



## Promised Land: Thirteen Books That Changed America

By Jay Parini

Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group Inc. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Promised Land: Thirteen Books That Changed America, Jay Parini, "These thirteen books must be seen as representative, not definitive, works. They are nodal points, places where vast areas of thought and feeling gathered and dispersed, creating a nation as various and vibrant as the United States, which must be considered one of the most successful nation-states in modern history, and a republic built firmly on ideas, which are contained in its major texts. Where we have been must, of course, determine where we are going. My hope is that this book helps to show us where we have been and engenders a lively conversation about our destination, which seems perpetually in dispute." --from "Promised Land" Americans need periodic reminding that they are, to a great extent, people of the book--or, rather, books. In "Promised Land," Jay Parini repossesses that vibrant, intellectual heritage by examining the life and times of thirteen "books that changed America." Each of the books has been a watershed, gathering intellectual currents already in motion and marking a turn in American life and thought. Their influence remains pervasive, however hidden, and in his essays Jay...

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