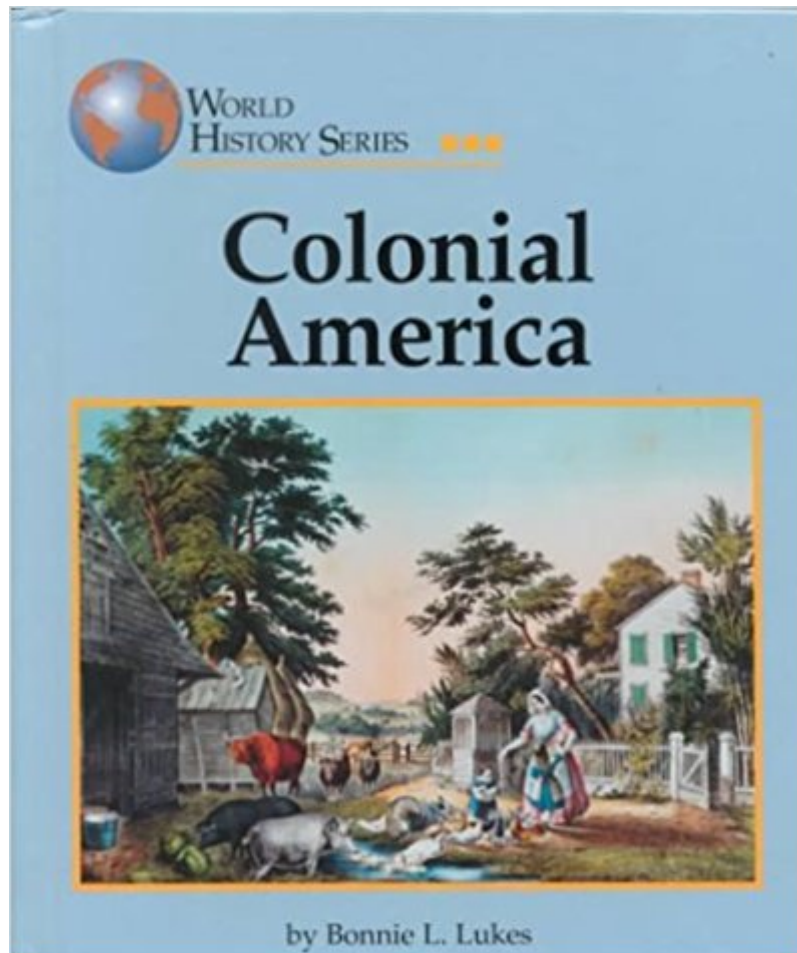




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immediacy and scholarly authenticity. This book includes reflections by Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Samuel Morison, the text of Chief Powhatan's Plea for Peace, and William Penn's letter to the Native Americans. The black-and-white illustrations are numerous and well chosen, and appended material includes a list of further reading and a bibliography. Connie Fletcher

I suppose this is an adequate treatment of the colonial period for its intended audience. It was hard for me to enjoy though because I found the author's blatantly pro-Indian bias to be very annoying and distracting. For example, she barely mentions the first killings of the Jamestown settlers by the Indians and does so in a very indirect fashion: "...despite some Native American hostilities, few of these first settlers were killed by Indians. The enemy was famine and sickness." However, when discussing attacks upon the Indians by the settlers, she goes all the way to the other end of the spectrum and borders on melodrama: "...they set out to make the 'bloodye infidelles' pay. They sent groups to destroy entire Indian villages and slaughter the inhabitants." Thanks, but I think I'll keep looking for a more objective treatment of the colonial period.

I rate this 3 stars because the book was very informational but it got really confusing at some parts in the middle of the book. I felt like it gave too much facts at a time. Overall, it was okay though.

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