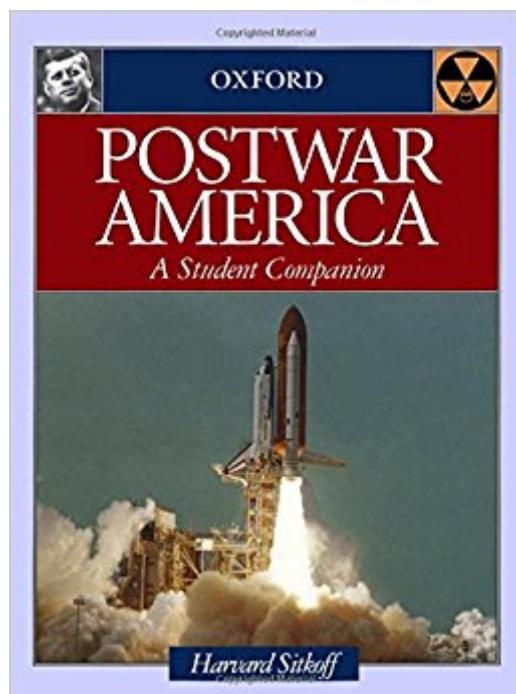


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- Further reading lists and cross-references following each entry
- A detailed chronology

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