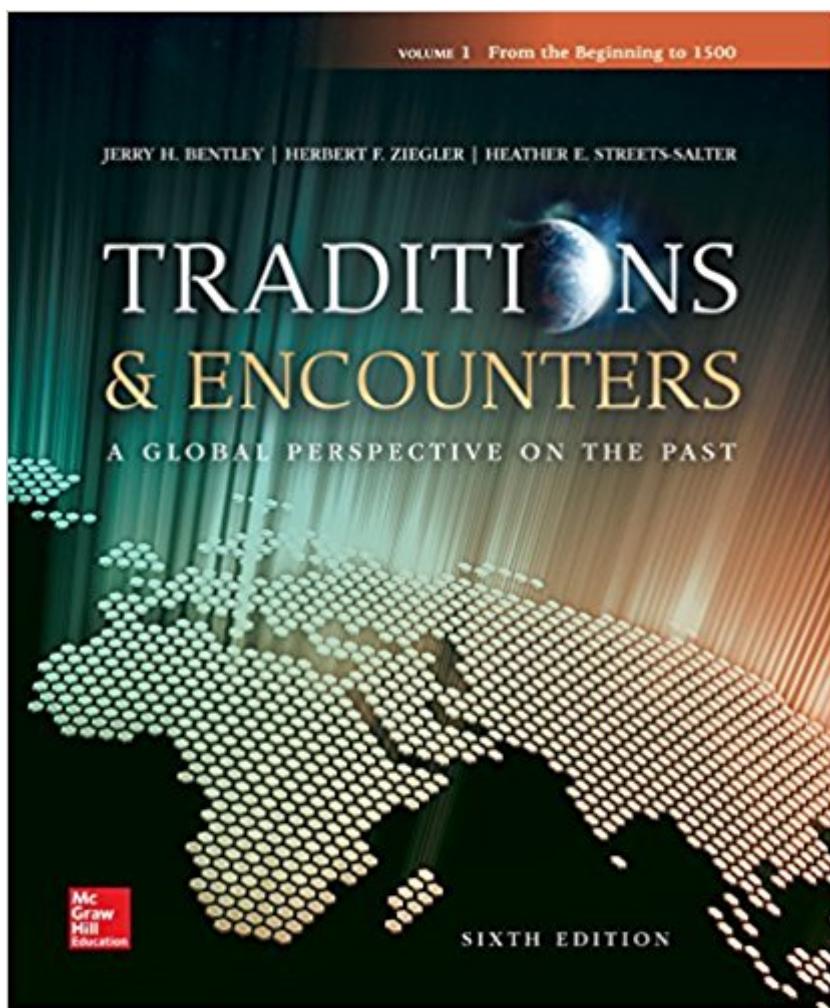


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# Traditions & Encounters Volume 1 From The Beginning To 1500 (History)



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Let's simplify this into a pro/con format

**Pros:**-Well assembled, full paged material with insightful photographs-Matte texture to minimize light reflection-Lay-flat design-Decently priced and available for rent

**Cons:**-The writing is absolutely bland and vanilla. Sure, we know that we all emigrated from the mid-eastern region over the course of 60k years. This book does nothing different to illustrate this point nor to provide any meaning to it. The maps are the same maps I've seen in my other classes and even resembles of some material found in high-school texts.-This book needs footnotes for the amount of claims it makes. 'The people of Australia used a rudimentary canoe system to navigate from what is now Guinea to the main continent'-The authors found it appropriate to provide shifty arguments as to why religion isn't valid. Sure, that's your viewpoint, but nowhere else in the text is this kind of counterpoint style exerted.

I never did get used to the way this book was put together. It seemed rather Hodge podge. It wasn't in chronological order of the years, I would think that I was understanding a subject and then I

realized I had been moved into a different century. It was frustrating.

I do not believe the narrative is very interesting even for history majors. The authors seem to go over board in maintaining their theme of encounters between civilizations. I used this text because it was an emergency situation where I did not have time to review more than one alternative in filling in for a colleague.

Arrived in poor condition.

I just wanted to get the required textbook for my kid in a hurry. It came in a hurry, alright - practically the next day - so I was very happy about that. I love that the seller was very honest about the kind of condition it was in. My kid is going to be hard on it (throws it in a backpack and it gets banged around), so I didn't care about imperfections. Good value.

Had some writing in it. All in all, solid.

I'm sure the book is fine but it came in extremely poor condition so I hope I am not charged for this upon returning it.

The Kindle formatting of the book is absolutely terrible. On paper, there are 2 volumes of the book, but on Kindle format there are 3. Now, I'm stuck renting volume B for the 2 weeks left in the semester, but they don't allow rentals for fewer than 60 days. This is crap.

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