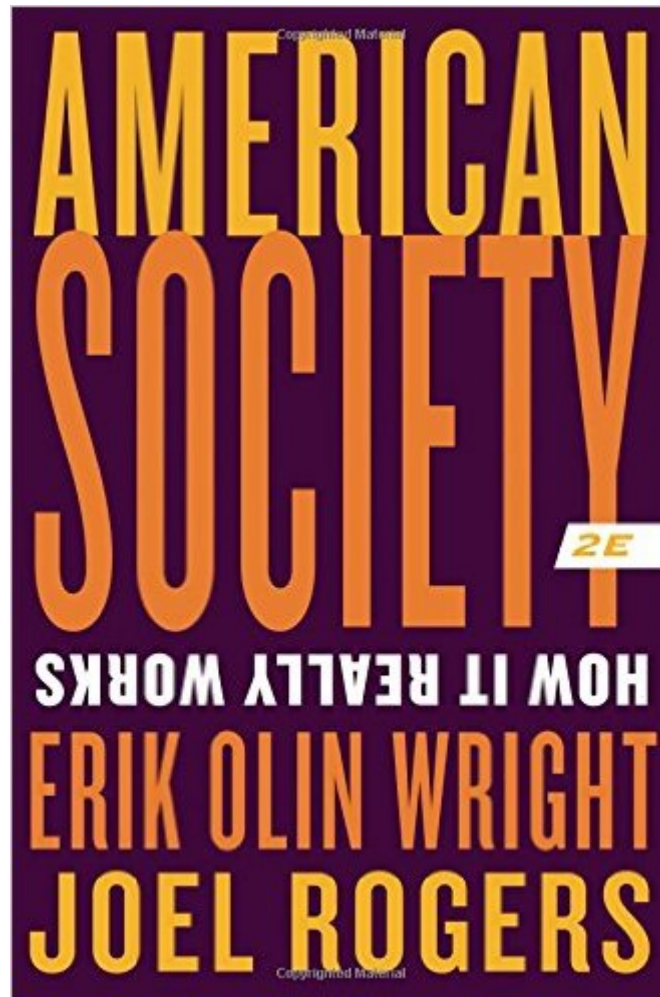


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Written from a completely left point of view, and I personally prefer textbooks that take the middle ground and present both sides of an argument, letting the reader choose what he believes.

Everyone should read this book, it covers all the important aspects of our society. I used it for my sociology class at the University of Oregon. It arrived quickly and was in good condition, and I returned it when I was done with no problems.

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