



Discontented America: The United States in the 1920s (Paperback)

By David J. Goldberg

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY PRESS, United States, 1999. Paperback. Condition: New. New. Language: English . Brand New Book. It was a decade of great heroes like Babe Ruth and Charles Lindbergh, and of passive leaders like Warren Harding and Calvin Coolidge. The exuberant freedom of flappers drinking bathtub gin and dancing the Charleston did little to counter such powers of oppression as the rapidly rising Ku Klux Klan. Only the fictional wealth of F. Scott Fitzgerald's Jay Gatsby survived the stock market crash unscathed; by the end of the decade, the comic adventures of Charlie Chaplin's little tramp bore faint resemblance to the grim realities faced by countless destitute Americans. Too often, notes historian David Goldberg, the mythic allure of the Roaring Twenties has deafened our ears to the real voices of those who lived through the decade. In *Discontented America*, he integrates social and political history to provide a new take on the 1920s— an account deeply rooted in the perspectives of that time. Goldberg argues that this contentious and fascinating decade should be viewed now as it was viewed then, as a distinctive postwar period, during which many of the conflicts generated by World War I continued to reverberate...

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