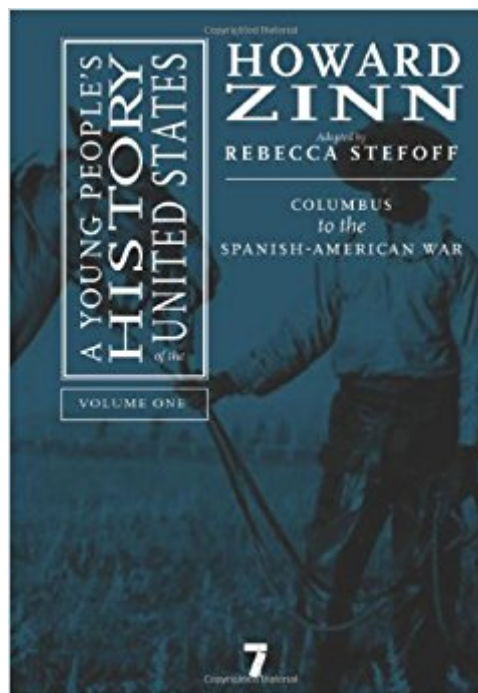




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Insightful

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I chose this book for my grandchildren because it is more realistic than the history they teach in public schools.

Using for homeschool US history curriculum for my seven year old.

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