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- The impact of the World Wars
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- Life in America from Camelot to Watergate
- A look at how social media and technology are shaping America
- Ten events that helped define American culture

About the Author

Steve Wiegand, an award-winning political journalist and history writer for more than three decades, has been a reporter and columnist for the *San Diego Evening Tribune*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and *Sacramento Bee*. He has authored or coauthored a half-dozen books on world and U.S. history.

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