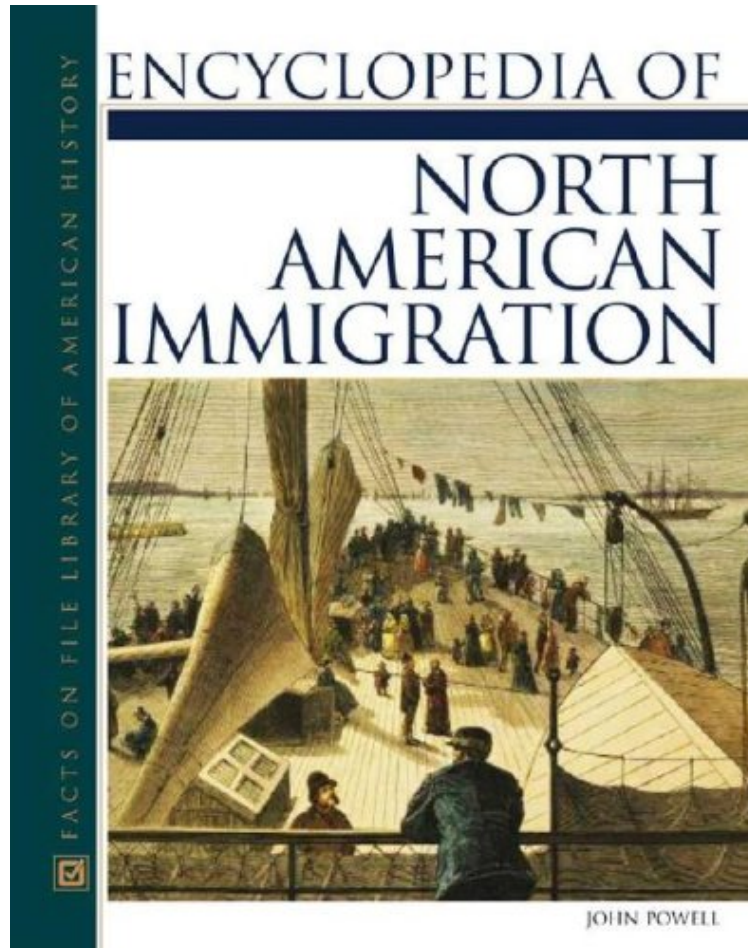


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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Encyclopedia of North American Immigration (Facts on File Library of American History):

Examining the transformation of the culture of the North American continent since the 15th century The Encyclopedia of North American Immigration is a comprehensive one-volume encyclopedia consisting of more than 300 A-to-Z entries on events, themes, people, places, and legislation related to immigration.

From School Library Journal Grade 9 Up This alphabetically arranged resource covers a multitude of topics related to

immigration to the U.S. and Canada. The volume begins with a list of the entries, followed by a substantial preface clearly articulating the author's goals and the scope of the volume. The typical entry is approximately one half of a page, although some are considerably longer. The clearly written articles provide brief explanations and/or context for the topics. Every effort has been made to discuss each subject as it relates to both the U.S. and Canada. Cross-references are frequent. Each entry is followed by a list of further reading, primarily aimed at an adult audience; few of these resources will be found in school libraries. While there aren't many illustrations in this volume, they generally support or expand on the content, some with extensive captions. It's not often that a single picture sinks a book. However, the article Hispanic and related terms contains a questionable photograph. Although the text explains that the word Chicano was widely embraced as a mark of pride in one's native Mexican or mestizo roots, the picture of a Chicano teenager slouched against a wall in a dark alley presents a negative image. Appendixes include 27 key immigration documents, maps, graphs, and tables, with sources clearly noted. Unfortunately, there are occasional typographical errors. The author describes the bibliography as meant to cover broad themes and topics not covered in the A-to-Z entries, and, with a series of subheadings, it does exactly that. Wait for the revised edition.

Linda Greengrass, Bank Street College Library, New York City Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist *Starred * Powell, a history professor, presents an introduction to immigration to English- and French-speaking regions over the past 500 years. As stated in the preface, his intent is to offer "a convenient one-volume reference full of straightforward and concise information on people, groups, policies, and events that defined the world's greatest migration of peoples to a continent and shaped their reception in North America." The preface also addresses the difficulty of collecting accurate immigration statistics. More than 300 A-Z entries cover a wide range of topics, among them Department of Homeland Security, Korean immigration, Pennsylvania colony, Picture bride, Slavery, Statue of Liberty, and Winthrop, John. Some of the entries--Acadia, Department of Manpower and Immigration, Empire Settlement Act, Home children, and Toronto, Ontario, to name just a few--deal specifically with Canada. Other entries, such as those on particular groups (for example, Pakistani immigration), discuss immigration to Canada as well as the U.S. Entries generally range in length from just under one-half to more than three pages, and each has a further reading list with at least three and often many more titles. These lists include both American and Canadian publications, as appropriate. Following the entries are features that complement and enhance the encyclopedia content. Separate glossaries define American (alien registration receipt card, preference system) and Canadian (provincial nominee, removal order) terms. Appendixes contain 27 primary documents and an extensive collection of maps, graphs, and tables. A bibliography organized by region of the world as well as by topic is followed by a topical list of entries and an index. Five hundred years of immigration history is a big subject to cover in one volume, made even bigger here by the inclusion of Canada, so the encyclopedia is necessarily introductory. But the Canada-related content really adds value, supporting a more global perspective and making the volume equally useful in high-school, public, and academic libraries in Canada and the U.S.--a statement that can be made about few reference books. Mary Ellen Quinn Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved.

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