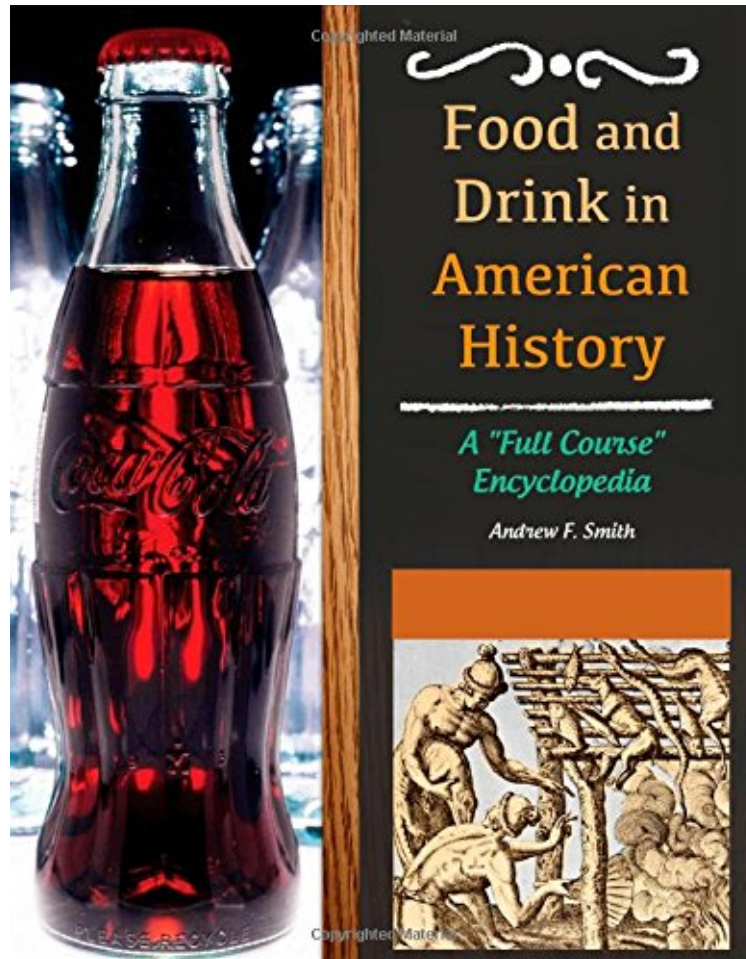


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businesses, historical periods, and food or drink items, the author's aim of providing an alternative look at American History has been met. An introductory discussion of food is subdivided by historical eras; following that is the main body of entries, which range from a third of a page to longer than six pages in length each and have black-and-white illustrations and historical recipes sprinkled throughout. Entries close with cross references and further reading lists featuring predominantly print material. Helpfully for collections supporting Common Core requirements, the last volume has primary documents that date from 1539 to 2012 and include letters, newspaper articles, book excerpts, and lawseven menus from the Titanic are listed. The somewhat similar Oxford Encyclopedia of Food and Drink in America (2012) is more scholarly, but lacks recipes. Teachers and libraries that support general history enthusiasts will find a lot of use for this work. Ann West LaPrise, Huron School District, New Boston, MI From Booklist The first two volumes of this encyclopedia contain more than 600 alphabetical entries, from the grocery chain AP to the Zagat restaurant survey. Many of the articles stress the historical aspects of the food (e.g., apples, corn, milk, and tuna). For example, the entry Apple mentions that in colonial times the use of the fruit was primarily to make hard cider. Entries on food companies trace their history with acquisitions, mergers, and spin-offs. There are also descriptions of foods in different eras and regions of the country and the food of immigrants. Interspersed between the articles are 285 recipes from old cookbooks and other historical sources that illustrate the difficulty of cooking before modern conveniences. The third volume has 129 primary sources listed chronologically from 1539 to 2010, including History of Beer, published in United States Magazine in 1854, and How to Measure, from Fannie Farmers The Boston Cooking-School Cookbook, of 1896. Smith is a prolific author on food and drink in the U.S., including editing the second edition of The Oxford Encyclopedia of Food and Drink in America (2013). When a reviewer sees a new source with the same author-editor and a similar title, entries, bibliographies, and appendixes, a red flag appears. There is no question that these titles are similar. However, the historical recipes and primary sources of the ABC-CLIO title are unique and useful for research projects. Libraries that own the Oxford encyclopedia will need to decide if both sources are necessary and affordable. Food and Drink in American History is recommended for culinary, sociology, U.S. history, and nutrition collections. --Christine Bulson "Teachers and libraries that support general history enthusiasts will find a lot of use for this work." - School Library Journal "[T]he historical recipes and primary sources . . . are unique and useful for research projects. . . . Food and Drink in American History is recommended for culinary, sociology, U.S. history, and nutrition collections." - Booklist "These articles are readable and compact yet full of information. . . . A useful set for libraries supporting those involved or interested in food studies, U.S. history, cooking, nutrition, and sociology." - Library Journal "This is an entertaining and useful resource for school, public, and academic libraries." - ARBA "Not only is Food and Drink in America: A Full Course Encyclopedia of interest to those studying American history and aspects of food, diet and food technology . . . it is ideal for usage in a library, particularly of a college dealing with catering, food technology or history." - Reference s