America, The Last Best Hope: From the Age of Discovery to a World of War 1492-1914

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-Brian Kennedy, president, The Claremont Institute

William J. Bennett, bestselling author, educator, and speaker, is a conservative pundit, politician, and political theorist. He served as Secretary of Education from 1985 to 1988 under President Ronald Reagan. A former senior editor of the National Review, he writes for the National Review Online, National Review, and Commentary.

The first volume of AMERICA covers the period from the voyage of Christopher Columbus to the beginning of the Woodrow Wilson Administration. The speedy journey through time will not satisfy lovers of historical detail but could be recommended for the curious who want an overview. Wayne Shepherd uses a comfortable reading pace to modulate the author's haste. His animated voice does everything it can to keep the interest level high, and his diction makes all the words easy to understand. Alternate pronunciations of many English words--such as "exigency" and "paroxysm"--are jarring, and Shepherd's pronunciations of foreign words--Spanish, French, and Latin--are imprecise. J.A.H. AudioFile 2006, Portland, Maine-- Copyright AudioFile, Portland, Maine Other Books

The Invasion of the Tearling, "Kalau gagal, orang menyebutnya sinting. Tapi kalau berhasil, orang menyebutnya genius." Ratu Merah dan pasukan Mortmesne sudah di depan mata, ancaman invasi semakin nyata. Kelsea, sang Ratu Tearling, harus memutar otak mencari cara agar rakyatnya tidak kembali dibantai seperti pada invasi sebelumnya. Penguasa Cadare, negara tetangga, hanya mau berkoalisi jika Kelsea bersedia menjadi salah satu dari sekian banyak istrinya. Dan sesosok iblis berbahaya yang muncul dari dalam api menawarkan bantuan jika Kelsea bersedia membebaskannya dari kutukan. Ketika situasi semakin genting, kedua batu safir Kelsea malah menariknya mengembara jauh ke masa lalu. Kelsea memasuki kehidupan seorang wanita bernama Lily Mayhew yang menjadi korban kekerasan rumah tangga. Awalnya Kelsea tidak mengerti keterkaitan dirinya dan Lily, tapi sedikit demi sedikit misteri terkuak. Dan Kelsea sadar, mungkin solusi atas masalah di masa depan, bisa ditemukan di masa lalu. Namun apakah solusi yang diambil Kelsea akan membuatnya jadi orang genius, atau sinting? The Invasion of The Tearling adalah sekuel dari The Queen of The Tearling, debut spektakuler dari Erika Johansen yang hak cipta filmnya telah dibeli oleh Warner Bros. Emma Watson, aktris yang terkenal dengan perannya sebagai Hermione di film Harry Potter, telah setuju untuk menjadi produser dan pemeran utama film ini. [Mizan Publishing, Novel, Terjemahan, Fantasi, Fantasy, Kingdom, Indonesia]

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