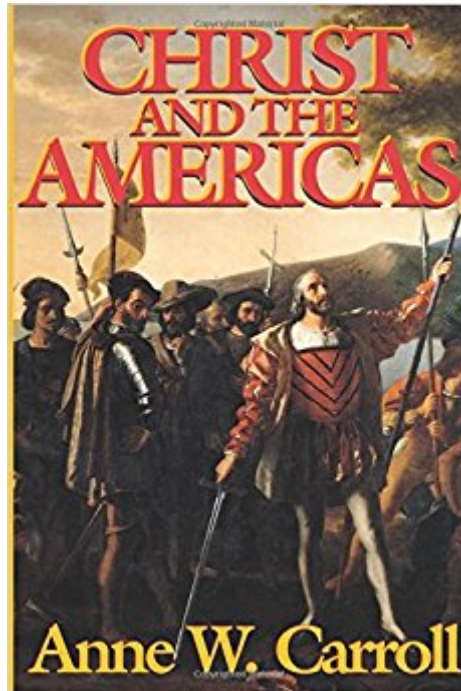




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# Christ And The Americas



## Synopsis

Christ and the Americas is a popular and much-loved high school American history text, written by best-selling author and history teacher Dr. Anne Carroll. It fills a great void because it gives proper attention to and appreciation for the role of the Catholic Church in American history. Beginning in pre-Columbus America and concluding in the 1990's, this book covers the vast panoply of American history in a fast-paced yet thorough manner. Its scores of amazing insights and penetrating analysis render history understandable and make the past come alive. With study questions at the end of each chapter, this book can be used as a traditional textbook or as an informal read for enjoyment and enlightenment. Students will come away from this book with a proper sense of who we are as Catholic Americans and of what America's debt to the Catholic Church. (455 pgs., PB.)

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## Customer Reviews

Belinda T. Mooney is a homeschooling mother of six and author. She is also an experienced college instructor, holding an M.S.W. in social work from Louisiana State University. Mrs. Mooney put aside her career, however, to devote her time to homeschooling and homemaking. In her own words, "Without a doubt, it's the best decision I ever made in my life." She wrote the Christ and the Americas Workbook as a longtime fan of TAN to help students appreciate our fine Catholic heritage.

She currently resides in Greenville, South Carolina with her husband and six children. Anne W. Carroll founded and currently directs Seton School in Manassas, Virginia. Since 1975, she has worked on developing and teaching an authentic Catholic curriculum for high school juniors and seniors. She holds an M.A. in English and also possesses a fondness for history. Mrs. Carroll is the author of *Christ the King Lord of History* and *Christ and the Americas*. She currently resides in Virginia with Dr. Warren H. Carroll, founder of Christendom College and noteworthy historian.

I like this book on so many levels. First, it lets you know from the very beginning that this text is written through a Catholic lens. You know what the bias is, unlike so many commonly used textbooks that have a bias (usually secular humanism), but never state the fact. Second, familiar accounts take on a new light when you look at them in regards to how well the historical figure lived out his/her calling to be holy. I find the book recounts history in a way that inspires me to be a more godly individual. Third, because the text refers to primary sources frequently and mentions the affects of poorly written histories, I am encouraged to go back to the source material and better understand how history can be distorted. Rarely has a textbook had such a profound impact on my interest to delve seriously into history.

Anne Carroll and her husband are top notch historical writers. Love this book. Could be used for homeschooling or as a reference.

Finally, a history book written so well to the truth that top Catholic schools, including Mother of Divine Grace and Seton etc have used it for years. For a solid Catholic education, use this book for history.

very good. lots to learn

Finally, a history book written from a Catholic perspective. Mrs Carroll's books are interesting, informative and give the reader a view of history they will not find in most history books. I enjoyed this book very much.

its fine and the workbook is ok I didn't hate it as the stars indicated just needed the answer keys!!

Anne W. Carroll was married to Warren H. Carroll (1932-2011), who wrote a 6-volume history of the

Catholic Church (e.g., *The Founding of Christendom: A History of Christendom* (vol. 1); she in fact finished the 5th and 6th volumes after her husband's death). She is also the founder of Seton Junior & Senior High School and Seton Home Study School, and the author of *Christ the King: Lord of History*. She wrote in the Foreword to this 1997 book, "This history book is written in the light of Catholic truth. The Catholic knows that the most important event in history was the Incarnation/Redemption/Resurrection and the most important Person in history was Jesus Christ. History is moving in a straight line from the Creation to the Last Judgment... In this book, you will learn the Catholic roots of our country." About the conquest of Cortes, she observes, "The devil gods had been dethroned, and in the sign of the Cross, the Spaniards had conquered." (Pg. 27) About Charles Carroll ("the only Catholic signer" of the Declaration of Independence), she records that he said, "There go a few millions (meaning that Carroll was putting his considerable fortune on the line for the sake of independence)." (Pg. 106) She suggests that "the reason the Constitutional system could be perverted ... is that the Constitution allows matters of truth and morality to become open questions, not anchored to Divine law." (Pg. 129) She wrote about John Carroll ("the initial builder of the Catholic Church in the United States"), "(his) views on separation of Church and State are controversial... he always supported that practice in this country. Does that mean he was a Liberal? He was not a Liberal in his views on papal supremacy and papal authority." (Pg. 138) She later laments, "(some) convinced themselves that America really was morally better than any other nation, that Catholic Europe was corrupt, that America was the City on a Hill, that the Catholic Church in America should be allowed to go its own way without undue influence from the Vatican. These beliefs eventually led to the 'Americanist Heresy,' condemned by Pope Leo XIII..." (Pg. 193) For readers wanting a general, very traditional, strongly pro-Catholic history of the Catholic Church in America, written for this age level, this will be a very satisfying book.

As far as textbooks go this is a good one for my 9th grade students. The companion workbook is also very helpful. Obviously, this is history from a Christian perspective, but it may not be obvious at first glance that it is also Catholic. It is I was looking for, but I even as a practicing Catholic, I do find the lessons to be a bit narrow minded at times.

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