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Historical dictionaries from the Scarecrow Press have long earned their place on library reference shelves. The Historical Dictionary of United States–Africa Relations, written by the diplomatic historian Robert Anthony Waters Jr., is part of a series of historical dictionaries on American diplomacy. Focusing on US-Africa relations during the Cold War, this volume stresses political, diplomatic, and military affairs and covers North Africa as well as Sub-Saharan Africa. It features a chronology listing major milestones in US-Africa relations, from the arrival of the first African slaves in the seventeenth century to the end of the George W. Bush administration in mid-2008. The dictionary includes entries on African countries, African leaders and other individuals important to US-Africa relations, US legislation affecting Africa, organizations, policies, and more. Other topics receiving attention include film, foreign aid, immigration, music, oil, peacekeeping, sports, terrorism, trade, and US military operations.

The dictionary has much to recommend it. The discussions of various American presidents' policies toward Africa are useful, from Franklin D. Roosevelt to the second President Bush. The writing style is vivid, not dry...

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With a few exceptions, the United States showed a general lack of interest in the continent in most of the pre-World War II era (Waters 2009). When the US did engage with Africa after World War II, its policy involved engaging or disengaging with individual African countries, based on its national interest, mostly defined in terms of counteracting the Soviet Union's attempt to gain influence in the
Globalization is one of the most important socioeconomic processes of recent decades, but it has elicited a reactionary backlash in some countries, leading to calls for reform. President Trump's rise to power in the United States and his determination to All about Historical Dictionary of United States-Africa Relations by Robert Anthony Waters. LibraryThing is a cataloging and social networking site for booklovers. It focuses on political and economic aspects of the relationship and includes cultural relations. This is done through a chronology, an introductory essay, a bibliography, and hundreds of cross-referenced dictionary entries on key persons, places, events, institutions, and organizations.... (more). all members. ▼Members.