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**Roberta Wiener, James R. Arnold : Maryland (13 Colonies)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Maryland (13 Colonies):

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. One-Third Good, Two-Thirds Unspeakably BadBy A. S. HaropulosThe first third of this book is a scholarly examination of the colonial history of Maryland, with a professional use of demographics and economic data, which make interesting reading.The second third of the book appears, despite the assertion that the book was "authored" by Arnold and Basu, to be a collection of various tracts and articles, since each chapter is detectably in a different "voice", some of the material clearly contradicts other chapters, and (despite a publication date of 2003) contains grossly out-of-date information (the "Bullets" playing in the "Capital Center"). This section also chiefly focuses on the manufacturing history of the state; except for an offhand mention of the production of steel plates for the Union ironclad The Monitor, no mention of the pivotal role of Maryland in the Civil War is made. The gross omissions, distortions, and political spin of these articles (I cannot begin to justify calling them chapters) render the material useless. Even the cutlines for the illustrations are obviously lifted in toto from the originals.The last segment of the book consists entirely of what appear to be unedited business and trade association brochures!Both Mr. Arnold's and Mr. Basu's credentials appear to be impeccable, which leads one to wonder.

What is Marylands most important natural feature? When did English settlers first arrive in Maryland? Who were the Lords Baltimore? Find the answers to these and many other questions in Maryland, a book about one of the original

thirteen colonies.

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