

SIMPLE HISTORY SERIES: Set One: Hawaii, Congo, Crusades, Cold War, Christopher Columbus, Nez Perce Indians, and Spanish Civil War by JOHN GERLACH

These pamphlets present summaries of historical events that can be digested, understood, and contemplated over the period of a few hours. Unlike other historical accounts trying to prove a point or contextualize current events, this series attempts to recount historical events with as little bias as possible.

“Reads alternately like a textbook and a children’s illustrated history. Gerlach accomplishes this feat by widely varying the ratios of words to pictures. On some pages, a small rectangle of text acts as a caption for an accompanying illustration; elsewhere, words dominate an entire page. What’s consistent throughout is that the zine does not suppress the gory details of Columbus’ romps to the New World. For instance, illustrator Cindy Crabb’s depictions of stick-figure corpses being dumped overboard are somewhat wrenching: They’re the bodies of would-be slaves. Nevertheless, with its bibliography full of Howard Zinn and James W. Loewen, [this is] a digestible version of a narrative that is not as familiar as it should be.” —*Utne Reader*

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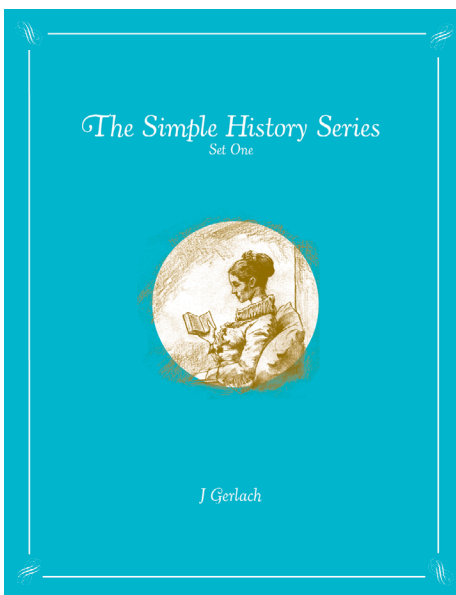
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Benefits

- 1: An objective and clear understanding of historical events.
- 2: Interesting storytelling that is free of judgment or bias.
- 3: Easily digestible parcels present a newfound excitement around historical events.

J Gerlach is a longtime independent researcher and zine writer from Minneapolis. His teaching interests and aspirations have been replaced by publishing researching and writing this series.

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