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Grey House Publishing announces This is Who We Were: In the 1920s

This Is Who We Were: In The 1920s is an offspring of our 13-volume *Working Americans* series. This new title is devoted to one decade—the 1920s. It represents all classes, dozens of occupations, and all regions of the country. This comprehensive look at the decade when consumerism, new freedoms for women, new inventions, and shifting social ethics were introduced presents American history through the eyes and ears of everyday Americans, not the words of historians or politicians.

This Is Who We Were: In The 1920s presents 28 profiles of individuals and families—their life at home, on the job, and in their neighborhood—with lots of photos and historical images of the time. These stories are told through the eyes and ears of everyday Americans, some struggling and some successful, but all authentic.

Together, the profiles, with the other sections outlined below, present a complete picture of what it was like to live in America in the 1920s, from the doctor who started an uproar by distributing birth control literature to his patients, to the inventor of the zipper, to the Kansas woman who advocated for the censorship silent films, and many more pivotal events that made the 1920s unique and groundbreaking.

Section One: Profiles

Each of the 28 profiles in Section One begins with a brief introduction that anchors the text to the decade. Then, each profile is arranged in three categories: Life at Home; Life at Work; Life in the Community. The detailed Table of Contents that precedes this Introduction gives specifics about jobs and geographic region.

Section Two: Historical Snapshots

Section Two is made up of three long, bulleted lists of significant events and milestones. In chronological order—Early 1920s, Mid 1920s and Late 1920s—these offer an amazing range of firsts and turning points in American history, including:

- Thousands of gallons of milk dumped into NYC streets by striking milk truck drivers
- Race riots in Tulsa
- First commercially prepared baby food
- First female governor (Wyoming)

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- Babe Ruth's 500th home run
- Successful treatment of a skin infection with penicillin
- NYC Mayor Walker urging the showing of cheerful movies after market crashed

Section Three: Economy of the Times

One of the most interesting things about researching an earlier time period is learning how much goods cost and what people earned. Each of three categories in this section —Consumer Expenditures, Annual Income of Standard Jobs, and Selected Prices—offers actual figures from three years—1923, 1925, and 1929—for easy comparison and study.

At the end is a *Value of a Dollar* Index that compares the buying power of \$1.00 in 2013 to the buying power of \$1.00 in every year prior, back to 1860, helping to put the economic data in *This Is Who We Were: In The 1920s* into context.

Section Four: All Around Us

There is no better way to learn American culture than to read its magazines and newspapers. This section offers 60 original pieces—articles, book excerpts and speeches—that influenced American thought in the 1920s, From articles declaring “Code of Conduct for Teachers,” “Church and Politics,” and “Financial Questions That Women Ask Me.” This section is the eyes and ears of America in the 1920s.

Section Five: Census Data

This section includes two elements, both invaluable in helping to define the times in which those profiled in this book lived. First, 10 State-by-State comparative tables that rank data from the 1920, 1930, and 2010 Census. Topics include Population, Foreign-born, and Homeownership. Second, reprints from the 1930 Census of Population, including a United States Summary and detailed statistics on various topics.

This title ends with a comprehensive Bibliography, arranged by topic, and a detailed Index.

This is Who We Were: In the 1920s provides a critical link to America's history. It is sure to be of value as both a serious research tool for students of American history as well as an intriguing climb up America's family tree for all of us that. This resource will be an important acquisition for high school, public and academic libraries as well as social science and history reference collections.

Praise for the other titles in the *This is Who We Were* series:

"An engaging snapshot for nostalgia buffs and serious researchers alike." -Library Journal

"The works organization is logical and relatively user friendly... this is a useful work that should be added to the reference collections of high school and university libraries."-ARBA

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