

Read The Untold History of the United States Online eBook

Book details:

Author: *Oliver Stone*

Format: 784 pages

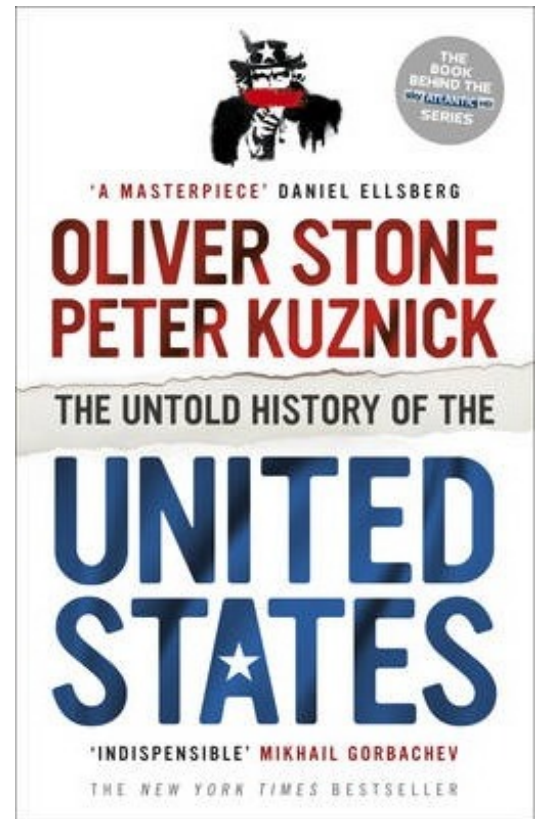
Dimensions: 126 x 198mm

Publication date: 04 Jun 2013

Publisher: *Ebury Publishing*

Imprint: *Ebury Press*

Release location: *London, United Kingdom*



Book Synopsis:

'This is not history for history's sake, however - this is the history of our present and future, long beyond cold war, into war on terror, war on drugs' Ed Vulliamy, Guardian

The Untold History of the United States is filmmaker Oliver Stone and historian Peter Kuznick's riveting landmark account of the rise and decline of the American empire - the most powerful and dominant nation the world has ever seen. Probing the dark corners of the administrations of 17 presidents, from Woodrow Wilson to Barack Obama, they dare to ask just how far the US has drifted from its founding democratic ideals.

Beginning with the bloody suppression of the Filipino struggle for independence and spanning the two World Wars, it documents how US administrations have repeatedly intervened in conflicts on foreign soil, taking part in covert operations and wars in Latin American, Asia and the Middle East. At various times it has overthrown elected leaders in favour of right-wing dictators, for both economic and political gain.

Examining America's atomic history, Stone and Kuznick argue that the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were militarily unnecessary and morally indefensible. They show how the United States has repeatedly brandished nuclear threats and come terrifyingly close to war. They expose how US presidents have trampled on the US constitution and international law and lay bare the recent transformation of the United States into a national security state.

Using the latest research and recently declassified records, *The Untold History* builds a meticulously documented and shocking picture of the American empire, showing how it has determined the course of world events for the interests of the few across the twentieth century and beyond.

See also:

About Oliver Stone

Oliver Stone has won numerous Academy Awards for his work on such iconic films as *Platoon*, *Wall Street*, *JFK*, *Born on the Fourth of July*, *Natural Born Killers*, *Salavador* and *W*.

Peter Kuznick is a Professor of History and the director of the award-winning Nuclear Studies Institute at American University and is currently serving his third term as distinguished lecturer with the Organisation of American Historians. He has written extensively about science and politics, nuclear history and Cold War culture.

Review quote

"Kuznick and Stone's *Untold History* is the most important historical narrative of this century" -- Martin J. Sherwin, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *American Prometheus* * "It's compulsive reading: brilliant, a masterpiece" -- Daniel Ellsberg, author of *Secrets: A Memoir of Vietnam and the Pentagon Papers* * "Finally, a book with the guts to challenge the accepted narrative of

recent American history" -- Bill Maher "There is much here to reflect upon... indispensable" -- Mikhail Gorbachev "It's compulsive reading: brilliant, a masterpiece" -- Daniel Ellsberg, author of * Secrets: A Memoir of Vietnam and the Pentagon Papers *

Review Text

"It's compulsive reading: brilliant, a masterpiece"