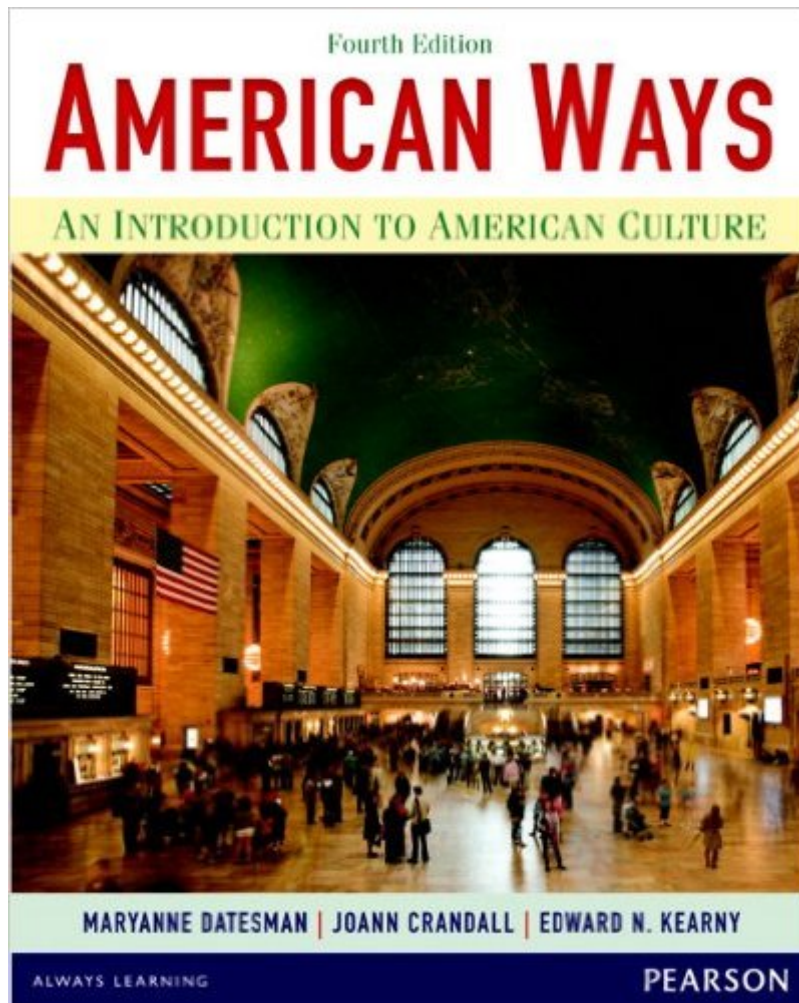


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of the opulent lifestyle many Americans hope to have." (p. 128) That photo is an example of how hurtfully obtuse the text is.

This text is a good one for both individual study or classroom use. The authors have presented many topics of interest, using facts, figures, and tracing different cultural traditions and American lifestyle choices through their changes up to the present day.

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