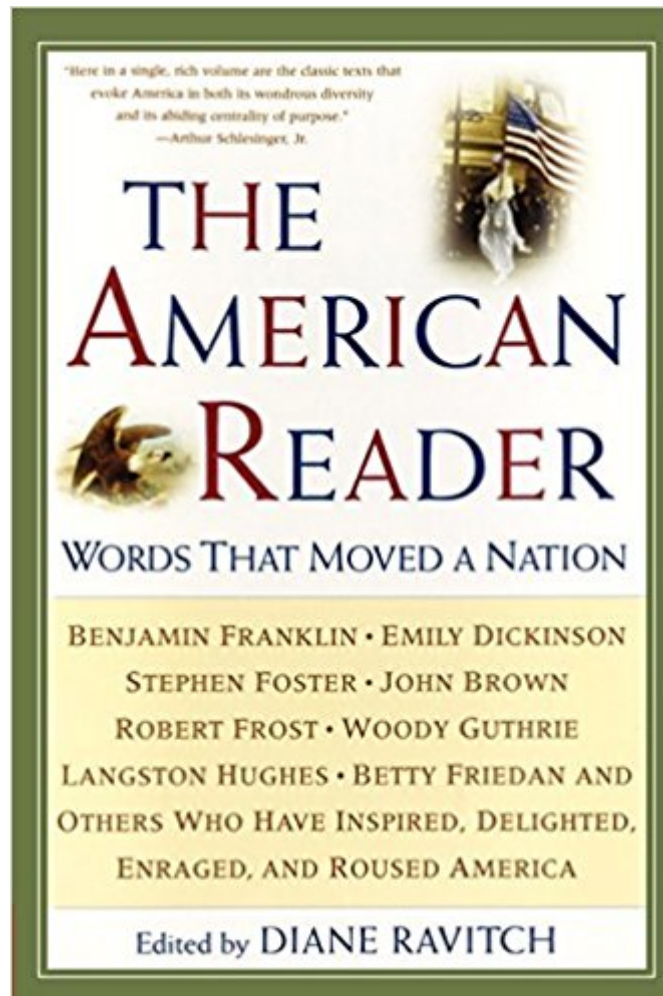




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# The American Reader: Words That Moved A Nation



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We gave an earlier edition of this book to a former intern of ours from Beijing, China. He's learned more from this one book than the average American seems to know about our great country these days, at least according to many surveys we've seen. We wish more Americans would buy and read this book. It is full of amazing insights into our country's cultural heritage that come direct and unfiltered from a highly diverse group of first-hand participants in our country's most pivotal events and movements.

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