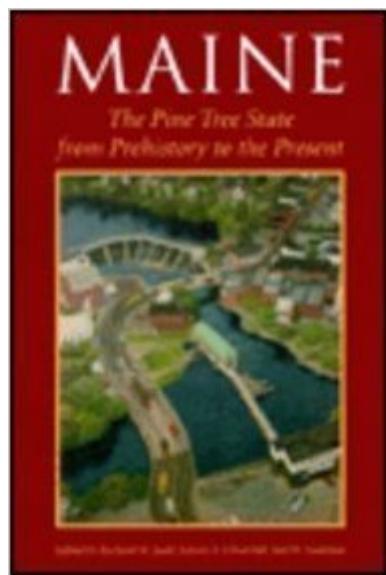


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"Maine: The Pine Tree State from Prehistory to the Present" is a scholarly compilation by the University of Maine, undertaken to provide what was in 1995 a modern history of the state. It is the product of many authors, some of who collaborated on specific chapters, and all of whom followed their particular academic specialty. The result is a generally very interesting portrait of Maine, from the arrival of the Paleo-Indians following the last Ice Age, up through the early 1990's. The colonial chapters and the first hundred years of statehood are covered in good detail by some fairly readable narratives. There is much here of interest: Maine's participation in the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and the Civil War; the cycles of its boom-and-bust resource-based economy; and its slow slide out of the mainstream of the country in the 20th Century. As the later chapters close on the present, they admittedly lose the advantage of historical perspective and are frankly not much better than stale news stories. Overall, however, this is a decent read. The 600 pages of text are supplemented by some nice maps but unfortunately few illustrations or photographs. Cautiously recommended to the reader with the time to invest in the topic and the book.

Densely written book. Fits in well with the course content, and my personal Maine book collection. The primitive history is slim but hey once you get to the 1600's the infinite internal and external

histories are deep. Chapters are written by different authors, and they sometime have a an overlapping continuity which helps to get the big picture that is Maine history.

This book arrived in good condition and in a very timely manner. It is exactly what I was looking for as a gift for a friend who has just purchased property and relocated to Maine. This will give her a lot of background on the area so that she can familiarize herself with the history, customs and food of this new area in which she has had no previous experience.

Very pleased I could find this book locally. Ollie is using it for a text book for their History of Maine class.

Some very interesting events in Maine's history are scattered through out this book. It is as another reviewer put it; a series of essays. The pictures tell a story of days gone by and help keep your interest. Maine is a beautiful state, full of small towns and friendly people.

Needed the book for my wife's college course. She got an "A", so 5 stars.

I recived this item very speedy. But the item was very bad condition. I don't have no claims, because it was very cheep. But I don't like this item.

This edited history of Maine is a true masterpiece that explores many facets of this history of the state. The examinations of the lives of Native-Americans, the Wabnaki and others, the role of the French in Acadia and other stories are brought to life here in a series of chronological essays, that are neither obscure nor inundated with academic jargon. The later essays examine the role of Maine in the abolition of slavery, the civil war and the economy. Others discuss Maine's freedom from Massachusetts and the settling of the countryside. Separate sections detailing 'further reading' are sometimes helpful, although sometimes they merely direct the reader to hard to find primary sources. The diversity of the essays and the thought that went into them is a joy. The inclusion of numerous maps is also very helpful. A very interesting book, designed initially as a reader or textbook, it is much more than that. It is a scholarly attempt to write the history of Maine and the use of essays in this case does not take away from the general subject. Seth J. Frantzman

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