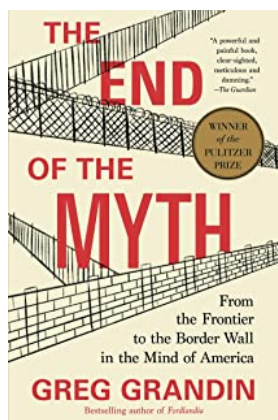


# End of the Myth: From the Frontier to the Border Wall

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Grandin explores the meaning of the frontier throughout the full sweep of U.S. history. For centuries, America’s constant expansion – from the American Revolution to the New Deal to the election of 2016 – served as a “gate of escape,” helping to deflect domestic political and economic conflicts outward. But this deflection meant that the country’s problems, from racism to inequality, were never confronted directly. And now, the combined catastrophe of the 2008 financial meltdown and our unwinnable wars in the Middle East have slammed this gate shut, bringing political passions that had long been directed elsewhere back home. The border wall may survive as a rallying point, an allegorical tombstone marking the end of American exceptionalism. WINNER Pulitzer Prize. Newcomers welcome any time.

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