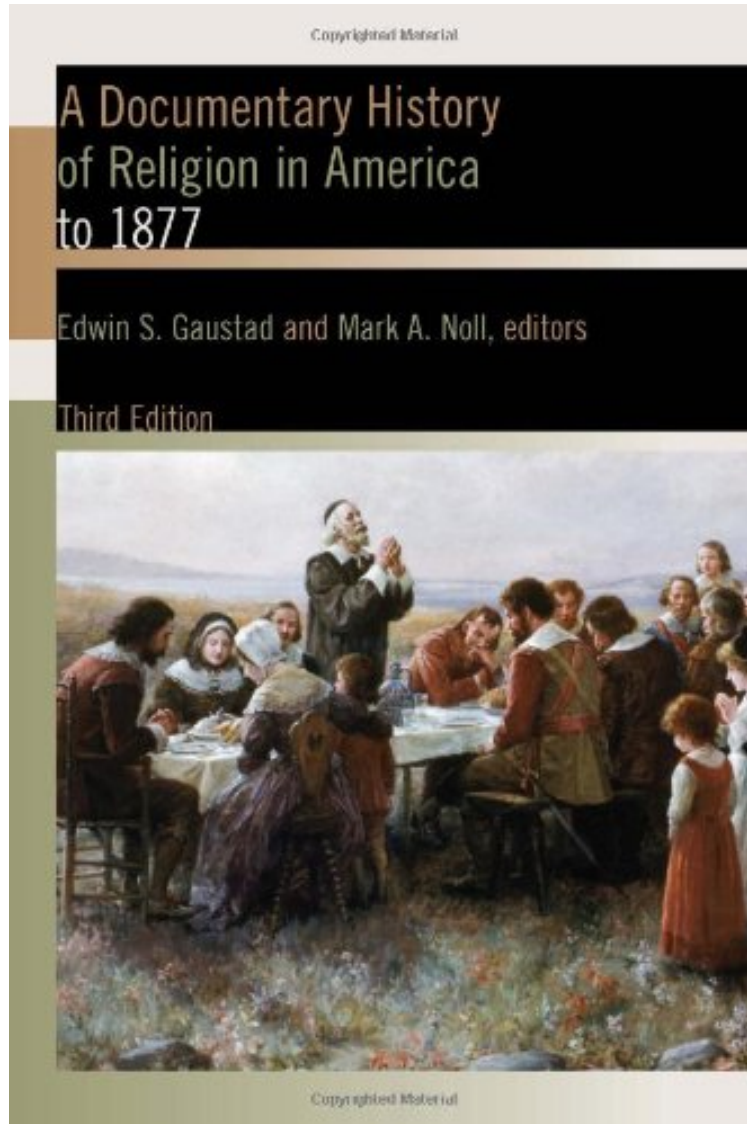


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on Mormonism (not sure I remember reading any at all about it - though I could be wrong), though there are some other new religious movements in here. Anyway, that's basically it. Each chapter is divided up into time periods or by specific events (Civil War, Revolutionary War, etc.). Within that, the editors include a wide range of voices with a brief introduction upon each new author or piece. At the end of each chapter the editors include a lengthy list of additional reading material should it greatly interest you. 3 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Primary source selections from the religions in and of America By Rodney Wilson A balanced selection of the diversity of religious expression found in America, from Native spirituality, to colonization, Colonial Days, Revolution, Great Awakening and Civil War. This book is a treasure of primary documentation of the great American (religious) experiment. 0 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Not what I expected By Doug I began researching my family tree a few years ago and discovered that my ancestors began to arrive nearly 400 years ago. In at least one case junior was thrown out of his father's house for developing radical religious views; he was a Puritan. I was curious to know why. The pastor at our church recommended this book. For my purposes, I have been disappointed. The book does gather together and quote many interesting primary sources but I was looking for a more detailed summary of what the colonists believed, and why their father's disowned them for believing it. Letters written between two Congregationalist ministers isn't what I had in mind.

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