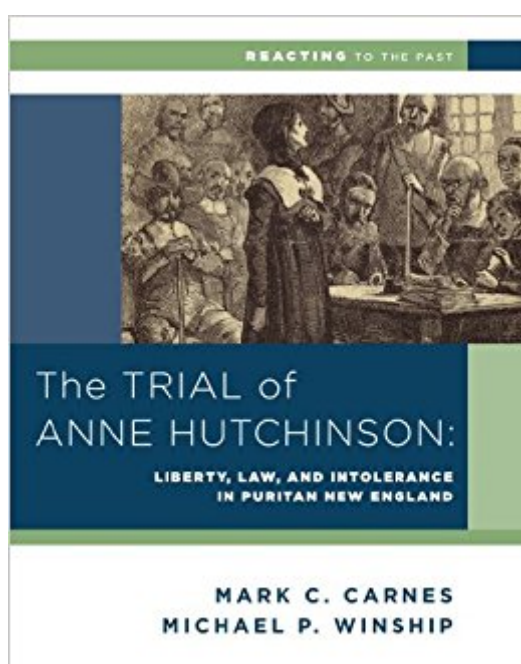


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# The Trial Of Anne Hutchinson: Liberty, Law, And Intolerance In Puritan New England (Reacting To The Past)



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Interesting book, helpful to go through the trial game.

I had to get this book for a writing seminar I'm taking at Berea College. It's a really interesting book and the game is interesting, as well. The debates have gotten pretty heated, though. I had no idea about Anne Hutchinson before I took this class. Everyone should at least know who she is.

Good price for the book; received book within a short time of ordering. Always a plus when classes have already started!

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