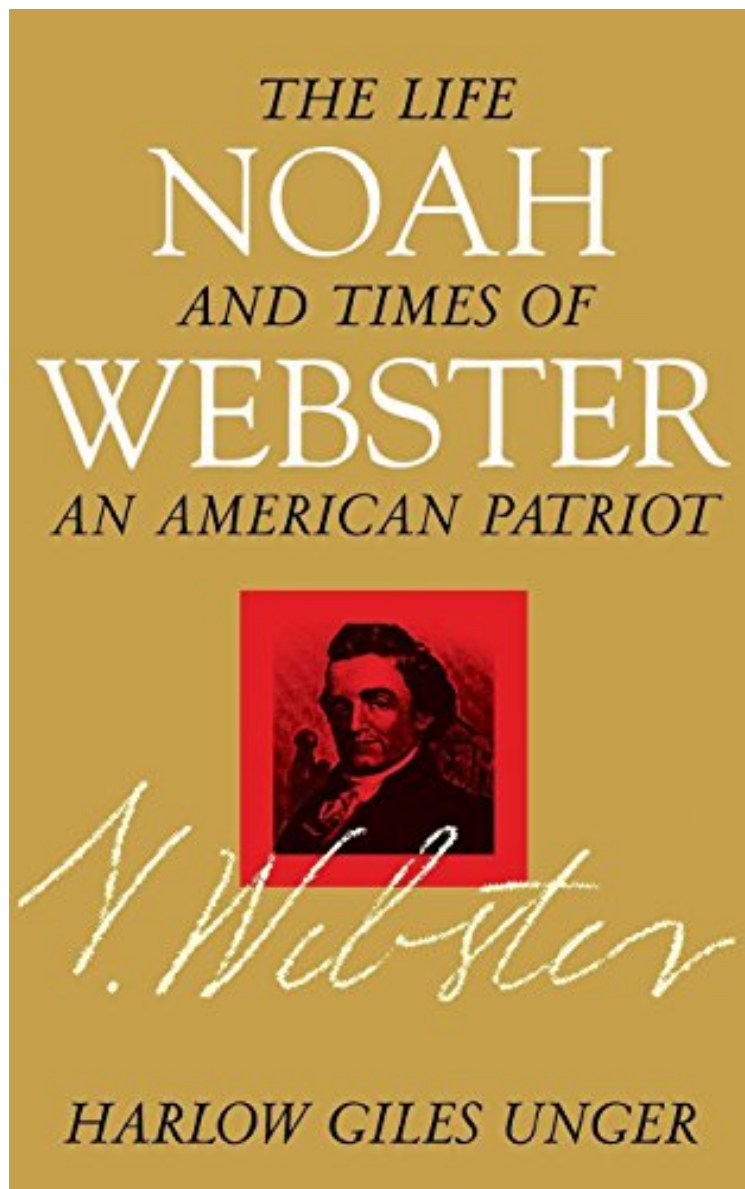


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Noah Webster deserves to be better known. Von Ein Kunde If you're ready for a reprieve from contemporary biographical

sleaze, read this fine biography of Noah Webster, a good and moral man who held his family and country in balanced respect. You have lots to learn from this book if all you know about Webster is the dictionary. What surprised me was a life that spanned the years from colonial times to the mid-19th century. This was a man who never held high elective office but was an influential friend of those who did -- Washington, Franklin, John Adams and Madison. He spent months traveling up and down the East coast, espousing his beliefs in the ideals of Federalism. He advocated tirelessly for an American language and literature independent of the British tradition. To protect himself against piracy of his highly popular reader for schoolchildren, he campaigned successfully for copyright legislation. For this reader, whose last course in American History is a blurred memory, the "times" part of this story was as fascinating as the "life." I was reminded of the chaos of the country in the interim between the Revolution and Constitutional Convention, of Shay's Rebellion, of the acrimonious regionalism that nearly tore apart the young country, of the XYZ affair, and the threat to a fragile democracy of the War of 1812. I was made to recall the inadequacies of early American education and the perils of public health before urban sanitation systems. In this carefully-researched portrait, Unger presents Webster sympathetically as an American Renaissance man, curious and informed in fields from law to medicine to philosophy to lexicography. One of Yale University's early graduates, he spent his life educating himself. Because Webster was such an assiduous diarist and letter-writer, the book also provides a rich portrait of his family and private life -- his devotion to his wife and children, his frustration with a ne'er-do-well son, his financial concerns, and his delight in hearth and home. The culmination of the story is the dictionary, the product of a lifelong belief in the necessity of a uniform American language to unify the disparate voices of a young nation. Webster the scholar devoted years of careful research to this project, both at home and in Europe. His efforts secured his mention in history books. Harlow Unger's book fleshes out the man and his times with substance and grace.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An outstanding biographyVon Ein KundeThis is an outstanding biography of a person who, because he never held high political office, is less well known than he deserves to be. In reading about Webster's life, one also learns much about the political controversies of the early United States--how many know, for example, that George Washington had bitter political enemies while President, or that the War of 1812 was so unpopular in New England that it prompted many there (including Webster) to discuss seceding from the Union? This biography deserves to be widely read.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Engrossing and enlighteningVon M. E. CowanIn his preface, the author notes that Noah Webster is so famous for his dictionary that it's overshadowed his many other achievements. Too true! I was amazed to learn of Mr. Webster's achievements in politics and education reform, particularly the influential role he played in shaping the U.S. Constitution. This book is a Must Read for anyone who wants a deeper and more accurate view into early American history.

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the War of 1812--and masterful scholarship converge in this riveting chronicle of a singularly American intellect. Synopsis Here is the first full-length biography in 60 years of the man who standardized "American" English. Noah Webster played a pivotal role in how Americans read and write: his speller sold an astounding average of one million copies per year for one hundred years; his monumental dictionary transformed the way Americans wrote the language; and his elementary school curriculum was adopted throughout the nation and remained the foundation of American education for a century. A member of one of America's first families and a key ally of Washington, Adams, and Jay, Webster was also a leading combatant in the pitched battle for the ratification of the Constitution. Written with the full support of the Noah Webster House, Harlow Unger's comprehensive biography vividly brings to life both a young United States during a period of turmoil and an American legend who helped shape this nation. Harlow Giles Unger (New York, NY) was a foreign news editor at the New York Herald Tribune and a foreign correspondent for the Times and the Sunday Times (London). He is the author of six books on education.