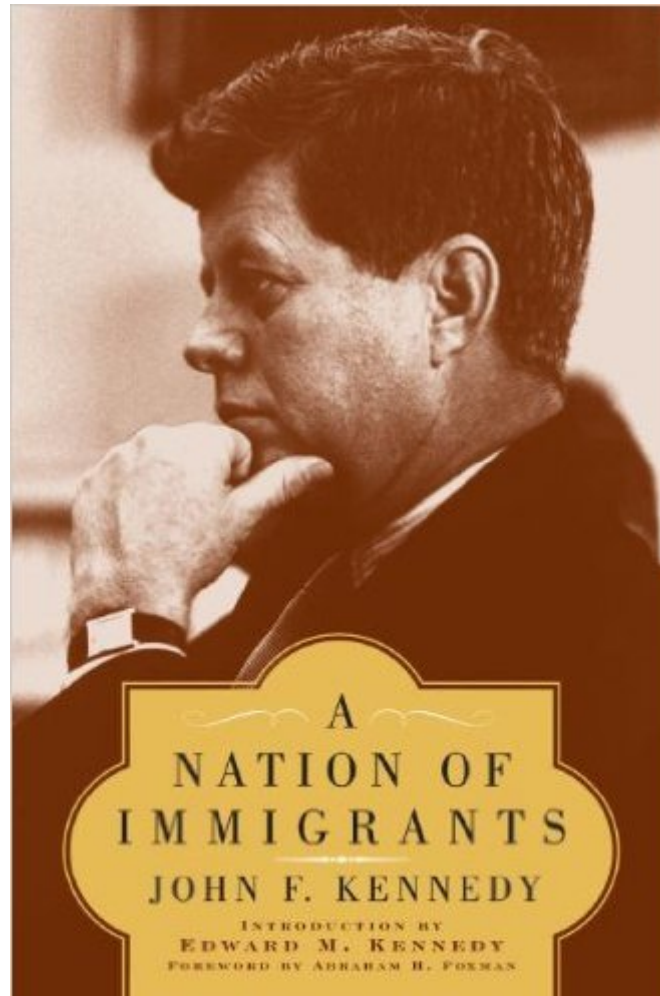


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# A Nation Of Immigrants



## Synopsis

Throughout his presidency, John F. Kennedy was passionate about the issue of immigration reform. He believed that America is a nation of people who value both tradition and the exploration of new frontiers, people who deserve the freedom to build better lives for themselves in their adopted homeland. This modern edition of his posthumously published, timeless workâ with a new introduction by Senator Edward M. Kennedy and a foreword by Abraham H. Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation Leagueâ offers the late president's inspiring suggestions for immigration policy and presents a chronology of the main events in the history of immigration in America. As continued debates on immigration engulf the nation, this paean to the importance of immigrants to our nation's prominence and success is as timely as ever.

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## Customer Reviews

Wow. Wow. WOW. This book. I bought this book because I've always been fairly interested in the topic of immigration, and finding myself with not that much to do on this last fourth of July, I decided to sit down and finally give the book a look. I read it cover-to-cover in 2 hours. I was blown away. I wanted to cry and scream. Forget ideologies and politics, looking at history alone, JFK outlines how clumsily, hypocritically and outright poorly, we, as a nation, have dealt with immigration. I'm not a political person & I earnestly try to avoid politics, but the contents of this book are so compelling, I honestly think it is one of the most important books that every American needs to read.

The book goes through a history of US immigration and shows how truly we are a nation of

immigrants. It is a short book but very detailed, giving the numbers of millions of Irish, Italians, and others who made America what it is, including the immigration patterns of "the Founding Fathers." None, except the slaves, came with any documentation--and of course that was forced migration and human trafficking. The book makes the indisputable point is that our nation is from people mostly from other places and that immigration policy has only been restrictive in a discriminatory manner. President Kennedy also writes eloquently about the very American principles of equal opportunity that our country was founded upon (despite having mistakenly departed from those principles and needing to expand the franchise). This book is a great read and clearly demonstrates that if we are to be true to our values, there is no reason to discriminate against current immigrants.

A very well written, concise history of immigration to the United States. This book should be on everybody's must read list. Readers will gain an understanding not only of the history of immigration but the challenges that immigrants faced once arriving at their new home.

From the back cover:"John F. Kennedy's classic essay on the immigrant experience in America -- reissued to coincide with the reopening of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island."A lifelong concern of President Kennedy's was immigration reform....This landmark essay, written while he was President, discusses the ideas ultimately put into practice with the Immigration Bill of 1965, for which President Johnson gave him full credit.In his new preface, John P. Roche, Kennedy's colleague and longtime friend, gives a charming and clear-eyed picture of the man and his career. And he puts A Nation of Immigrants into perspective with a look at the current state of immigration laws...."

This is another required reading for me to complete my graduate degree in organizational leadership. It was extremely thought provoking and insightful. President Kennedy wrote in a captivating style and maintained your interest. I high recommend it for understanding cultural diversity in the workplace.

Given the current national debate over immigration the perspective of one of our most respected presidents is invaluable. His compassionate approach at a time when the threat of infiltration by communist spies was very real, is still needed as we face a similar threat from international terrorists. While the threat is real, the opportunity cost of closing our borders is, in my opinion, far greater than the cost of terrorism in lives and treasure. His insight should inform the current debate.

A history of the US Immigration laws and a proposal for how to improve them, as told by John F. Kennedy just before his Presidency. Gives good insight into the problem and suggestions on how to fix it.

A Nation of Immigrants is a classic by Kennedy. It outlines how our country was built by various ethnic immigrant groups. The book should be a must read for our Congressional leaders who are considering immigration reform. They could learn a great deal from this modern day classic.

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