

3-15-2010

New York Times' No. 1 Best-Seller

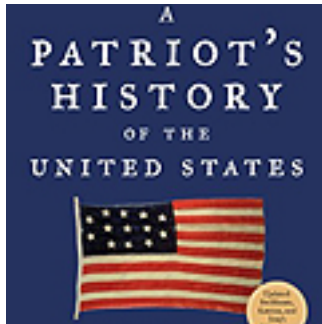
Follow this and additional works at: https://ecommons.udayton.edu/news_rls

Recommended Citation

"New York Times' No. 1 Best-Seller" (2010). *News Releases*. 1228.
https://ecommons.udayton.edu/news_rls/1228

This News Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Marketing and Communications at eCommons. It has been accepted for inclusion in News Releases by an authorized administrator of eCommons. For more information, please contact frice1@udayton.edu, mschlangen1@udayton.edu.

University of Dayton, Ohio (url: <http://www.udayton.edu/index.php>)



'New York Times' No. 1 Best-Seller

03.15.2010 | Faculty, Hot Topics

Four weeks after it debuted on the list, *A Patriot's History of the United States* by University of Dayton history professor Larry Schweikart will be No. 1 on the *New York Times* Best-Seller list in the March 21 issue.

According to the *Times*, the 944-page history book was the highest-selling nonfiction paperback in the country for the week ending March 5. The No. 1 ranking represents the fourth consecutive week the book has spent on the list after debuting at No. 18 on Feb. 28.

Schweikart wrote *A Patriot's History of the United States: From Columbus's Great Discovery to the War on Terror* in 2004 with co-author Michael Allen, a University of Washington Tacoma history professor. The book was intended as an antidote to what Schweikart and Allen considered liberal bias in popular history textbooks, including the similarly titled *A People's History of the United States* by Howard Zinn.

"I am very pleased that Dr. Schweikart's book has found a large audience among the general American public," said Paul Benson, dean of the University of Dayton College of Arts and Sciences.

"Whether or not one accepts his arguments, *A Patriot's History* invites all of us to think critically about our understandings of American history. It is vitally important that we challenge rigorously views about our history that, too often, we have accepted passively, without careful thought."

A Patriot's History was re-released in 2007 as a paperback, but sales took off this year after Jan. 29 when Schweikart appeared on Glenn Beck's television show on the Fox News Channel. Beck, a popular conservative radio and TV host, personally endorsed the book.

Since then, Schweikart has written two articles for Beck's blog titled "The Revolutionary Debt Bomb - And How the Founders Fixed It!" and "America's Forgotten Depression ... and Roaring Recovery!"

A Patriot's History also has had a recurring place on the Top 100 Bestseller lists at Amazon.com (currently 13 overall) and BarnesandNoble.com (currently 13 on the paperback list).

For more information, contact Cameron Fullam, assistant director of media relations, at 937-229-3256 or fullam@udayton.edu.