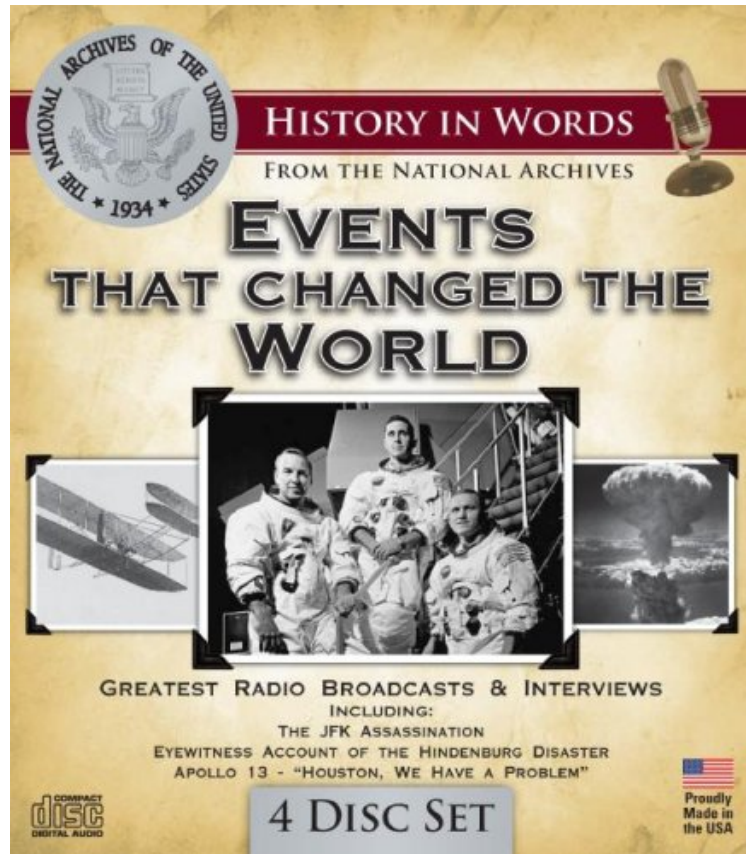


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Audio Clips provide a "first-person" experience of historyBy DonatoEvents that Changed the World is an interesting collection of audio recordings of actual newsmakers themselves. From Thomas Alva Edison speaking about the discovery of electricity, to Ronald Reagan's "Challenger Disaster" speech, hearing the voices of the newsmakers gives the listener a first-person experience of the events being described. Although the written word is be the most common approach to understanding history, listening to the spoken word can reveal new dimensions. Hearing the tone in the voices of newsmakers, complete with colloquialisms of their time and place, provides an expanded experience. The anonymous eyewitness account of the sinking of the Titanic, for instance, sounds like it's coming from a man who might be a seafarer himself. (In most cases, the speaker is identified and is well-known person.) In some cases, the listener will be filled with joy because of the warmth and charm that comes through, in others the listener will feel the weight of the moment conveyed through this most primal

form of communication: speech. There are some aspects in the telling of history which elude capture in print. Since the audio clips are not bonded together by any narration or context, they must stand alone. The advantage of this, is that it provides access to history minus the usual middle-man historian, and allow the listener to form their own opinions. My one criticism of the collection is that it is heavily skewed toward events that have taken above, and not on the ground. In a collection of 20 sound recordings, 10 of them refer to aviation and space exploration. Undoubtedly, these triumphs (and defeats) have shaped our world, but with so much of this collection given to them, it makes one wonder if those recordings just happened to be among those The National Archives could get the rights to. Including a broader spectrum would have helped this collection live up to its title. Events that Changed the World would be an excellent resource for high school History teachers, but be advised: some of the clips reflect the recording technology of their time, and require a determined ear to enjoy. We'll never be able to speak directly to Mahatma Gandhi, Amelia Earhart or Albert Sabin, but listening to their voices on this collection, helps to make their history more our own.

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