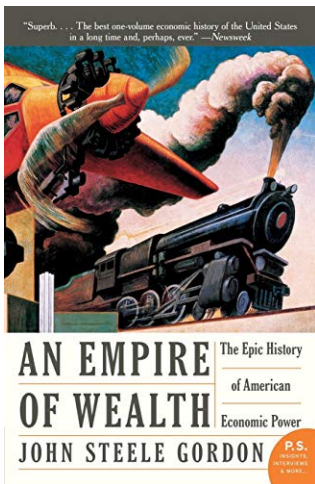


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An Empire of Wealth: Rise of Amer Economy 1607-2000 and millions of other books are available for Amazon Kindle. Learn more. Books.Â Much can be learned about America's rise to economic dominance and how patterns of historical development hinged upon a strong economy. This is true from our earliest colonial endeavors right through today, though the book is copyright 2004. The list of the wealthiest historical figures gathers published estimates of the (inflation-adjusted) net-worth and fortunes of the wealthiest historical figures. Due to problems arising from different definitions of wealth, ways of measuring it, various economic models throughout history, as well as multiple other reasons, this article discusses the wealthiest people in the following separate historical time periods: Antiquity, Middle Ages and modern period. Accordinglyâ€”because of the previously mentioned difficultiesâ€”it is not possible to determine the single richest person in all of history. Throughout time, from ancient Rome to modern Britain, the great empires built and maintained their domination through force of arms and political power. But not the United States. America has dominated the world in a new, peaceful, and pervasive way -- through the continued creation of staggering wealth. In this authoritative, engrossing history, John Steele Gordon captures as never before the true source of our nation's global influence: wealth and the capacity to create more of it. This P.S. edition features an extra 16 pages of insights into the book, including author interview, recomme Thus Americaâ€™s is an empire of wealth, an empire of economic success and of the ideas and practices that fostered that success. Like many successes, that of the American economy is often seen, in retrospect, as inevitable, even foreordained. After all, the country has always had a vast, varied, and fecund national territory, abundant natural resources, and a large and well-educated population.Â But most of all it is an epic powered by uncountable millions pursuing their self-interests within the rule of law, which is the essence of liberty.Â At the beginning of American history, there was only the land. The land that would become the United States presented a world that was at once hauntingly familiar and quite unlike the one in which the ĩrst European explorers and settlers had grown up.