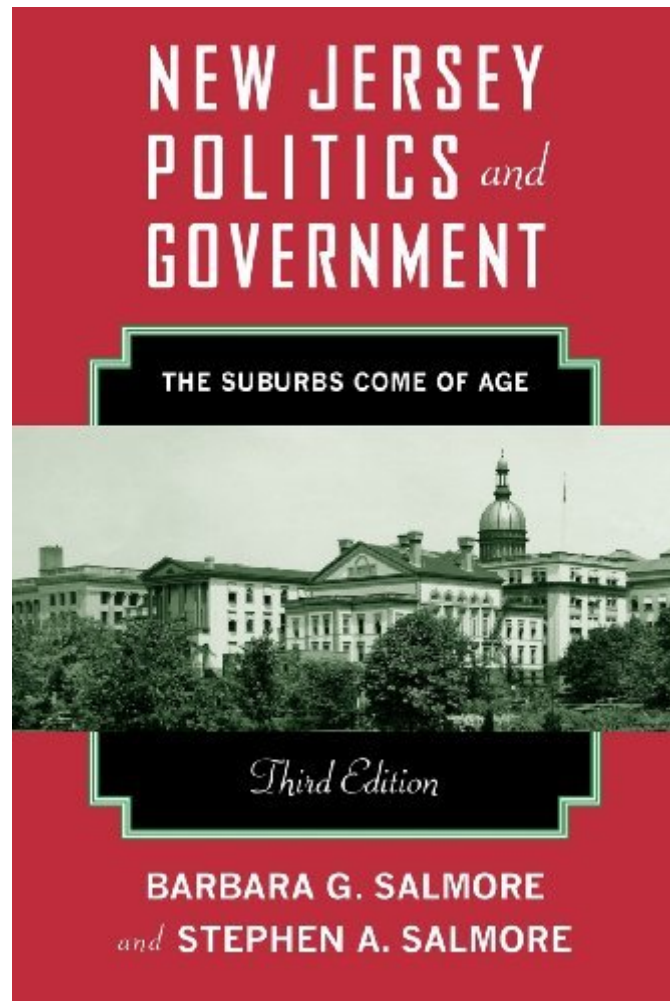


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As the United States moves toward becoming a nation of suburbs, New Jersey is a place more Americans should get to know. The challenges it has overcome and those it continues to face provide lessons that will help states across the country address the struggles of providing quality education, protecting the environment, improving the quality of life, and accommodating a multicultural society while sustaining growth and opportunity. Written by two of the most respected political analysts in the state, this is the only book available that provides a comprehensive overview of politics and government in New Jersey. This thoroughly revised third edition, published for the first time by Rutgers University Press, also highlights recent scandals within the government and the high profile of the governorship.

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Customer Reviews

This is 2008; if you've ever wondered how New Jersey arrived at the state it's in via legislation, policies, and insufficient public planning to address shifting residential and economic demographics, this book is a must read. My only wish is that the section on the media, in general, and newspapers,

in particular, had been a little more detailed. Gannett Corp. is publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange and its New Jersey headquarters are in Cherry Hill where it bought what had been the family-owned Camden Courier-Post (itself the result of a merger between two of Camden's once-proud daily newspapers). This shift away from community reporting to the so-called corporate reporting that satisfies shareholders would have added to readers' understanding of how underserved they are by the Fourth Estate. Helen-Chantal Pike, lecturer in media history, Rutgers University-New Brunswick; one-time reporter for the Asbury Park Press when it was family-owned, and author of "New Jersey: Crossroads of Commerce" (October/2008).

The book is a real eye opener about the reality of the political process. The authors make sense out of the history of New Jersey and show how it impacts the even present day politics. Yes, politics is messy, but like a real family, that is how things are in reality. People complain about "special interests" in politics. But let's face it my interests are special to me and yours are to you. So all interests ... that is positions of person importance ... are special. People without "interests" are somehow lacking in vital spark. The historical perspective is important too. The Napoleonic wars shaped Europe and engendered Prince Metternich's internationalistic views that led to the United Nations. History shapes the present. The authors of this book show how history played out in New Jersey.

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