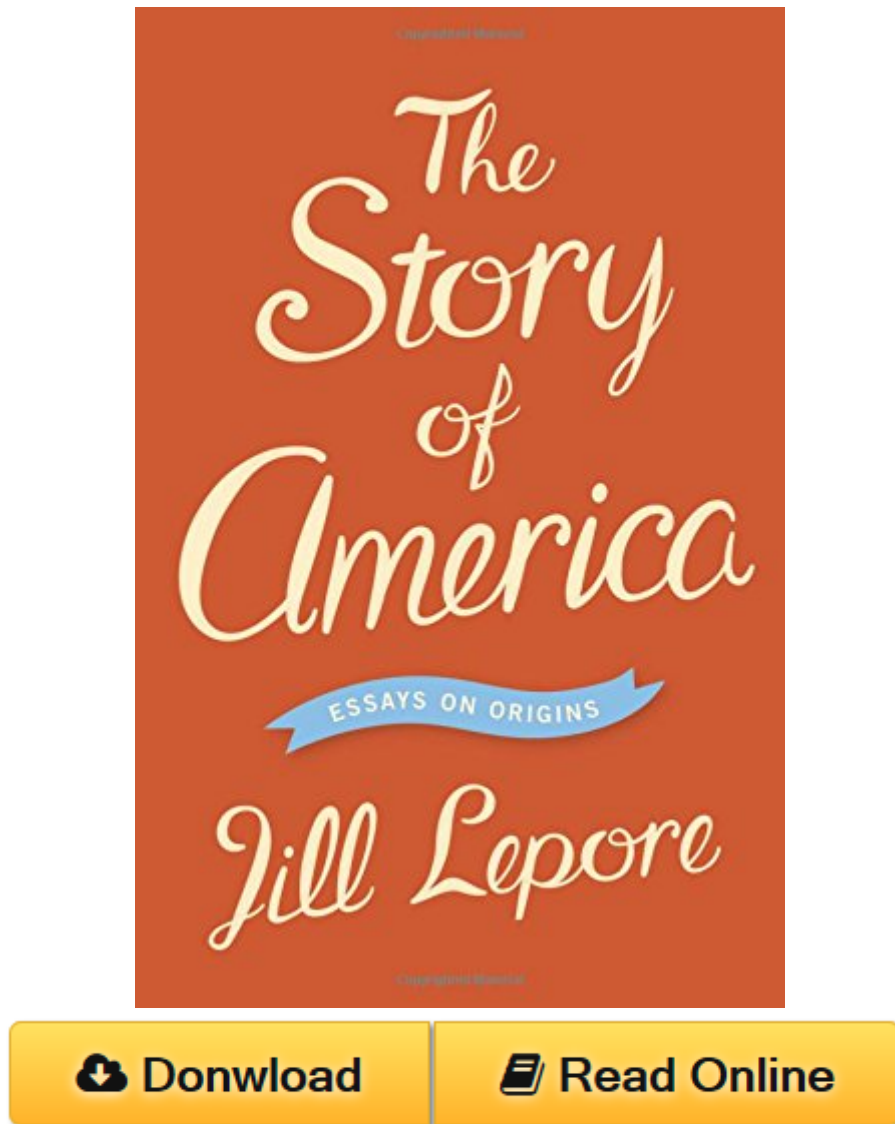


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Part civics primer, part cultural history, *The Story of America* excavates the origins of everything from the paper ballot and the Constitution to the I.O.U. and the dictionary. Along the way it presents fresh readings of Benjamin Franklin's *Way to Wealth*, Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*,

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