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## **Salem Press Announces the Newest Edition to the Critically Acclaimed *Decades Series; The 1900s in America***

*The 1900s in America* joins previously published Salem sets on the decades throughout history, which have been recognized as effective teaching aids that enable students and researchers to quickly grasp significant aspects of each period's history. The set covers the full breadth of North American history and culture in over 250 alphabetically arranged and easy-to-understand articles and also offers helpful finding aids including end-of-article cross-references and a category index.

The 1900s were a decade of transformation for the world, but especially for the United States, which saw the rise of motion pictures, motor vehicles, and experimental flight; the influence of presidents Roosevelt and Taft; and disasters such as the San Francisco earthquake of 1906. This new title, in three volumes, includes essays on these important events and more, such as industrial advances, the acquisition of the Panama Canal, sporting events such as the first World Series, and scientific breakthroughs such as solar and terrestrial magnetism. Essays also cover topics of political ideology such as Roosevelt's "big stick" method of foreign diplomacy, and various treaties of the time, as well as social justice issues affecting the lives of everyday Americans.

Like Salem's other decade sets, *The 1900s in America* mixes long overview essays on broad subjects with shorter articles discussing people, books, movies, trends, inventions, scientific discoveries, and other events and important topics representative of the decade.

This title contains articles on major events including the advent of motion pictures, the assassination of President William McKinley, early blues music, elections during the decade, the heat wave of 1901, international diplomacy, labor strikes, the mass production of automobiles, race riots, the San Francisco earthquake of 1906, and World's Fairs that occurred during the time. Biographies of significant individuals of the decade include Susan B. Anthony, Edwin Binney, Andrew Carnegie, Carrie Chapman Catt, W. E. B. Du Bois, Thomas Edison, D. W. Griffith, Milton S. Hershey, Henry James, William McKinley, J. P. Morgan, Jelly Roll Morton, Theodore Roosevelt, and the Wright Brothers.

The decade saw rapid advancements in the arts including books (*Call of the Wild*, *Heart of Darkness*, and *The Jungle*), early films (*The Great Train Robbery*), and burgeoning movie theaters such as the inexpensive nickelodeons; significant scientific developments including advances in electronics and solar and terrestrial magnetism; its share of disasters (coal mine explosions,

destructive fires, the Galveston hurricane, and the San Francisco earthquake); and social justice issues, including African American rights, moral purity, and women's rights.

### **Organization and Format**

Ranging in length from 1 to 6 pages, each article in *The 1900s in America* begins with a concise title followed by a brief definition or description of the person, organization, work, concept, or event. The articles provide a variety of ready-reference top matter tailored to the individual topics. For example, articles on individual persons provide brief identifications and birth and death dates and places. Articles on works such as books provide publishing information.

The main body of each article includes various subheads to guide the reader, and concludes with an Impact section that reviews the subject's broader importance during the 1900s. Every article also offers an annotated Further Reading and a contributor byline.

### **Special Features**

Hundreds of images illustrate the articles in *The 1900s in America*. In addition, sidebars-lists, time lines, and textual extracts-highlight interesting facts and trends from the decade.

Volume 3 contains a Glossary of important terms from the decade, an in-depth Bibliography, and special appendices on Major Events in Sports and Leisure, Major Events in Classical and Jazz Music, Federal Legislation, and Supreme Court Decisions. Indexes include a list of Entries by Category, and a detailed Subject Index.

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*The 1900s in America* documents the turbulent decade that had a profound and lasting effect on American life and culture. The encyclopedia serves as a valuable source of reliable information and keen insights for today's students.

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