# **Topic: The American Dream**

## Books

Audiobooks are highlighted

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| Title | Author | Where | Description | Image | Dewey/Classification |
| United States of America | Hurley, Michael | School Library | This book briefly examines the history, people, and environment of the United States of America. | United States of America | 917.3 |
| U.S.A. | Zenfell, M E | School Library | This is an illustrated recent survey on the USA which is part of a new series on countries around the world. The book provides essential background information about the States - their location, geography and climate, the history of the people, their customs, traditions and religions | People and Places: United States of America | 917.3 |
| Americas, The | Lye, K | School Library | North America, South and Antarctica: History, Wealth, Languages, Ways of life, Religion, Ethnic groups, Land and Climate. | N:\1Staff Only\Library\SUBJECT AREAS NON-FICTION\Art Subjects\The Americas.jpg | 910091 |
| North America (Illustrated Atlas) | Porter, Malcolm& Lye, K. | School Library | (Illustrated Atlas)Maps, flags, data, diagrams and illustrations | An Illustrated Atlas of North America | 912 |
| Of Mice & Men | John Steinbeck | Lancashire Libraries<https://fe.bolindadigital.com/wldcs_bol_fo/b2i/productDetail.html?productId=PRU_191667&fromPage=1&b2bSite=5070> | *Streetwise George and his big, childlike friend Lennie are drifters, searching for work in the fields and valleys of California* | Of Mice and Men | Fiction |
| The Grapes of Wrath | John Steinbeck | Lancashire Libraries<https://fe.bolindadigital.com/wldcs_bol_fo/b2i/productDetail.html?productId=PRH_772119&fromPage=1&b2bSite=5070> | Set against the backdrop of America's Great Depression and Dust Bowl, a family of farmers from Oklahoma head west in search of work, only to discover thousands like them are also on the move | The Grapes of Wrath | Fiction |
| An AmericanDream | Norman Mailer | Lancashire Libraries<https://fe.bolindadigital.com/wldcs_bol_fo/b2i/productDetail.html?productId=PRU_592978&fromPage=1&b2bSite=5070> | Mailer peels away the layers of our social norms to reveal a world of pure appetite and relentless cruelty. An American Dream grabs the reader by the throat and refuses to let go. | An American Dream | Fiction |
| Classic Stories of the American West | [Bret Harte,](https://fe.bolindadigital.com/wldcs_bol_fo/b2i/performerPage.html?performer=10180725&fromPage=1&b2bSite=5614)[Stephen Crane](https://fe.bolindadigital.com/wldcs_bol_fo/b2i/performerPage.html?performer=10169872&fromPage=1&b2bSite=5614)and [Jack London](https://fe.bolindadigital.com/wldcs_bol_fo/b2i/performerPage.html?performer=10125894&fromPage=1&b2bSite=5614) | Blackburn Libraries<https://fe.bolindadigital.com/wldcs_bol_fo/b2i/productDetail.html?productId=BSA_652335&fromPage=1&b2bSite=5614>  | *This collection features a selection of classic short stories and poems by legendary Western authors Stephen Crane, Bret Harte, and Jack London.* | Classic Stories of the American West | Fiction |
| Third World America | Huffington, Arianna | Blackburn Libraries<https://fe.bolindadigital.com/wldcs_bol_fo/b2i/productDetail.html?productId=HCP_043733&fromPage=1&b2bSite=5614> | It’s the dark flipside of the American Dream – an American Nightmare of their own making.  | Third World America | No-FictionPolitics & Current Affairs, Business |
| America the Philosophical | [Romano](https://fe.bolindadigital.com/wldcs_bol_fo/b2i/performerPage.html?performer=10337535&fromPage=1&b2bSite=5614) Carlin | Blackburn Libraries<https://fe.bolindadigital.com/wldcs_bol_fo/b2i/productDetail.html?productId=RHC_363781&fromPage=1&b2bSite=5614> | *A bold, insightful book that rejects the myth of America the Unphilosophical, arguing that America today towers as the most philosophical culture in the history of the world, an unprecedented marketplace of truth and argument that far surpasses ancient Greece or any other place one can name.* | America the Philosophical |  |
| Made In America | Bryson, Bill | Blackburn Libraries<https://fe.bolindadigital.com/wldcs_bol_fo/b2i/productDetail.html?productId=RDH_091942&fromPage=1&b2bSite=5614> | *Bill Bryson being very funny about his native land.*An Informal History of the English Language in the United States | Made In America | Comedy, Lifestyle - Travel > Travel Writing |
| Made In America | Bryson, Bill | Lancashire Libraries<https://fe.bolindadigital.com/wldcs_bol_fo/b2i/productDetail.html?productId=BOL_102587&fromPage=1&b2bSite=5070> | *An informed and fond look at the history of Americans through their popular culture and language.* | Made in America |  |
| Fear and loathing in Las Vegas | Thompson, Hunter. S | Lancashire Libraries<https://fe.bolindadigital.com/wldcs_bol_fo/b2i/search.html?b2bSite=5070&searchBy=ALL&q=Fear+and+loathing+in+las+vegas> | Hunter S. Thompson is roaring down the desert highway to Las Vegas with his attorney, the Samoan, to find the dark side of the American Dream | Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas |  |
| The Audacity of Hope | Obama, B. | Blackburn Libraries<https://fe.bolindadigital.com/wldcs_bol_fo/b2i/productDetail.html?productId=PUA_380235&fromPage=1&b2bSite=5614> |  | https://res.cloudinary.com/highereducation/image/upload/f_auto,fl_lossy,q_auto/v1/BestCollegesOnline.com/media/2011/12/americandream/image02.jpg |  |
| Invisible Man | Ellison, R | Blackburn Libraries<https://fe.bolindadigital.com/wldcs_bol_fo/b2i/productDetail.html?productId=PUA_371139&fromPage=1&b2bSite=5614> | Published prior to the Civil Rights Movement, *Invisible Man* brutally deconstructed The American Dream as exclusive only to white men, and mostly rich ones at that. | Invisible Man |  |
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## Film/Documentary

BBC Videos

Documentary - The Origins of the American Dream

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p053t5sl>

Susie Dent of Countdown fame – explores Americanisms in British English – should we love not loathe?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b08qxd02>

Noam Chomsky – [Noam Chomsky](https://www.c-span.org/person/?noamchomsky)talked about his book Requiem for the American Dream: The 10 Principles of Concentration of Wealth and Power, in which he takes a critical look at income inequality and concentrated wealth in the [United States](https://www.c-span.org/organization/?1240/United-States) today. He was interviewed by Amy Goodman.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?427191-1/noam-chomsky-discusses-requiem-american-dream>

Book link about books

<https://www.bestcollegesonline.com/blog/20-best-books-about-the-american-dream/>