

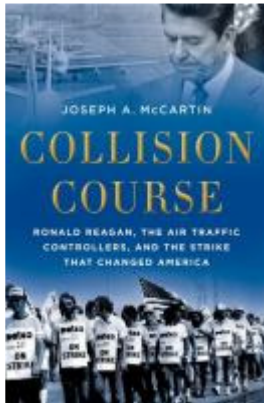
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Ronald Reagan, the Air
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McCartin

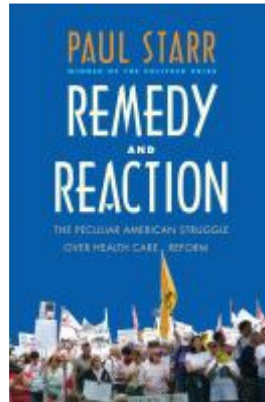


"Although his union sympathies are clear, McCartin, for the most part, plays it straight, relying on extensive interviews with government and union officials, rank-and-file members, pilots, airline executives and politicians to get the full story behind this dramatic confrontation. Breaking the strike proved more expensive to the federal government than meeting the controllers' demands. But the chilling effect of Reagan's swift dismissal of seemingly indispensable workers has proven more costly to organized labor. With the collective-bargaining power of public employees under fierce assault, McCartin's story couldn't be timelier or more important." Kirkus Reviews (09/15/2011)

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by Richard Grant

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Struggle Over Health
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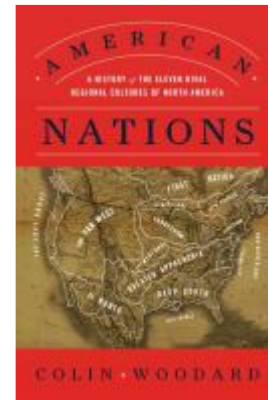


"In this remarkable history, Yale sociologist and Pulitzer Prizewinner Starr says that America's contradictions (the opposing values of egalitarianism and self-reliance) are nowhere more evident than in the rancorous history of health care reform. Unlike citizens in other rich capitalist countries, Americans equate public responsibility for health care with a loss of freedom, while health care reformers and critics alike play on our distrust of Big Insurance and Big Government." Publishers Weekly (08/01/2011)

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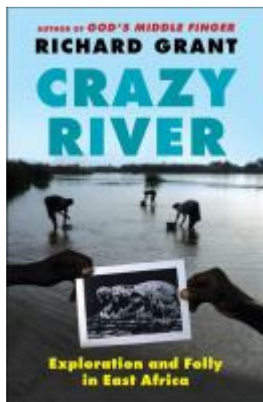
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History of the Eleven
Rival Regional Cultures
of North America** by
Colin Woodard



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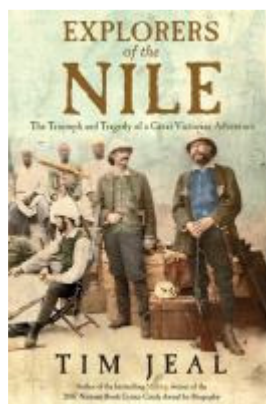
**Kearny's March: The
Epic Creation of the
American West, 1846-
1847** by Winston Groom



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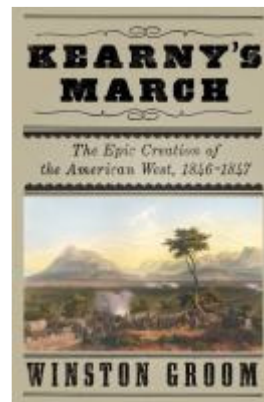
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