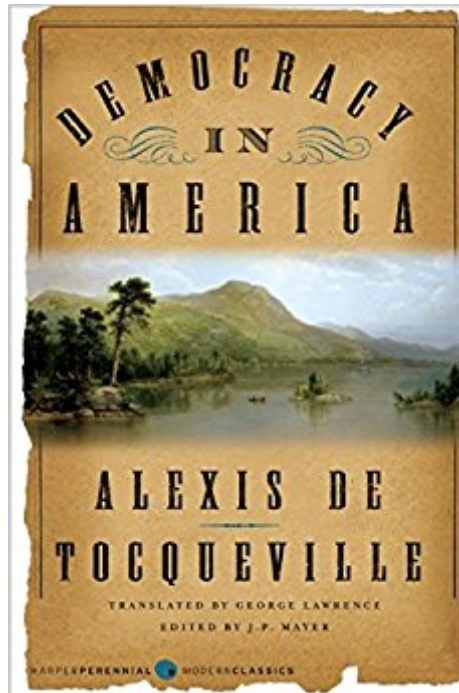




The book was found

Democracy In America (Harper Perennial Modern Classics)



Synopsis

The complete edition based on the revised and corrected text of the 1961 French editionOriginally penned in the mid-eighteenth century by Frenchman Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America* remains the most penetrating and astute picture of American life, politics, and morals ever written, as relevant today as when it first appeared in print nearly two hundred years ago. This edition, meticulously edited by the distinguished de Tocqueville scholar J. P. Mayer, is widely recognized as the preeminent translation.

Book Information

Series: Harper Perennial Modern Classics

Paperback: 800 pages

Publisher: Harper Perennial Modern Classics; Harper Perennial Modern Classics edition (August 29, 2006)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0061127922

ISBN-13: 978-0061127922

Product Dimensions: 5.3 x 1.3 x 8 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.4 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 stars 38 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #17,129 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #35 inÂ Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > Ideologies & Doctrines > Democracy #127 inÂ Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > Political Science > History & Theory #619 inÂ Books > History > Americas > United States

Customer Reviews

As Alexis de Tocqueville traveled through the young United States, he wrote in his introduction to the first volume of *Democracy in America*, "the more clearly I saw equality of conditions as the creative element from which each particular fact derived, and all my observations constantly returned to this nodal point." And there is an abundance of observations to be found here, with chapters that consider everything from "judicial power in the United States and its effect on political society" to "why the Americans erect some pretty monuments and others that are very grand." Why does Tocqueville remain one of the most insightful analysts of American society? Certainly there is the comprehensive nature of his project, but one must also take into account the brilliance of his prose, with just the right balance of elegance and clarity. *Democracy in America* is as accessible to

the modern reader as the work of any contemporary journalist, political scientist, or sociologist--and in many cases more so. It is an essential volume for anybody concerned with American history.

--This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"[George Lawrence's] wonderful style has given us a work that will be a standard for many years." --

--Library Journal --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is a classic. A timeless classic. A prophetic classic. This was written back in the day when it took greatness to get funded , and then your expedition and research took years, and great people allowed time to write well. And the educated folks wrote to distant posterity. And time went by and blew away the chaff. This is the surviving kernel of truth and honesty before the era of political correctness. I'm done with dated writings targeting best seller status in the facebook era."Everywhere I go I'm asked if the universities stifle writers. My opinion is that they don't stifle enough of them. There's many a best seller that could have been prevented by a good teacher." --
Flannery O'Connor

Alexis de Tocqueville sees America, her people and institutions, from a foreign perspective and draws numerous insights which are timeless. His ability to contrast early American culture with Europe and cultures of ages past shows the reader how and why things were different in America at the time of his visit. Each of the pieces fits together well, progressing along a line of growing appreciation from a man willing to see things as they are as opposed to one who simply wants to critique. Perhaps most compelling are the warnings de Tocqueville sets forth, many of which have not been heeded by America. These prescriptions for continued social harmony no doubt should be revisited and examined for their ability to bring about the best outcomes for all. In any case, de Tocqueville presents an excellent political primer for anyone interested in a deep understanding of social structure, it's causes, benefits, and hazards.

According to the professor who taught the course, this is the best translation. I certainly liked this copy better than my 30 year copy old tiny typeface. This edition was very readable, both in language and typeface.

Must read. Together with his history of the French Revolution, and Doyle's Oxford History, and Schama's Citizens, it is an education in civics.

I majored in Political Science in college. It seems like every course referenced this book, but none actually studied it. All the professors just want to sell the students their own commentary on the classics, I suppose. This book is centuries old, but remains an amazing resource for anyone wanting to understand the American republic. To me, that's remarkable.

Not an easy read... but worth every minute.

If one wants to exercise his or her brain, then this is the book for you. This book is an easy read with many eye opener looks at America back then through the eyes and mind of one who did not live here, but who saw and experienced a culture which was unlike any he had experienced before. Really excellent reading.

Every American should read this book- kind of amusing that a Frenchman would come to know us better than we know ourselves- and so early in our history too.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Democracy in America (Harper Perennial Modern Classics) Perennial Gardening: Easy To Follow Guide: Plant Once And Enjoy Your Plants, Flowers, Shrubbery and Vegetables Forever (Perennial Gardening Guide and Tips ... Herb and Shrubbery Perennial Plants Book 1) Perennial Gardening: Easy To Follow Guide: Plant Once And Enjoy Your Plants, Flowers, Shrubbery and Vegetables Forever (Perennial Gardening Guide and ... Herb and Shrubbery Perennial Plants) Profiles in Courage: Deluxe Modern Classic (Harper Perennial Modern Classics) Flow: The Psychology of Optimal Experience (Harper Perennial Modern Classics) The Glory of Their Times: The Story of the Early Days of Baseball Told by the Men Who Played It (Harper Perennial Modern Classics) Summer of '49 (Harper Perennial Modern Classics) Pilgrim at Tinker Creek (Harper Perennial Modern Classics) The Illustrated Man (Harper Perennial Modern Classics) One Hundred Years of Solitude (Harper Perennial Modern Classics) Perennial Classics: Planting & Growing Great Perennial Gardens (Easy-Growing Gardening Series Book 4) Being and Time (Harper Perennial Modern Thought) Live from Death Row Publisher: Harper Perennial Islam, Fundamentalism, and the Betrayal of Tradition, Revised and Expanded: Essays by Western Muslim Scholars (Library of Perennial Philosophy the Perennial Philosophy) Life on the Mississippi, (Harper's modern classics) Democracy in America and Two Essays on America (Penguin Classics) Democracy Denied: Identity, Civil Society and Illiberal Democracy in Hong Kong Democracy Ã¢â¬â The God That

Failed: The Economics and Politics of Monarchy, Democracy and Natural Order (Perspectives on Democratic Practice) Losing the News: The Future of the News that Feeds Democracy (Institutions of American Democracy) Democracy Incorporated: Managed Democracy and the Specter of Inverted Totalitarianism

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)