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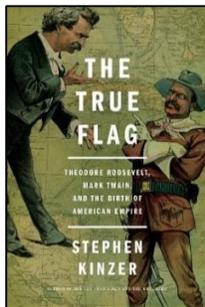
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Bestselling author Stephen Kinzer brings to life the forgotten political debate that set America's interventionist course in the world for the twentieth century and beyond

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Stephen Kinzer, the award-winning former *New York Times* foreign correspondent and author who has been hailed by *The Washington Post* as “among the best in popular foreign policy storytelling,” is best known for uncovering historical events that are largely forgotten but have had a lasting impact on our country.

In *The True Flag: Theodore Roosevelt, Mark Twain, and the Birth of American Empire* (Henry Holt; on sale January 24, 2017), Kinzer turns his attention to the formative events of American imperialism, which sheds new light on understanding the way the United States acts in the world today.

Today's debate over intervention – in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, or the next major conflict – is only the latest episode in a debate that has divided the American soul for more than a century. But every argument about whether or not the US should intervene in other countries, or allow them to shape their own futures, is a pale shadow of the first and greatest debate at the turn of the twentieth century.

In 1898, following its victory in the Spanish-American War, the United States found itself able to seize Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines, facing the prospect of dominating faraway lands for the first time. The country's best-known political and intellectual leaders took sides in this profound but simple debate: Theodore Roosevelt, Henry Cabot Lodge, and William Randolph Hearst pushed for imperial expansion; Mark Twain, Booker T. Washington, and Andrew Carnegie preached restraint.

This debate has shaped the world and the way we act in it, but it has faded from memory. In uncovering the fierce arguments from the turn of the century, Kinzer gets to the root of the perennial questions: Why has the United States intervened so often in foreign lands? How did we reach this point? What drove us to it? How should we act today and in the future?

This great argument will certainly erupt again when our new president takes office and faces decisions about intervening in Syria, Ukraine, and elsewhere. *The True Flag* uncovers a rich and largely unknown history to illuminate today's most urgent foreign policy debates.

Stephen Kinzer is the author of *The Brothers*, *Reset*, *Overthrow*, *All the Shah's Men*, and other books. An award-winning foreign correspondent, he served as the *New York Times*'s bureau chief in Turkey, Germany, and Nicaragua and as the *Boston Globe*'s Latin America correspondent. He is a senior fellow at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown University and writes a column on world affairs for *The Boston Globe*.

Advance Praise for *The True Flag*

“Gripping narrative...Kinzer ably conveys the passion and ferment of this brief period, situating this grand debate in the context of U.S. foreign policy history and convincingly arguing that the imperial/anti-imperial dichotomy remains a dominant feature of the American psyche.

—***Publisher’s Weekly* starred review**

“A timely work...Engaging, well-focused history...Kinzer astutely brings the debate from the turn of the century to the present. A tremendously elucidating book.”

—***Kirkus Reviews* starred review**

“Essential for readers at all levels” —***Library Journal* starred review**

“History at its best...Readable, entertaining, and informative.” —***Foreign Policy Journal***

“At a moment when Americans are hotly debating their country’s role in the world, Stephen Kinzer takes us back to the origins of the modern debate. His account of the battle between imperialists and anti-imperialists at the end of the nineteenth century is riveting, uplifting, dismaying—and as timely as can be.” —**H. W. Brands**, professor of history at the University of Texas at Austin and author of *The General vs. the President: MacArthur and Truman at the Brink of Nuclear War*

“Even in the pages of a novel, it would be impossible to find more extraordinary characters than Theodore Roosevelt and Mark Twain. That these two men locked horns over one of the most fundamental issues facing a young nation is a stunning turn of events, one that Stephen Kinzer, through meticulous research and masterful writing, has turned into a fascinating, fast-paced narrative.” —**Candice Millard**, author of *The River of Doubt*, *Destiny of the Republic*, and *Hero of the Empire*

“In *The True Flag*, Stephen Kinzer gives us much more than the story of the birth of American dominion. He shows why we Americans were attracted to empire, how we have nurtured it to maturity, and what our choices are now. I thank him for helping me better understand how America acts in the world today.” —**James Bradley**, author of *Flags of Our Fathers*, *The Imperial Cruise*, and *The China Mirage*

“Stephen Kinzer’s *The True Flag* is a marvelous and timely look at the rise of American imperialism at the turn of the twentieth century. All the big power players of the era – Theodore Roosevelt and Mark Twain among them – are analyzed cogently as intellectuals of great merit. An outstanding book!” —**Douglas Brinkley**, author of *Rightful Heritage: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Land of America* and professor of history at Rice University

“Stephen Kinzer’s lively and incisive history takes us back more than a century to a fateful turning point: the moment when the United States first assumed the right to overthrow or build up regimes in distant parts of the globe. I hope American leaders will read this book, and think long and hard about the warning it sounds.”—**Adam Hochschild**, author of *Spain in Our Hearts* and *King Leopold’s Ghost*